

noticeboard

fax broadcasts

The following broadcasts have been sent out since the last edition of *Education Views*:

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deadlines

Submissions for inclusion in the next Noticeboard page of *Education Views* (published March 31, 2006) must be received by 5pm, March 22, 2006. Please be sure to include relevant dates, contact names and phone numbers.

contributions

Due to large numbers of contributions a limit of 50 words or less has been imposed on submissions for noticeboard, conferences and courses and competitions, and 30 words or less for reunions, anniversaries and retirements. Submissions are subject to editing. *Education Views* cannot guarantee publication of contributions. Priority is given to correspondence sent by email. Email: educationviews@qed.qld.gov.au

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GREAT EXPLORATIONS IN MATH AND SCIENCE: The GEMS (Great Explorations in Math and Science) Team from Florida State University's Office of Science Teaching Activities is holding professional development workshops in Bundaberg on July 21 and 22. Teachers will experience new science teaching methodologies as they learn how to implement GEMS activities in their classrooms. The workshop will present an inquiry approach to both science and maths. The workshops are free. For further info contact Rosie Thrupp at r.thrupp@cqu.edu.au

retirements

GRAHAM CARNES: Friends and colleagues are invited to celebrate the retirement of Graham Carnes, long time and valued teacher at Mundingburra State School on April 1 at Townsville City Golf Club from 7.00pm. Cost: \$40pp including dinner and contribution to gift. RSVP Craig Homer on telephone (07) 4759 6444 or email: chome8@eq.edu.au
MURRAY ROBERTSON: Friends and colleagues are invited to the retirement dinner of Kilcoy SHS principal Murray Robertson at the Stanley Hotel, Kilcoy on March 29 from 6.30pm. Cost \$30 pp. Bookings and payment by March 22. Well wishes may be faxed to (07) 5422 4300. For further details phone: (07) 5422 4343 or email: knunn5@eq.edu.au

reunions

HAYSTACK STATE SCHOOL: Will be holding a reunion for past students (1910 – 1968) and staff at the Warra Celebration weekend on April 29-30. Celebrations will include official opening of the restored old Haystack school building, BBQ lunch as well as other activities in the township of Warra 47 km west of Dalby. Register for the weekend by phoning Coral Ellis on (07) 4668 1229.
HUGHENDEN STATE SCHOOL: The Grade 1 of 1957 to Grade 10 of 1966 are holding a Reunion in Townsville on the Queen's Birthday June 10-12. We are looking for Teachers that taught these grades at the school

during this time. Please contact Barbara Giesler (Playford) on (07) 4741 1648, Maralyn Lloyd on (07) 4953 5494 or Cam Riggall on 0418 777 352. We would love to have you there.

INNISFAIL STATE HIGH SCHOOL: Did you attend Innisfail SHS between 1982 (year 8) – 1986 (year 12)? Then we are looking for you! Celebrations are being planned for our 20 year reunion on the Queen's Birthday long weekend, June 10. For further information, contact Jenny Jones (Anderson) on (07) 4045 4335, email: longfella@primus.com.au or Shirley Anastasi on (07) 3256 2123, email: shirlana@bigpond.net.au or visit <http://ishs86reunion.tripod.com/>
KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL: