Preparations are well under way for this year’s Wakakirri performance. Students submitted job applications which were assessed by teachers. We now have some very organised groups of students researching and preparing sets, costumes, hair, music and so on. We already have parents offering their support. Thank you to Gavin McElroy for assisting the props group with design by downloading computer software and helping students use it and to Sue and Elly Pratt for sharing photos and souvenirs from their travel to India.

Each time I visit classrooms I see students engaged in interesting work and I come across surprises everyday. The life-size cow in the Upper Primary classroom is very appealing and students are learning so much about healthy eating while they decorate the cow as a part of the Dairyboard Competition.

Thank you to the Parent Club for the delicious lunch yesterday at Tuck Day.

Cheers,
Dzintra

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Will Pratt who has been selected to represent the Mid North in Football.

Congratulations also to all of the students who participated in Cross Country running at Burra last Friday. We did very well with several students finishing in the top places. Some place-getters will compete in Adelaide.

10 yr old boys
Shelby Toholke - 8th

11 yr old boys
Nick Barr - 5th
Rohan Angel - 6th

12 Yr old girls
Renee Underdown - 1st
Clancy Toholke - 2nd

12 yr old boys
Mitchell Clarke - 3rd

13 yr old boys
Craig Walkley - 3rd

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Student Absence in Term 1 2010

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Attachments with this newsletter
- Parenting with the Brain in Mind
- Football & Netball information attached
**Back to School Day**
Brian Eime has kindly agreed to visit us on Monday 24th May to share stories about his school days with us. Thank you Brian for your continued involvement with the school through Active After School Lawn Bowls and for agreeing to be our guest of honour for this year’s Back to School Day.

**National Literacy and Numeracy Testing**
Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 sat the National Literacy and Numeracy tests this week. Please see Dzintra if you have any questions about the tests.

**MS Readathon**
Children who expressed an interest in fundraising were given forms to take home with them. Parents need to give consent before children can register to fundraise.

**Sensational Students**

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<td>The whole JP Class</td>
<td>☺ For enthusiasm, eagerness and desire to learn</td>
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<td>☺ For initiative and going out of the way to help others</td>
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<td>Tianna Paynter</td>
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<td>The whole MP Class</td>
<td>☺ For excellent work during the week</td>
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<td>Rory Nutt</td>
<td>☺ For “making someone’s day”, being present, choosing a positive attitude and having fun [all 4 elements of the Fish Philosophy]</td>
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**German**
The Year 6/7 class is working through a set of activities. One is a passage which they must read orally using correct pronunciation and expression. It is not an easy piece and they seem to be enjoying the challenge of mastering it! The 3/4/5s have begun using the English/German dictionary, along with learning the three words for “the” (der, die, das).
The younger children have a poem about Herbst (Autumn). We followed this up by hearing and answering the question, would you like a piece of apple? This led to “Es schmeckt gut” (It tastes good). We also made Herbstmonsters with autumn leaves.

Bis später, Judy

**Christian Pastoral Support Worker News**
Hello everyone,

**Volunteers are Valuable**
It is National Volunteers Week and at Tuesday’s lunchtime activity, children coloured in a poster titled “It takes a community to raise a child”.
We talked about volunteers and what they do “for no pay”. Special thanks to all of you who volunteer at school and in the community, helping our young people and adding to their lives in so many ways.
Where would we be as communities without volunteers?

**At the footy**
I was impressed last Saturday when I saw one of the Blyth PS students patiently encouraging some preschoolers in their play.
Well done to our students who ‘look out’ for little ones - I know this happens a lot in many different social settings.
Take care families,

Regards, Mignon

**Rec - Year 2 Class News**
Last week we concentrated on “N” for New (Delhi) in India and the different spelling groups did: net, wet, jet
nest, pest, rest
bird, stir, fired, third
We also started our Guided Reading Groups where we each group has the book and we discuss meaning, structure, grammar and visual clues. These groups are going well.
In Maths we are using dice to count on up to one hundred and record this. So the Year 1s and 2s are about to do tens and units.
In Science we are doing “Spot the Difference” about how heat or cold can change food.
We are busy putting little bits of information together about India. I'm at a conference on Friday about “Visual and Spatial Learners”. 

Bye from the Rec – Year 2 Class & Gabrielle

Year 3-5 Class News
We have had a great start to the term and are continuing that with some fantastic work. Last week we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Magiera, our wonderful student teacher. This week is a messy week due to the NAPLAN tests, but next week we will be getting stuck into learning more about India. We will also begin learning about Rudyard Kipling, one of India’s most famous authors and reading his Just So Stories and the Jungle Book, as well as watching that old classic Jungle Book movie to compare it to Kipling’s book. Lots of busy children makes for a happy, buzzing classroom.

Cheers, Kate

Year 6-7 Class News
Dear Parents & Caregivers
It has been a very busy two weeks. Our SOSE topic is very exciting and the children are working in pairs to present information on different topics. Mrs Pratt has very kindly offered to show us a slide show on her trip to India. We are working on Algebra for the Year 7s and special numbers with the Year 6s. Sukhada our “Indian Cow” is looking beautiful. I’m sure she will look very glamorous when completed. The children are also studying the effects of having a balanced diet. You may be contacted by some of the students to help them organise and make costumes for Wakakirri. They are extremely enthusiastic. The dancing looks absolutely fabulous.

Cheers, Jillian