



**Hymba  
Yumba**  
Listening and Learning Place

# THUMBA - NUKKA (Look!)

## Hymba Yumba is more than just a School

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Hymba Yumba is first and foremost a welcoming Community Hub - a unique *listening and learning* place that ensures access to quality education for young people and their families.

It is one of only a few Independent schools in Queensland owned and governed by the Indigenous community without any affiliation to another body. The Searchlight Education Board recently unanimously agreed to change our constitution to ensure that there would always be a majority of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Directors on the Board.

The model of education that Hymba Yumba espouses is grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures and thus involves participation of the whole community - Elders, families, volunteers, friends and supporters of our students. The active role and generosity of the Local, State and Federal governments, Springfield Land Corporation, businesses, as well as other *not for profit* community organizations is deeply valued.

The *Elders' and Cultural Centre* will be the heart of our new school. But even now Elders and Community are often at the Hub and in our Classrooms. All aspects of the curriculum are embedded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. And we will continue to listen carefully to input from our Elders and families

Other services that are already operating but will be expanded in our new site include health services, advocacy, and support and assistance to young families. Strong links to a range of other Indigenous family and health services have been established. We also offer Education and Training for adults in our school Community.

Although we are in a temporary location in the *World Knowledge Centre*, we already have a huge waiting list for 2012. Next year we hope to be able to establish a *Crèche and Family Centre* so that young Mothers can return to education and training while their children are nurtured, well cared for and able to thrive in a stimulating and culturally affirming setting.

The outcomes for our students are so far remarkable. Children who were not attending school or not enjoying it are now very keen to be part of Hymba Yumba and to reach for their goals. A real sense of community and a deep-seated Respect and Pride in Culture are evident in our students. Their interest and love of Cultural activities, their Dance, Art and Writing attest to this.

Academically, we are surging ahead. We realize that we have ground to make up after some young people were not previously engaging with education and attending school consistently. But our attendance rate at Hymba Yumba is excellent and we expect great things from our students.

But we run on a very tight budget and Hymba Yumba is anxious to find other generous Australians who may wish to invest in Hymba Yumba students and help us to provide a first class education for them.

Hymba Yumba Community Hub is seen as an important *closing the Gap* initiative. Enriched by their Culture, young people are now excited about education and the chances it will offer them in the future.

With your support, we will continue to inspire our students to be bright and confident, proud to be First Australians and to achieve success at school so that they can enjoy all the wonderful benefits this great country can offer them.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14th July - Searchlight Education Springfield Board Meeting
- 4th August - National Children's Day
- 17th August - Bynda Community Day
- 2nd September - Hymba Yumba Family Carer Day
- 16th September - End of Term 3
- 3rd October - Start of Term 4
- School Sport Shirts are now available for students

**Colleen Mitrow - Principal**

## STAFF PROFILE

**A**unty Adelaide Saylor is our Senior Youth and Family, Culture and Care Coordinator at Hymba Yumba Community Hub. Aunty Adelaide, as she is fondly called by the young people has worked with Colleen Mitrow, Principal, Hymba Yumba Community Hub for over 8 years and during this time they have developed a culturally sensitive approach to working with both the students and their families.

Adelaide was recently honoured in the *Black, Bold and Beautiful* calendar as Miss May. Her philosophy is *“Knowledge and wisdom from our Elders help us to understand our world, to communicate effectively, to contribute to the community and develop pride in ourselves and our culture. In this way we continue to “Close the Gap”.*

Adelaide was born in Babinda, North Queensland, the second eldest of four children of Valentine and Joan (nee Dewis) Saylor. Her parents taught her the value of school education and importantly the value of respect and learning culture from our Elders. Adelaide started her working career in Early Childhood Education in the Torres Strait, before moving to Brisbane with her husband and two children.

