EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd Lutheran College’s Primary String Ensemble performed “Goblin’s Feast” by Keith Sharp beautifully at the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod on Thursday 6 August. The group consisting of Year 6 and 7 Strings students placed second by the narrowest of margins, one point.

Adjudicators praised the group noting, “A fine balanced ensemble showing a fine tuning and strong rhythmic drive” as well as “An absolutely fine ensemble – a credit to your teacher and school.”

Good Shepherd had a total of 31 string students participate in the Primary section, along with the GSLC Secondary Orchestra the day before being the only full orchestra to enter the competition.

Good Shepherd would like to congratulate all the students that represented their College with such ‘Verve’ (vigor, spirit and energy).

Sue Appleby

The Primary String Ensemble performers following the successful performance with Strings Teacher, Mrs Silvi Eckley.

Bright Sparks on Fire!

Congratulations! Good Shepherd Lutheran College students affectionately known as the ‘GSLC Bright Sparks’, lit up the big stage of the Caloundra Events Centre on the 29 July when they performed their story-dance item “It Only Takes a Spark” for Wakakirri, the National Performing and Visual Arts Festival for Primary Schools. Their stellar performance has earned them a place in the Grand Finals to be held in September!

Their story, written by Year 3 student, Lilli Jennings, brought laughter and tears to the capacity audience and won them a full contingent of Gold awards in every category! To top off an already fabulous night, they also took out the coveted ‘Public Speaking’ award, their three young speakers impressing the judges with their enthusiasm, self-confidence and natural public speaking abilities on stage after the performance. Incorporated into the item was a section of live singing and this was done with such brilliance that the “Live Singing” award was also won.

In the words of the Year 3 students who have taken full ownership of their item from its inception:

“We had the best night of our lives! It was so much fun and we loved every moment of it. The best part was when we finally got on stage in front of everybody after about 100 practices. We heard people laughing at Marat’s dancing and they were crying in the sad bit at the end too. We’ve learnt so much about acting and dancing and being confident! We hope that everyone got our message about caring for others and not just ourselves.”

The cast of 40 Year 3 students, one Year 1 student and 10 upper Primary students worked together with harmony and comradeship to produce an item that will not only have a lasting impact on them for life, but hopefully on their appreciative audience.

Rainfall

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For comparison it was 124mm in July 2008!
Report kindly submitted by Graham Brennan

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‘MOTHBALLING’ OF YEAR 10 AT MARY VALLEY COLLEGE

This is the second school I know of in the Mary Valley to now go through this. Is there going to be any high schools left in the Mary Valley?

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views on the above matter. We have just been through and experienced this process at our last school; Kenilworth State Community College.

A few points I wish to make are broken down here:

A) The outcome and struggles to regain a foothold on financial stability from Kenilworth’s high school closure.

In 2008 we underwent the same ‘mothballing of Year 10’ process at Kenilworth State Community College. The end result of ‘supposed negotiations’; closure of Grade 8 – 10. As we lived in Kenilworth at the time, our options were limited. Our choices were:

1) Enrol at Maleny and travel flood prone roads to and from school by bus. My eldest child also suffers motion sickness on long trips.
2) Drive child out of town about 5 - 10kms to meet bus to travel to Noosa District High. Also keeping in mind my child suffers motion sickness on long trips.
3) Distance Education through Brisbane School of Distance. The first two options were not feasible due to my work location and hours and also the fact that my son does not travel well. Therefore I had to choose School of Distance. School of Distance was a struggle all of its own. Most work went un-submitted and we moved to Imbil to enable my son to go to Grade 8 at Imbil.

B) Cost of relocating

1) Any move costs.
2) Cost of changing schools such as uniforms and books.

C) My responsibilities as a parent and a carer and why I need to remain in a rural town.

As a parent and a carer I need to be even more careful about my living locality choices. I need to be sure of my children’s as well as my husband’s (who I care for) wellbeing. Are we going to lose our rural location and have to go back to suburbia and stress? Which will have a negative impact on my husband’s health.

D) Limited travel ability for my children.

I work part time as well as care for my husband. I travel some distance to get to work. The constant travelling to work and caring for my husband has one drawback. I get tired! For these reasons, I do not wish my children to have to go to school in another town other than which we live in. We can’t afford to move again!

E) Long term effects of closure of higher year levels.

Kenilworth’s Year 10 ‘mothballing’ turned into high school closure. They lost Year 8 and 9 as well. Many families’ opinions were if Year 10 is not there start them in a new school at Year 8. End result – loss of more than just Year 10.

The loss of a High School I believe would negatively impact on the community. Families would begin to move on so their children can properly access schools. Some don’t mind the travelling and already do that; but others can’t afford it. If too many families move on what happens to the town itself? These rural towns are trying to grow while the education department keeps clipping their wings by removing vital education services.

Name supplied

EDITOR’S NOTE: There is a Caring for Carers forum at the Pomona Memorial Hall on Thursday August 27 with a 9.00am registration for a 9.30 start. Bookings are essential. PH: 5485 2427.

Swimming Sign-up at Kenilworth Pool

SIGN UP & Bookings for Lessons: at the pool, 2.30 - 3.30pm
Thurs 20th - Fri 21st and Thurs 27th - Fri 28th August, 2009

Classes starting on Monday 31st August 2009

Monday .......... Squad .................. 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday ........ Squad .................. 7am – 8am
Wednesday .... Squad .................. 3.15 – 4.00pm

Learn to Swim Classes starting 14th September 2009

Monday .......... Squad .............. 3.15pm – 4.00pm
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Tuesday .... Squad .................. 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Wednesday .... Squad .................. Same as Monday times
........................ Learn to Swim .... 11am – 11.30am
Thursday .......... Learn to Swim .... 11am – 11.30am

Also School Holidays 5-day intensive program

Learn to Swim & Squad Training

FIRST WEEK - 21st September to 25th September
Squad ............... Learn to Swim ...... 9am – 9.45am
Learn to swim ...... 10am – 10.30am
Learn to swim ...... 10.45am – 11.15am

ALSO DON’T FORGET OUR NEW RACE NIGHTS
First Race Night will be held on 25th September
Be at pool by 5.45pm for races to start at 6pm

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Two students from Noosa District State High School, Zach Friend and Taylor Ryan, recently participated in the State Rugby League Carnival for the Wide Bay Bulls at Brisbane during the first weekend of the June/July school holidays.

Both boys were named ‘Man of the Match’ with outstanding performances in all three games. Their performances earned them a position on the Queensland team with Taylor number 5 and Zach number 12. Both boys endured a weeklong training camp with their new Queensland team members preparing for a one off match against New South Wales county side in Forster NSW.

With a score of 4 to 12 for Queensland at half time with Taylor holding up a shoulder injury, he was forced from the field just before half time. The second half was exciting with Zach scoring a try ten minutes into the second half and an overall score of 20 to 26 to Queensland who took home the winners cup.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Year 3 student Charlie Fletcher certainly makes a wombat costume look very cute.

The entire cast and crew of the Good Shepherd Lutheran College Wakakiri production, “Bright Sparks”

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