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Principal's Outlook

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Education Week Celebrations – June 1 to 6

A number of significant events are planned for Education Week at Loganlea.

- June 1, 7.30 – 9.00am *Breakfast at the Agriculture Centre* for primary school principals and year 7 teacher representatives. This event will be opened by Executive Director Samantha Knowles and catered for by Ms Brooke Murray's Hospitality students. This is an assessment event for the Hospitality students.
- June 1, 12.30 – 4.00pm *Principal for the Day*, Deputy Director General, Lyn McKenzie will be Principal at this time. She has been invited to conduct a Student Council meeting, visit the Agriculture Centre and various classrooms and attend the Management meeting after school.
- June 2, 3.00 – 4.00pm Dr Kath Glasswell (Literacy) from Griffith University and Mark Gould (Classroom Pedagogy) will present at the staff meeting.
- June 3, 4.00 – 6.00pm My administration team will attend the Showcase 09 Awards for Excellence in Schools to be held on the 78th Floor of the Q1 Building, Surfers Paradise (tallest building in Australia). Our home grown talent Matt "Dusty" Clifford has been invited to perform at this Regional event.
- June 4, 7.00 – 8.15am Staff and community representatives, including Indigenous Community Councillor Petah Hegarty and Griffith University lecturer Dr Barrie O'Connor, will accompany my administration team to Breakfast with the Director General of Education, Julie Grantham, at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.
- June 5, 2.00 – 2.45pm All parents and Carers are invited to "Coffee with the Principal". Please feel free to call in to the Common Room for a casual chat and coffee with me before collecting your students at the end of the day. No strings attached!!

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I wish to thank all parents and carers for their support during the NAPLAN test week. Our student attendance was excellent. It was pleasing to see the effort and focus displayed by all students over the 3 days. Thanks also must go to the dedicated staff who prepared the students for this test. Later in the year, the test results will be mailed home and will provide valuable information about your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.



Allison Crane



Open day 4 August—1pm to 5pm.





The Road Ahead Mobile Education Centre

On Monday 11 May, students from Loganlea State High School were fortunate to have 'The Road Ahead Mobile Education Centre', built by the Australian Trucking Association and promoted by the Queensland Trucking Association and Department of Transport and Main Roads parked here on our school grounds!

Students had the opportunity to step aboard a state of the art semi trailer filled with interactive displays about road safety and career opportunities in the trucking industry. The semi trailer when deployed is 23m long, 8m wide and 4.3m high.

Each session had an informative and entertaining interactive presentation to highlight safety, science and the industry. There were interactive stations on board which dealt with careers, safety, gear changing and truck packing. Students and staff really enjoyed both the presentation and the interactive stations.



Expressions Dance Workshops Carolyn Thornhill

On the 12 May selected senior dance students had the opportunity to participate in a contemporary workshop with Expressions dancer Richard Causer. All students watched the performance of *Score!* by the company in which Causer performed. Students really enjoyed the workshop and improved their contemporary technique. Well done!

Katherine Bannon—Dance teacher



Ag Camp 2009

Day 1 - Starting Sunday the 10th of May, 19 students relinquished their beloved phone to the special box for the week. Gympie saleyards was our first destination where the group went on a "litter bug patrol walk" hey Jess? Can we ever forget the interesting dessert that Stanley, Josh, Dusty and Mr Tregoe had?

Day 2 - We travelled to the Bundaberg Rum Distillery which unfortunately was not the highlight we all expected it to be. So, we headed off to another Ag School of Excellence, Kepnock SHS, which was great to see as they are predominantly a horticultural school growing a great variety of crops and having the students doing most of the tractor work! Calliope River Rest Area was our place to camp for the night or should we say Prickle City? A showery night, wet swags and gear, lots and lots of prickles made some of us a little less than happy. Some tried their luck at fishing and Stanley went fishing for crayfish but ended up swimming with them instead.

Day 3 - Out of Calliope we headed towards "Galloway Plains Pastoral Company" which is a 5th generation farm covering over 25 000 acres. Cattle are mustered 4 times a year by helicopter and due to the wet weather the helicopter was cancelled. However, we were able to participate in a wide range of property work including

yard work, looking at cattle and the breeds being used, improved pastures, dam types, watering systems, solar panels controlling a well-water distribution, shoeing a horse and also pest and feral species found on the farm. Can anyone forget what a Tordoner is? I don't think any of us want to become one! A great day was had by all at Galloway Plains and without a doubt we will all be up there again if the opportunity arises. Time came for us to head off to the DPI Beef Breeding Service Centre at Rockhampton where most of us dried out our swag and wet clothes. Lets all sleep on the deck....why? To protect Bridgey that's why!