Continuing her studies with Early Childhood in Brisbane, Adelaide met Colleen Mitrow at Southside Education, and soon realised that working with young people was her calling. Adelaide worked at Southside Education as a Youth Worker (obtaining her Certificate IV Youth Work) and initiated the *Youth Under the Bridge* program. Adelaide and staff from the school would travel into Brisbane in the early hours of the morning to bring breakfast and have a yarn to the young homeless people living under the bridges. This work was both hard and heartbreaking, but Adelaide was able to reconnect many of the young girls with education and family through this program.

One of our goals is “reaching out to children and young people facing barriers to education, including racial discrimination, social and economic problems, pregnancy and parenting,



*Deadly Aunty Adelaide Saylor*

exclusion from other schools and disengagement from families. We work with families and the community to help overcome obstacles they face in their everyday life. It was hard, seeing these lovely young people in make-shift homes under bridges and on the streets, but it has also been very rewarding in seeing them successfully reconnect with education and families, Adelaide said.

Today Adelaide is working at Hymba Yumba with all the children and families in our Community Hub. Adelaide believes that Education can be the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and discrimination. It can provide the confidence and freedom to choose our path and fulfil our dreams.

*Aunty Adelaide is a nice lady. She never yells or drives fast. If somebody is hurt she will look after you.*

**By Chelsie Tinney**

*Aunty Adelaide loves picking people up and dropping them off and having a picnic with them. She loves coffee and having breakfast. Aunty Ad makes everyone put their seatbelt on so everyone doesn't get hurt.*

**By Jaida Curry**

## OUR COMMUNITY SORRY DAY CELEBRATIONS

**H**ymba Yumba Community Hub celebrated Sorry Day on the 26th May. This nationally recognised day gave us the opportunity to come together as one to pay respect and give acknowledgment of past wrongs to the first peoples of this land. It was lovely to see so many members of our community supporting our students and staff on the day.

We were all so very proud of our talented students who participated in the traditional dancing, singing and poetry reading on the day. You all represented yourselves and the school with great pride and enthusiasm.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Elders on the day sharing their stories with our young people. The smiles on the faces and the gleam in the eyes spoke volumes. A morning tea was provided for our invited guests by the staff of Hymba Yumba. We thank our staff for their generous spirit in providing such tasty food to be enjoyed by our Elders, families and community.

We were also honoured to have Uncle Bill Bonner - Traditional Owner - to present the school sports captains with their house shirts. Our young people are so proud to be wearing the totems of the traditional owners of these lands and to compete and represent the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people. A big thankyou is also sent to Tina Longford and Steven Jamieson - Indigenous Land Use Partnership - Ipswich City Council, who assisted us in getting permission from the traditional owners to use both the tribal names and totems for our school. A big thank you also goes to the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people for allowing us to represent you, and we will do this with the strong pride and determination of your people.



## Australia Says Sorry

**R**econciliation to me means that the white Australians and the black Aboriginal and Torres Strait people stop fighting and make friends.

*To be and always be friends. Now we will help each other.*

**Shania Hanson - Year 4**



### Sorry Day Photo Gallery



Aunty Cecilia Barber and Aunty Marlene Holt



Uncle Hughie and Aunty Jeanette Kirk with student Janaya



Uncle Bill Bonner, PLO Michael Bong and student Talara

### Adopt A Police Liaison Officer

Students, staff and Family all welcomed Michael Bong to our school on the 26th May, as he was officially inducted as the schools Police Liaison Officer. We are honored to have Michael join us here at Hymba Yumba and look forward to his visits here at the school. Michael's role as our Police Liaison Officer will be to talk with the young people to build positive relationships between Police and the community.

Welcome Michael and we look forward to your many visits to yarn with our school community.



Cr David Morrison (font left) - Our local member representing Ipswich City Council and Mayor Paul Pisasale



## Sorry Day Continued

**O**n the 26th May, Hymba Yumba Community Hub celebrated Sorry Day. Vanessa and Kirra were the MC's for the day and they welcomed Uncle Bill Boner, who was there to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land. Talara talked about how far the traditional lands extend and I asked Uncle Bill Bonner to come back up and present the school sporting teams with their new sport shirts.

