



Issue 3
Term 1, Week 5



24th February, 2021

Mudpicker Bulletin

Safety and wellbeing is always important.

Townsville South State School

School Vision: Every Student Succeeding.

2021 Priorities and Goals:

Reading – That 85% of students are at/above reading benchmark levels.

Mathematics and English – That 85% of students achieve a C or higher.

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L)

Every
Day
Counts

- * Be Safe
- * Be Respectful
- * Be Responsible
- * Be a Learner

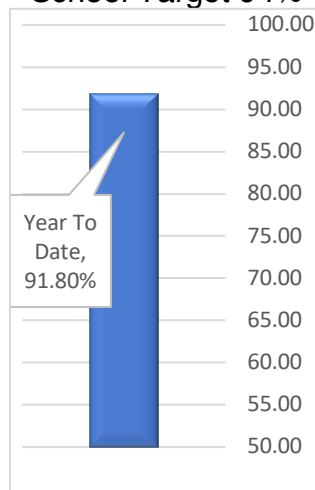
Reading is a Priority!

Goal - That **85%** of students are at or above reading level.

Remember for students to bring their take-home reading folder to school each day. Thanks!

Every Day Counts!

School Target 94%



Did you know?

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Principal's Report

Chris Riggs

Student Leader Badge Presentation

– Congratulations to our student leaders on their badge presentation last week at Parade.

School Captains – Caitlin and Lachlan

Vice Captains – Dylan and Makere

Student Council – Landyn (President) and Thomas (Treasurer)

Sports Captains – David (Reid House) and Xzavier (Black House)

Welcome Meet and Greet – I would like to thank our P&C for arranging the Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle to welcome our new families and prep students. Due to the weather, the event was moved to this Friday, 26th February from 3.30pm at the Spider Web area. We hope to see you there! As always, we are very appreciative of our P&C support! 😊

Year 5-6 Camp Incursion – The Year 5/6 class from both our school and Giru SS had a great day on Tuesday last week with the staff from Daradgee Environmental Education Camp. Activities included Team Challenges, Tie Dying and learning about the upcoming environmental processes.

Swimming Carnival – On Thursday, the Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival will be held at Aitkenvale State School between 9:15 – 11:15 am. Parents are welcome to join us.

New Lunchtime Club – Rubik's Cube Club. This is starting next Friday at the library. We are greatly appreciative of the parent support for this great club.



Citizenship Points – Congratulations to the amazing achievement of many students in earning their citizenship points. Keep up the great work!

Arid Pizza Garden – The installation of the pizza oven, deco base and rock area has commenced. We are about to also put in the log seating and campfire set-up. We will be using the sustainable kitchen garden for the Pizza Oven. Great to see such progress!

Playgroup – Wonderful that we are having additional new participants. It is only a gold coin donation per child each Wednesday (9:00 – 10:45am) and there are lots of lovely activities.

Possum Box Installation – On Friday 26 February, Skilled Trees will be coming in to install the possum boxes that were made by the Year 6 students in 2020.

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Mudpickers Positive 4 for Learning (PB4L)

Week 5 – Mudpickers make good choices.

Week 6 – Mudpickers solve problems.

Student Awards

Class	Reading	Term 1, Week 3		Reading	Term 1, Week 4	
		Achievement	PB4L		Achievement	PB4L
Prep/1	Logan	Pablo	Emerson	Blake	Indie	Ruby
Year 1/2	Cliffton	Max T	Max K	Zara	Harper	Connor
Year 3	Lilly	Balin	Isla	Cai	Rachel	Jack
Year 4/5	Quinn	Benjamin	Olivia	Sesmo	Indiana	Charlie
Year 5/6	Hayley	Caitlin	Davida	Tyler	Harry	Lachlan

Class Awards

	Term 1, Week 3	Term 1, Week 4
Highest Week Attendance Improvement	4/5	5/6
Highest Attendance Across the Year	Prep/1	Prep/1

Prep/1

Wow! For the last two weeks, Prep/1 has won the school attendance award. We are so proud of their outstanding effort by coming to school every day. Our attendance mascot, Wilbur the Pig, has found a very friendly home in the Prep/1 classroom and Shelby the Sheep visited in Week 3 to let us know we also had the most improved attendance. After four weeks, our class is in a fantastic routine. Our mornings are filled with reading and literacy activities. Our middle sessions are all about Maths and exploring number. In the afternoons, we have Interactive Writing (linked to a range of curriculum areas) followed by inquiry-based learning activities. It is very exciting seeing our Prep/1 brains grow every day!

Teacher - Paula Johnson



Year 1/2



Teacher - Mary Day

What an exciting Bronze reward the year 1&2 students have had. We had a visit from our adopt-a-Cowboy, Reece Robson. The class got to meet Reece and play with him on the spiderweb, whilst Win News took some photos. Afterwards, we all enjoyed an ice-cold icy pole.

We have been hard at work writing our re-tell of an imaginary text in English this week. In addition to this, we have been creating an 'under the sea' artwork using collage and multimodal techniques. We can't wait to display our amazing work in the classroom.