Day 4 - After a good look at the paddocks and the animals currently residing at the DPI, "Expo" the Braford bull was moved to the crush so that we could collect his semen. How do you collect semen you ask? Well just ask Liam and Justin. Firstly you electronically stimulate the bull with a probe while manually stroking his penis with a rod and there you have it- semen being collected in a tube, quite easy really. Or you could use an AV as

we found out later. Next step was to observe the millions of sperm under the microscope to find any abnormalities, followed by diluting the semen with a special mix, chill it, straw it and label it. Fact - in one tiny straw there are over 25 million sperm!

We left the DPI in need of restocking our supplies, so a quick stop in at Rocky enabled some to use their phones to call home and then we were off again to Dululu, but....that Mt Morgan range was sooo long doing 10km/hr 1st gear in the bus. I think we could have walked faster! Once arriving at Dululu a group of us went bush bashing to the Dee River where we found a good spot for a bit of fishing and crayfish catching. So in with the pots and within 30mins, Bridgey caught the one and only fish - a huge Barramundi! Plus a red claw.

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Day 5 – Another quick walk to the Dee River water hole saw 4 red claw crayfish caught – Yippee!! But the boys wanted them for bait not to eat! So we all packed up our gear and it was off to Mundubbera. We ventured into a citrus orchard growing oranges, mandarins and lemons on 9 blocks with 2000 plants in each block! And the mandarins are soo juicy straight from the tree. FACT – a wind turbine 50 foot high will automatically turn on when the temperature is about to hit freezing and blows the hot air down onto the fruit trees to prevent the fruit from splitting due to frost, thus preventing the whole crop being lost!



Tour group outside the Rum Distillery in Bundaberg

Marvellous piece of machinery! We then ventured to the Miles Citrus Processing Plant where we got to tour the whole



Students checking out a trial sunflower crop.

operation. The plant was fully automated using computer technology which was pretty amazing to witness. The fruit was unloaded from the crate, washed and waxed, manually sorted, computer weighed, graded and sized; stickers applied then the fruit was automatically dropped at the specific offshoot and was sorted or sent to the juice bin. Thank you to the Miles Processing plant for their generosity, provided us with 2 boxes of fresh mandarins! YUM! Continuing on from the processing plant we ventured out to witness the hail nets that have been erected at various vineyards, mango orchards and citrus orchards to prevent hail damage followed by a DVD created about "Bugs 4 Bugs" where farmers are changing from spraying their crops to

using good bugs to eat the bad bugs. Lake Boondooma was our camp for the night and didn't we know it with the chill factor. It was the coldest night of the whole trip but well worth the drive out. Who was the one constantly whinging about Tregaea throwing mandarin peels? **Day 6** – Kingaroy DPI was our destination for the morning and upon arrival, we

started to eat freshly harvested peanuts followed by watching the implement used to pull peanuts from the ground. Next was the sorghum harvester which was large, to say the least. Watching this machine at work made us realise not to get in its way! Further walks through the fields of the DPI saw us picking fresh corn and observing a very tall sunflower plantation. Once we had filled our bellies with fresh peanuts and corn, we ventured to the peanut drying room where the DPI is testing various peanut varieties and what temperatures and humidity they dry the best at, as well as the peanut sorting shed. We would like to thank the Kingaroy DPI for allowing us the opportunity to learn the various aspects of peanuts.

Saying goodbye to Kingaroy meant we were on the home ward stretch of our camp back to Gatton Showgrounds and a tour of UQ Gatton for the year 10's was undertaken in the afternoon to ensure they are aware of the significance of our affiliation with UQ and the courses available to them when they are seniors.

Day 7 – WAKE UP – 3am!!! Yes soo early and soo cold and on our way to Daloram Jersey Dairy. With Dairies, the cows all know what time they are milked and they are usually lining up waiting to go. First off though, we had to feed the bulls, help to get the cows into the yards and then observe the procedure of milking and watching all the milk moved into the stainless steel vats. After milking was completed we fed the poddy calves

Fruit processing plant at Mundubbera. (Mandarins are being photographed, sized, weighted, sorted and have had stickers applied by the machine.)



and then a surprise breakfast was awaiting us – fresh jersey milk for hot chocolate, pancakes with real butter milk, chocolate muffins – lest we say we're full! It was a hearty breakfast. A big thank you to the Stock family for their generosity. A quick drive back to the showgrounds and pack our things for the very last time and it was back to school to clean the bus and back to reality! Did we end up working out who ate the



Samantha McClymont watching while DPI vet prepares semen sample for insertion into straws.

most mandarins on the trip?

To all the students who attended – we hope you all had a good time and learnt that Agriculture is a multitude of industries as well as technology.

We hope that you will continue with your interest in Agriculture.

Lets make Ag Camp 2010 even better

Mr Tregaea and Mrs Bridge



Loganlea students close up to a harvester