We had our fantastic school dance troop perform, along with the choir and the little preppies doing their nursery rhyme with Yarika, our cultural dance guide.

We then invited our schools new Police Liaison Officer, Michael Bong, to come forward and be welcomed into our school community.

To end Sorry Day, we had a delicious lunch with our special guests and friends.

**By Marsin Maybanks, Year 7**



Uncle Bill Bonner

**E**lders guide me on the right path, they encourage me to become what I want to be. They share their stories of the old times and make me think how fortunate we really are. They help me understand my culture and I feel proud of who I am.

**By Jazmyn & Bryanne**



Elders, staff and young people with new sport shirt



## Opening of Springfield Park

Sunday 29th May our cultural dancers were asked to perform at the opening ceremony of the Robelle Domain Springfield Central Parklands. The park was opened by the Honourable Wayne Swan MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier of Queensland and Mayor Paul Pisasale, City of Ipswich.

Our young people were honoured to be asked to dance and represent the traditional owners of the land where the park is located and they all danced with pride and spirit.

The students then enjoyed the wonderful new park at Springfield before heading home for the day.



Hymba Yumba Dancers perform the welcome dance at Opening of Park



## Government and Council Visits

Joanne Miller, State Member for Bundamba paid our school a visit on the 3rd June. It was wonderful to have Ms Miller come to our school to meet and chat with our students and staff. Ms Miller enjoyed spending time with our young people and was excited to see our education plan we have here for our students. We hope that Joanne will come and visit with us again on one of our Cultural Celebration Days.



Councillor David Morrison also attended our school on our Sorry Day Celebrations as the representative for the Lord Mayor, Ipswich City Council. Councillor Morrison is a friend of our school, and we thank him for his support. We also look forward to many more visits from David and other Ipswich City Council Representatives.

# COMMUNITY DONATIONS

If you are looking to buy the best tasting sausages and rissoles you will ever have for your next bar-b-que then you cannot go past BATEMAN BUTCHERS, at Goodna.

Troy and Steven Bateman generously donated to us enough meat to feed over 120 people at our Sorry Day Celebrations, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their hamburgers and sausages on roll.

We cannot thank Troy and Steven enough for this wonderful donation and we look forward to a long association with Bateman Butchers at Goodna Shopping Centre.

We strongly encourage all our families and their friends to drop by at the shop to say hello and thankyou, and while you are there grab yourself some of the best quality meat in Brisbane!!



Thumba Yumba Community Hub is pleased to announce that we have been very generously sponsored by the Alpha School System - TASS.web.

Mr Ken Reid, Director of the Alpha School System met with us to discuss the school system they provide. This program is a one stop shop for reporting, attendance, finance, medical, and every other aspect needed to run a school efficiently, but most importantly it is very user friendly.

Mr Reid, and the other directors of the company chose our school to be the second school that the Alpha School System would sponsor by providing both the TASS.web software and support services at no charge.

The other school that the Alpha School Systems sponsor is also a not for profit, independent school, The School of St Jude, located in Tanzania.

We are very honoured to be given this wonderful opportunity to streamline our school administration and reporting through this program. Having experience working with this program for over 7 years, we are more than happy to endorse this company and software package to other schools.

## THANK YOU ALPHA SCHOOL SYSTEMS - TASS.web

We would also like to thank the Investa Group who have kindly donated room dividers, chairs and book shelves to our school.

Your donations have helped us greatly with the fit out of our classrooms.

## Community Donations

**W**e sold our first brick to help build our new school and *Close the Gap!!*

A big thank you to the Starr family who are our first family to donate \$1000.00 to purchase a brick. Tamara and her extended family all contributed to raise the money, and we wish to thank them for their generosity and support of our school. We hope that this the first of many bricks sold to assist us with raising the much needed funds for the construction of our school.