Mudpickers' – A piece of History - Students at the school are affectionately known as 'mudpickers'. This is based on the history of the school as it was originally Ross Island State School. Children routinely short-cut along the mudflats to get to school and then had to pick the mud out of their toes. The term 'Mudpickers' is well known throughout the Townsville community and the logo appears on the school uniform.



School Watch
131788 (please ring if you see any issues outside school hours)

Contact Details
Please keep your contact details up-to-date at office. Thanks.

Year 3

The Year 3 students enjoyed the challenge of versing their opponent in the paper version of 'Battleships'. They each were required to create two grids and to label each axis with coordinate points. They placed their five ships on their grid and gameplay was on.

On Wednesday, students were also excited to receive their Bronze reward and to also meet our adopt-a-Cowboy, Reece Robson.



Teacher - Kerri Detenon

Year 4/5

During weeks 3 and 4, Year 4/5 have been busy engaging in a number of different activities, events and lessons. In week 3, year 4/5 started the week with a session with Healthy Harold for Life Education. Together, we learnt of the importance of cyber safety, as well as how to conduct ourselves online. On the Wednesday of week 3, we had our first swimming lesson where our instructors assessed the students' swimming ability before placing students into groups. In week 4, our year 5's enjoyed a day out of the classroom and spent some time with the leaders from Daradgee for an incursion day, where they got to tie dye their camp shirts!



Teacher - Wilson Horne

Year 5/6

This week in Science, we have been investigating moon craters. We recreated moon surfaces with layers of flour, glitter and cocoa powder and asteroids with playdoh. We conducted an experiment to see how the size of the impactor (eg: asteroid) affected the size of the crater and the length of the rays (ejector patterns) created. We learnt about how to conduct fair tests and that we can only change one variable and everything else must stay the same. We changed the size of the impactor and controlled the surface layers, size of container, what and how we measured, distance dropped from and crater material. We recorded our results in a table then graphed and analysed our data. It was lots of fun to get our hands dirty.



Teacher - Kathleen Stanger

Online Newsletter – Our newsletter is SMS out fortnightly and is also available on our Website/QSchools App. If you need a paper copy ongoing notify your class teacher and you can collect a paper copy at office.

QSchools App – It is recommended that **all parents have the QSchools App** as we use this to message parents and also



**Reading is
always a priority!**

**Reading
Comprehension Skills**
Week 5 - Questioning
Week 6 – Visualising

P&C President News

Linda Murray

Welcome BBQ – Due to weather last week, the Welcome BBQ for new families was postponed to this Friday. Hope you can join us.

Hall Fans – There are 2 new, huge fans going to be installed into the hall area! More information coming out soon.

Tuckshop – Every Friday. As always, volunteers are important for the running of tuckshop. Drop in on Friday morning if you are interested. For orders - Please drop these at the office box. Thanks

Cash for Cans ID C10008680 – Can be deposited to any depot & our site POD.

School Calendar

Wednesday 24 Feb – **Year 3-6 Swimming Lesson**

Wednesday 24 Feb – Next Newsletter

Thursday 25 Feb – **School Swimming Carnival 9:30 – 11:30am @ Aitkenvale State School Pool**

Fri 26 Feb – Prep Parent Info Session – Take-Home Reading at 2.15pm in the Library

Fri 26 Feb – P&C Welcome Sausage Sizzle 3:30 - 4:30pm

Wed 3 March - **Year 3-6 Swimming Lesson**

Monday 8 March – Art in the Suitcase – Year 4/5

Thursday 11 March – Silver Reward Session

Thursday 25 March – Arts Council – Sean Choolburra – Indigenous Performance - \$6 (see attached info below)



Playgroup– Run by Miss Liz on Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:45am (but not during school holidays).
* Gold Coin Donation per child.

Milkshakes - Weekly Fundraiser by Student Council
- Every Thursday - \$1.50.
Flavours - Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana, Caramel & Vanilla



Our Website and QSchools App has newsletter and calendar details.

Garden News

Fellow Green Thumbs,

I hope everyone is having a fabulous week. What beautiful rain we're having, so keep on top of the weeds and turn the soil in your gardens and enrich with compost or organic matter. Don't forget to mulch to help keep the weeds down. Our school garden is looking great at the moment.

A big thank you to one of our mums for dropping in some capsicum plants last week. The students and I planted them on Tuesday and of course, with this beautiful rain we haven't had to water them.

Happy Gardening

Coordinator - Carissa Burnett



Covid-19 Safety Processes

As always, greatly appreciative of everyone's effort to maintain the safety of our school community!

- * Parents are now able to walk through the school eg from Prep to other classes to drop students off/pick up.
- * Parents are now able to wait outside downstairs classrooms or at the bottom of the stairs of upstairs classrooms.
- * No sign-in for parents, however visitors will need to sign-in at the office.
- As usual:** * Hand sanitiser is provided.
- * Social distancing of adults is required.
- * During class time, parents are to go to the office, rather than directly to the class.
- * Before school and after school times, parents are able to go directly and see the class teacher if needed.
- * Other than parade, adults are not to wait at the hall area due to the possibility of large numbers gate.
- * Students/Adults who are unwell are not to come to school.



