**Students of the Week**

- **Brock St John** Year 7/8
- **Zai Hunt** Year 7/8
- **Harley Webb** Year 3
- **Liam Henrich** Year 4/5
- **O’Shea Webb** Year 5/6
- **Akala Webb**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- **Ruby Lee Merritt** Year 7/8
- **Raiden Brown** Year 1/2
- **Jason Houghton-Newton** Year 3
- **Nikki Mayers** Year 4/5
- **Hannah Briante** Year 5/6

**Babinda Classifieds**

**Piano for Leisure & Music Tutoring**

Private lessons for anyone looking to learn practical piano and music theory. I teach at your own pace in a relaxed environment. Perfect ages grades 1 to upward.

For any enquiries and further information please call Micala on: 0467 061 838 or email at: Miki.L@hotmail.com.au

**Community Support Centre Innisfail**

- Do you feel you are unraveling? Coming apart at the seams?
- Come and learn about COPING WITH STRESS at 15-17 Donald Street, Innisfail on Monday 23 February 9:30am-1:00pm. Call to register on 40438400. This is a FREE workshop.

**Community Support Centre Innisfail**

- Are you new in town or looking for new friends, new connections or new conversations? Come and join us every Thursday at our friendly WOMEN’S COFFEE MORNINGS. All women in the community are welcome and invited for a cuppa and a chat. Every Thursday—9:30am-11:30am at the Community Support Centre, 13-17 Donald Street, Innisfail.

**KIDS CLUB**

- Starts 11 February Prep to Year 6—5:00pm to 7:30pm on Wednesdays at the CWA Hall. Games, singing, Christian values, education, tea, craft. Vacancies exist. Phone Kristine Ewes on 40671681 or come Wednesday afternoon.

**Personalised Attention To Reach Your Child’s Personal Best**

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**Important Dates**

- **Monday 9—Wednesday 11 February**
  - Year 12 Leadership Camp
  - Year 11/10 staff planning day
- **Wednesday 11 February**
  - Primary Arts Council
- **Thursday 12 February**
  - Secondary ID Photos
- **Saturday 14 February**
  - Lions Youth of the Year
- **Thursday 5 March**
  - 13—15 Year old Volleyball Trials
- **Friday 6 March**
  - 16—19 Year old Volleyball Trials
- **Monday 9 March**
  - 13-19 Year old Touch Trials

**Outstanding Senior Results in 2014 – Something to Celebrate!!**

Over the holidays, our school was informed about our senior student’s OP (Overall Position) performance and QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) achievement. It gives me great pleasure to confirm that 100% of students completing year 12 achieved the coveted QCE attainment and 100% of students who undertook an OP ranking received under 15 – which means they would be guaranteed to be able to enter university should they choose to. This is a great achievement for these students and a great achievement for our school, with very few schools in the state being able to claim these two results. So well done one and all.

**Day 8 Enrolments**

It gives me great pleasure to confirm that this year we have had some of the highest enrolment numbers in the past 10 years with lots of new and returning students. I welcome all of these new students and their families to our school. With this student increase some minor class changes will occur but parents whose children this effects will be contacted prior to changes being made.

**Afterschool sport and Instrumental music**

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for notes going home in the next few weeks about afterschool sport and instrumental music. Both of these extra-curricular activities, students can take part in are free of charge and we would like to see as many students as possible be involved.

**Parents and Citizens AGM**

An important part of our school and its decision making processes is our parents and citizen’s committee. With the start of a new year, we are always looking for keen parents or community members who are willing to take part in committee meetings, come along to social events and importantly provide direction and support to the school. With a number of vacant positions open for this year or if you just want to keep up to date with what’s going on – please come along to our AGM on Monday the 23rd of February at 7pm in the school’s staffroom.

**Until next time**

Yours in schooling

Mr Matt Thompson - Principal

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Babinda P-12 State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which this school is located and pays respect to the Elders past and present.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Instrumental music lessons are still available for year 4 to year 12 in brass or woodwind tuition.
If you are interested, please see the office for an Expression of Interest form.

T. Appalasamy
Instrumental Music Teacher

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees Forms have now been given to students and are due to be paid. Please call into the office to make your payment or return payment forms with your child.

DENTAL FORMS
If you haven’t returned your dental forms, please return to the office as soon as possible.

ARTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY
The performance is called the “Last Tree in the City”. The production explores themes of sustainability, the environment and active citizenship through puppetry and storytelling.
If you would like your child to attend please enclose $8.00 in the provided envelope and return by Tuesday 10 February.

Murrai News

A warm welcome to the 2015 school year and to another year of ILT and Murrai News. ILT is the Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow, a regional leadership program delivered by the FNQ Indigenous Schooling Support Unit (ISSU), Education Queensland. ILT in our school is a school-based mentoring program for students in Years 11 and 12 supported by Student Wellbeing Worker, Georgina Ambrum. The 3-day Conference is in May followed by the Sharing Success day and formal dinner in October.

NAIDOC is a huge event on our school calendar and is usually held after the Semester break. However it’s never too early for families to consider how they can become involved in planning and supporting this important occasion. Please keep an eye out for updates leading into Term 3.

As we are proud of the success of our 2014 Indigenous Year 12s and the combined efforts of our staff, these students and their families, Murrai News is more than happy to be sharing brief updates of each student with you throughout the rest of this term:

Minjiluk Ambrum:
Minjiluk has accepted an offer to study Exercise Physiology (Clinical) at James Cook Uni in Cairns. He has also secured a job at Whitfield State School in the before-and-after-school-care program and said the coaching and mentoring of our Secondary HPE teacher, Miss Kate Van Dorssen, and the learning and training acquired in the Sport and Recreation subject, helped him to achieve this.
Great work Minjiluk!

This year Cassowary Area Community Health is providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 10 students as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program.
Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).
Year 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).
The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of registered nurses.
A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to each Year 8 and 10 student to bring home next week.
Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return the consent form to the school as soon as possible.
Students are encouraged to have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.
For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Immunisation Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/default.asp or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

School Immunisation Program

PREP/YEAR 1 happy to be at school