Tamara and her family, thank you for your support

**C**an you help us build our school? \$1000.00 buys a brick, helps build a school and starts to *Close the Gap*. All donations are tax deductible. Please contact the school for more information or if you would also like to purchase a brick



**N**sane Development have provided Hymba Yumba with invaluable setup and Information Technology support and service since the school opened in October 2010. All the staff and students of Hymba Yumba would like to thank Jonh Parker, (Director), Matt and Brent for all the sponsorship hours and set up advice they have provided to the school. We look forward to a long association and future growth of our Community Hub with your company.



**S**aint George Bank Community Grant applications closed earlier this year, and we are happy to announce that Hymba Yumba Community Hub is the recipient of a \$14,200.00 grant to build permanent shade structures for our school.

We would like to thank the staff at St George Bank, Springfield who have been very keen to come on board as our local community bank and support our school and the Closing the Gap initiative.

On our Sorry Day Celebrations, Adam (Branch Manager) and Helen (Customer Service Specialist) organised for 50 St George packs to be delivered here for our students. The packs contained money boxes, inflatable pillows, crayons, balloons and lollipops. The students were all excited to receive their bags and loved the St George Dragon moneybox.

We want to thank Adam and Helen for all their support and assistance, and if you are in the Orion Shopping centre drop in and say hello to their very helpful and friendly staff.

Thank you St George for your community spirit and support.

## HEALTH REPORT

**T**he University of Queensland Hearing Screening Service came out to our school and we all had our hearing tested.

When we had the hearing test, they put big headphones on our heads and they gave us a button that we had to push if you heard a 'beep'.

We all got a sticker when we finished the test and copies of our reports for our parents.

We were also told by the hearing testing people that if you don't blow your nose you can get bad ears, so you need to blow your nose to get everything out.

**By Kemiyah Maybanks, Year 2**

**O**n the 16th July, we had a visit from Kambu Medical Team. The workers took turns, changing from one table to the other, talking to us about different topics. The first Kambu worker talked to us about alcohol and hepatitis. Once we finished talking about these issues another man came to our table and he spoke to us about sniffing. He showed us a lot of different resources and gave us good information. Once we were finished with that topic, a lady from Kambu spoke with us about smoking. We found out that there are around 4000 chemicals in a cigarette. After finding out lots of smoking facts and figures all of the class went outside and played a game of Oz Tag. It was so fun! Then we went back to class and said good-bye and thank you to the Kambu workers.

**By Talara Leslie**

**W**e also had a visit from the Cervical Cancer Group who came out to our school to talk to us about Cervical Cancer and the immunizations that are available that could help us not to get this disease.

**S**peaking of Immunizations, at Hymba Yumba we had the Dallas and Elizabeth from Queensland Health come out to our school to update all the students immunizations. Some of us were a little afraid of getting the needles. After receiving the needles we got a lollipop, for being brave, some of us even got two.

Dallas and Elizabeth also came back out to the school on Sorry Day to give free Flu vaccinations to all our guests and family members. Everyone was really brave, but no lollipops this time.



**By Olivia Bowles**



**A** big thank you also to Sandra McFarlane of Queensland Dental who has set up a healthy teeth program here at the school for all our students.

Sandra gave us toothbrushes and paste and also told us the correct way to brush our teeth and the importance of having healthy teeth and gums. We all brush our teeth after morning tea and lunch here at the school and Sandra comes in to catch up with us and to help us with any dental concerns.



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## LOWER PRIMARY REPORT

**T**erm Two for our Early Years class has been really busy, but a lot of fun.

Some of the things we have been learning about and doing include a *Schoolyard Safari* in Science, where we have searched for and found out about small animals like ants, worms and snails. In one of our lessons we even got to watch and touch wiggling worms.

In SOSE we've heard stories from around the world (like China) and seen how some cultures have differences from and similarities to our own. We watched *Brother Bear* to see how Indigenous Americans have animal totems and storytelling by Elders.

Many of our activities this term have seen us learning about, using, and preparing foods. We designed a class picnic menu full of foods from all of the food groups. Our afternoon picnic with our favourite toy was great! The foods we made were delicious and healthy, and worth all of the hard work we put into the planning and cooking.