Cough/sneeze onto your arm, to do no harm.



Townsville South State School P&C

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

Did you know the P&C operate a school tuckshop?
Did you also know that the Tuckshop is run completely by some of our lovely parents giving up their time volunteering for our kids each Friday?

We are always needing extra helpers, so if you are interested in helping (even just once a year), we would love to hear from you – please see Georgia at the tuckshop.

The Tuckshop is open each Friday of term from 8:30am – 12pm

Orders (preferably with the correct change) are placed in the Collection Box in the School Administration Office before class – with lunches delivered to each class during first lunch!

The set menu includes homemade cooked meals such as pizza, lasagne & salad or beef nachos rotated each term.

To see the full menu, go to the School's webpage, P&C Facebook or through the QSchools App.

Hope you can help out!





Sean Choolburra

Sean Choolburra is, without a doubt, one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers.

The Performance

Charismatic, vibrant and captivating, Sean fuses his engaging energy and humour with historical facts, spiritual wisdom, depth of ancestral understanding and knowledge; he is one very exciting and talented cultural ambassador.

Dance – stories – painting – fire creation – didgeridoo playing: all are presented with a wonderful array of artefacts, from fishing nets to hunting shields.

About The Performer

Sean Choolburra was born and raised in Townsville and his ancestors are Gu-Gu-Yalanji, Kalkadoon, Kandju and Bwgcolman from around Townsville and Palm Island.

Sean trained and toured internationally with the Bangarra Dance Company and was the creator and leader of the Naroo Dancers. His performances are hugely entertaining and filled with humour, and as his career continues to flourish, he is in demand for corporate and public events as an accomplished professional MC and comedian.

He has toured schools and colleges throughout Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand for over 20 years with his unique cultural program.

Check out Sean on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA04xG6ZHJg>

"Absolutely brilliant! Excellent cultural information delivered in an entertaining and humorous manner. He had both adults and children in the palm of his hand!"

- John Farnell, Principal Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, NSW



Cost: \$6.00 plus GST per student
Minimum: 140 students per session
Session length: 50 minutes plus Q&A



Bookings & Enquiries: Nexus Arts www.nexusarts.com.au
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Email nexusarts@netspace.net.au

Feedback for Sean Choolburra

"Thank you so much for Sean's performance, it was **wonderful**. Everyone just loved him! We would love to book Sean again next year!" - St Marys Primary School, Bellingen NSW

"Sean was a BIG/HUGE success. The community loved him. He did a **sensational** job. He is truly a wonderful performer and always gives such a lot to the community at these events." - Jody Irwin, Community Event: World No Tobacco Day, Grafton NSW

"The audience were **mesmerized** throughout and the pupil involvement was just right" - G. Harrison, Wesley Primary School, VIC

"**Loved it!** Funny, fast talker, great sense of humour. Students loved the stories, song and dance. Students said, "Amazing!" "Spectacular!" "Absolutely fantastic!" "Hilarious!" "**Unusually Terrific!**" "Blew my mind!" "Deadly! Can you come back for our graduation?" Great to see **students participating throughout** the performance. Totally brilliant, **personalised**, very educational. Held the whole school's attention for 1 hour 20 minutes!" - Cat Johnson, Magnetic Island State School, QLD

"Sean had all the students captivated and totally engaged. It was a very entertaining cultural experience for all of us." - Sharon Costello, Georges Hall Public School, NSW

"All students gave Sean 10/10 for his performance this morning.

Erica "It was really funny!" Brock "It was really, really, really fun and happy!"

Samantha "Awesome!" Kayla "I liked the fire making!"

Damon "The end and the middle when we all started dancing was fun!"

Brooke "Blake, Tayla and I enjoyed getting our face painted."

Zieke "The didgeridoo was the best part." Elise "The dancing was the best part."

Shanae "I really liked the Whoopa Gammon Style." Abbey "The Shake it off was good."

Mason "The goanna dance was deadly!" Ivy "I liked all of the dancing."

Another quality performance from Nexus Arts. ☺ - Heathcote PS, VIC

"Our school was absolutely thrilled with Sean Choolburra. Can we re-book him for NAIDOC week next year? We'd love to see him again." - Freemans Reach PS, NSW

"Absolutely brilliant!" - Eden Primary School, NSW

"Sean was absolutely amazing on Friday night. The show was enjoyed immensely by both students and parents." - Lisa Haller, Canterbury Public School NSW

"Sean Choolburra is the best indigenous performer we have ever had!"

- Marlene, Mount Tarcoola Primary School, WA

"Thank you, Sean was amazing!! Students and staff absolutely LOVED him. Very professional, very funny – thank you again!" - Cecil Fox, Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer, Falcon Primary School, WA

"The performance was awesome, wonderful, entertaining & great!" - Great Ryrie PS, VIC