This term our class has had two big art projects. The first was 'echidna paintings'. To make them, we drew echidnas onto foam and used a roller and black paint to stamp them onto coloured paper. After the echidnas were cut out, we glued them onto black paper and painted white dots around the echidnas to look like ants. A big class echidna painting was made on a canvas, where we all had one of our echidnas on it.

The second artwork we made together was a spider web. Each of us made spiders and insects like butterflies, lady beetles, and dragonflies. To make our insects and spiders we used scraps of paper that we coloured ourselves in brightly coloured paints.

We're looking forward to having another exciting term after the holidays.

**Julia Ruddock - Early Years Teacher**



## Early Years Picnic Day

**Y**esterday (Tuesday 21st June) we had a picnic at the new water park. We walked to the water park and we took our favourite toy with us to the picnic .

We made fruit kebabs, mini pizzas, lime and raspberry jelly and fairy bread. We also made celery, carrots and juice.

Then we played on the playground. We went for a walk around the water park and we saw other school students and then we walked back to school.

It was a great day. We loved our picnic in the park.

### A recount by the Early Years Class



## MIDDLE PRIMARY REPORT

**T**he Middle Years class has had an exciting and eventful Term Two. Students have worked really well in all subject areas. We have explored a range of content including measurement and shape in Mathematics, grammar and poetry in English, human organs and systems in Science, fitness goals and healthy eating in Health and Physical Education, and countries and cultures of the world in SOSE.

Several guest speakers came into our class during Term Two to deliver talks on the human body and healthy eating for Science and HPE. Students enjoyed these talks and engaged in learning well.

Students had a great time on their trip into the Queensland State Library at the beginning of the term to participate in 'Bush Tukka' gardening and cooking workshops.

Another highlight of the Term Two was the game of soccer played with our neighbour school, Saint Peters, in Week 8. Students displayed great sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Throughout the term, students worked hard on their poetry for Sorry Day and conducted a series of interviews on 'what Sorry Day means' to a range of people working around our school. Our Sorry Day wall display is beautifully decorated with lots of student work, information and art.

Students have also had fun learning in our drum workshops, art lessons and choir workshops and skipping activities.

Overall, Term Two has been a great 9 weeks with students engaging and participating in the many learning activities and workshops. Well done to the Middle Years class for a great term!! We look forward to another great term to start of Semester Two at Hymba Yumba.

### Lee Strickland - Leaves Us

Lee finished her work with us at the end of this Term and will be returning to TI to continue her teaching. Thank you Lee, you will be missed. We acknowledge a wonderful class teacher and music teacher.

## State Library Excursion Primary

All the students from the Primary grades at had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the ***So Fresh, So Green*** workshops held at the Brisbane State Library on the 20th May.

Students learnt about *bush tukka* and herbs for cooking in the State Library's food and herb garden. After picking some herbs and plants from the garden, our students met with the chefs from the West End restaurant '***Tukka***' to make lemon and aniseed myrtle damper, as well as a cream of Davidson Bush Plum and meringue dessert.

Students were also lucky enough to visit and play in the Kids Corner which had a *kitchen theme*, and explore and interact in the Lumia Exhibition based on art, sound, motion and light.

Our students had so much fun learning about growing and cooking with bush tukka. We would like to say a big *gurrubal* (thank you) to Millie and Stella from the State Library for organising such a wonderful experience for our students.



## Middle Primary Continued

**M**y name is Latrell and I am in the Middle Years class. We have been doing Maths - time tables, measurements and shapes. Our class's favourite thing to do is Art and cooking and now English. Here everybody likes English.

We learn about nouns, adjectives, verbs and poems. On Sorry Day I liked singing, dancing, drumming and making new friends at this school.

**Latrell Hill Year 5**



**M**y name is Shontei and I am in the Middle Years Class. In Term two I liked drumming and in SOSE I learnt about India. I liked HPE and fitness and I like to brush my teeth. In Science I learned about the human body.

**Shontei Bong, Year 4**

## UPPER PRIMARY REPORT

**T**erm Two was a stimulating one for the upper primary school both in and out of the classroom. In the classroom, we started the term by welcoming our newest youth worker/teachers' assistant, Donald Renouf.

We enjoyed learning about packaging and advertising through our integrated Science/Study of Society and Environment (SOSE) unit. In this unit, we designed packages for carrying the lemon myrtle shortbread that we cooked up in class. We also wrote and produced television advertisements to sell our biscuits.

Our Indigenous Studies included learning about the Stolen Generations, writing acrostic poems for Reconciliation Week and learning about the life of Eddie Mabo. We had fun every time we had a visit from Anthony Walker, who led our drum circle and helped us complete some special Art projects.

We kept a healthy focus to our studies with visits from Kambu Health Services and the Heart Foundation, to tie in with our *Jump Rope for Heart* activities, and we kept our minds healthy with regular reading to work towards our targets for the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.

Out of the classroom we enjoyed our day out at the State Library of Queensland where we took part in the Ideas Festival's '**So Fresh and So Green**' program where some of us even caught a glimpse of the Premier, Hon Anna Bligh doing a doorstep.

We took a well earned break to check out the state of the art play equipment at the new Robelle Domain which adjoins our temporary premises at Education City. As you will read in Kymillah's and Tremain's report, we also got to know the students at St Peter's Lutheran College a little better by having a game of soccer together. We look forward to an exciting and busy Term three.

**Mr Simon - Upper Primary Teacher**

## Upper Primary Cont.

**W**hat a waste!!

This term for Science, we have been looking at packaging. Someone from the Ipswich Waste

Service came to tell us about where all the waste goes. The waste goes into a pit that is as wide as 24 football fields and is 100 metres deep.

They also told us about the new bin that is for green waste only, like grass and trees.

**By Leo, Year 5**



## NAPLAN Testing

**S**tudents from Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 at Hymba Yumba took part in the three day NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing during Week 3 of Term Two. Students had started preparing for the nationwide testing mid Term One.

Students completed a series of tests focusing on Reading, Writing, Comprehension and a range of Numeracy knowledge and skills. All students' worked very hard during the exam period and celebrated their hard work with an 'end of exam' pizza party.

Well done again, to all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Hymba Yumba students for a fantastic effort and for being our first students to sit the NAPLAN test.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECONDARY REPORT

**T**his term at Hymba Yumba Community Hub has been very exciting and productive. The junior secondary students completed their "Our Endangered World" unit in SOSE and finished up their "Identity and Growing Up" unit in English class. All students have done extremely well this term, handing in all of their assessments and being focused in the classroom.

The standard of work which was submitted for the SOSE information kit assignment was exceptional. The students chose a range of different endangered species, such as; The Giant Panda, Amur Leopard, Asian Elephant and the Blue whale. The students created some really imaginative products like calendars, key rings and bookmarks. They should all be very proud of their efforts.

The Juniors also had great results in English class. They created informative PowerPoint presentations concerning youth issues and also gave a speech to the class. All students did very well. I look forward to more great results in Semester two, from the Junior secondary students.

The Senior secondary students have worked hard this semester to achieve some great results. They examined inspirational people and stories, while completing a film review and also a speech for their assessment. Throughout the unit the students defined what a "hero" was, who was inspirational in their lives and what characteristics make someone a hero. Great work!!!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies was very interesting this semester. Students have learnt about different government policies and procedures that have greatly impacted Indigenous people, along with studying a unit on *The Dreaming*. For some students it was their first time writing an essay and they all did really well.

I look forward to more great learning from the Senior secondary students, next semester.

**Bree and Amanda - Secondary Teachers**

## State Library Excursion Secondary

The Junior school and Lower Secondary students went on a fantastic excursion to the Brisbane State Library on Friday 20th of May. As a part of their curriculum they are currently researching endangered species in SOSE. This was a perfect opportunity for the students to get some new information and experience the library's fantastic location. The Junior Secondary students got some great work done, and really enjoyed working in the library and using a range of different sources for their research.

Thanks to Lee (Middle Primary teacher) the students also experienced the "So Fresh, So Green" workshop at the Library, where they got to be hands on in the *bush tukka* garden. After walking through the garden and learning what plants were native to Australia and what were introduced, the students tasted some delicious creations made by the State Library chefs. All the girls helped to create a damper and an *Eaton's Mess*.

Back inside the State Library the students had the opportunity to explore the *endangered species* area, which was really helpful to the students who were studying in this area.

We had a great day at the State Library researching our endangered animals. It was great to be sitting next to the Brisbane River and studying at the same time. Even better we got to go to the Museum after we had finished all our research.

**Roxanne Jones Year 9**

**Amanda Brown - Leaves Us**

We sadly farewelled Amanda at the end of Term 2, due to health reasons.

We thank Amanda for her great contribution to our school and her ongoing support. We wish Amanda all the best for her future and we hope to see her at the school for community celebrations.



## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REPORT

Secondary students participated in a 3 day ECOMAN program where they worked as directors in a simulated business. They worked as a team to make decisions on product research and development, advertising and marketing, prices, staff training and wages, learning about the world of business management and finance. They presented their accomplishments to the 'Shareholders' and the 'Board' with their companies doing a great job!

This experience was also used to go towards assessment marks in *Certificate II Business* and *Certificate II Workplace Practices*.



We are building our local connections and value any contacts parents and family may have. If you know of a local business who is willing to accept work experience students, it would be greatly appreciated if you could pass on any details to Toni Clews in the office.

Our Year's 10 and 11 students will be participating in a work experience program starting on the 11th July. We have placed many of our students according to their preferences and possible avenues of future work and career choices.

We have been lucky enough to have some of our students placed in roles with the Queensland Police as dog handlers, in veterinary surgeries and in building trades and Administration office work.

A second week of work experience will be arranged for later in the year.

Our traineeship students, **Certificate III Broadcasting (Radio)** are currently being taught the required skills integral to the broadcasting industry such as presentation, script writing and film, audio recording and editing. The students from Hymba Yumba attend every Friday with a trainer and current staff help them to learn about the media industry and develop the relevant skills while working at Murri Radio Studios (98.9fm) at West End.

All students are participating well in the program and showing enthusiasm and commitment towards their training. They have completed their first two units of the qualification, and receive a trainee wage for the days that they work in the studios. Some of our students are attending on extra days in their spare time.

The skills gained through the Certificate will allow them to pursue a number of career paths, including becoming an announcer, sound engineer or journalist.



### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

#### Tertiary Studies Expo

16 & 17th July      Brisbane RNA Showgrounds  
- 10am - 4pm

#### UQ Open days

Ipswich Campus - 24th August 2.30pm - 6.30pm  
Gatton Campus - 21st August 9.30am - 3.00pm

## Choir, Drumming and Art Workshops

The Arts have been enjoyed by all here at Hymba Yumba with our school choir and drumming troop performing for the first time at our Sorry Day Celebrations. The students sang with pride and passion impressing their audiences with songs by Indigenous composers.

Drumming was another highlight of our students performance, and we want to say a big thank you to Anthony Walker who has been coming out to the school each week to tutor our students in the drums and producing Art work.

The rhythms of our drums had everyone shaking along with a groove. Well done to all students for your first class performance on the day and we all look forward to many more.



## PaCE Program

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Ivy Lewis and I am the PaCE (Parent and Community Engagement) Coordinator for Hymba Yumba and Southside Education.

PaCE is a community driven program for parents / caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 0 - 19 years. The intent of PaCE is to focus on enhancing parental engagement and projects will be based on your ideas as parents / carers on how you can become more involved in your children's education.

We recently held our first Steering Committee meeting on the 30th June to plan the progress of this project. I look forward to meeting more parents/carers from both schools.



### JARJUM/PIKNINI WELCOME TO COUNTRY CEREMONY

Hymba Yumba and Southside Education PaCE Project is hosting a **Jarjum Welcome to Country Ceremony** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at the Southside Family Centre & Jet Creche, Gager St Sunnybank at 10:30 am. RSVP Kylie Tappin - Creche Director :- 33441056 or Ivy Lewis -PaCE Coordinator :- 34700452. Babies born in the last 12months are most welcome, participants will receive a Certificate of Welcome, a small fruit or vegetable plant, and gift bag. Aunty Jenny Thompson will be doing the blessing and smoking ceremony. Aunty Teresa McIntosh will acknowledge the Traditional Owners. Cultural performances will be done by local school and crèche children.

# SPORT REPORT

## Basketball Clinic

**O**n Tuesday 24th May, Chris Goulding and Shaun Gleeson from the Gold Coast Blaze NBL Basketball Club visited Hymba Yumba. The players ran a basketball skills clinic for the Middle and Upper Primary years as well as the Junior Secondary Years students.

The students ran different drills to improve ball skills, they raced while dribbling with their left hand and right hands and were separated into four different teams. These teams then raced to see who could shoot the most baskets and the winners were presented with Gold Coast Blaze sweatbands and backpacks.

A big thank you from all the staff and students for Chris and Shaun coming out and spending time with us and teaching us some new skills.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Students at Hymba Yumba have all been 'jumping rope' and signed up for the Jump Rope for Heart which was held on the 24th June. Aimee from the Heart Foundation came out to the school to see how we were progressing and to speak to the students about cardiovascular disease and the importance to stay fit and healthy. Our talented young people then showed Aimee their jumping rope skills to music and their great coordination skills jumping as groups. Thank you to Khaleb who was our happy heart on the day.



St Peter's Lutheran College is one of Hymba Yumba's closest neighbours and they were our guests at our Sorry Day celebrations. After Sorry Day, teachers from our school and St Peter's decided we should have a game of soccer together.

The teachers organised a date and on the 10th June, we all met over on the oval for a fun game of soccer.

We had different teams, each with a mixture of Hymba Yumba players and St Peter's players. There were the yellow bibs, red bibs and no bibs. No bibs won one game and the red bibs won the other. Tremaine scored a goal for the red team.

After the game, we collected all the bibs for the teachers and we had a photo together with our new friends and neighbours.

**By Kymillah and Tremaine**



On day we walked over to the soccer field and met Julia's (Primary Teacher) brother, Kieran who plays soccer for Olympic United Football Club. Kieran came to play soccer with us and teach us some ball skills. We practiced dribbling and went around markers. We were trying to kick the football in the goals past Kieran. It was good fun and now we have been playing soccer at school.

**By Chelsie Tinney, Yr 2**



## Student Poetry

### Untitled

I grab her hand  
 She pulls away  
 A dark circle surrounds her  
 Disgrace grows upon her skin  
 Disgrace of herself, of her Culture  
 I show her land  
 A land of dirt and bush  
 Children are dancing  
 Ochre marks their ebony skin  
 No disgrace, no fear  
 They form a circle around her  
 Dancing and singing to the sounds of the night  
 She smiles as the moonlight kisses her cheek  
 She's proud  
 Proud to be Aboriginal  
 The dark circle no longer surrounds her

**By Ebony Bowman**



I'm black, I'm strong, I'm proud of my land

All the love on my hand

In the days back then, when this is the Aboriginal's land.

We all have red blood

We're all the same, but different races.

Now there will be no more Stolen Generations.

**By Kymbah, Year 5**

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**The Way my Life Is**

Being black isn't bad  
People that say it make me sad  
I like my life the way it is  
I know it's meant to be like this  
I may not be black outside  
But I'll always be black inside  
Being loud and proud makes me strong  
Being black and deadly makes me stronger

**By Marsin Maybanks**

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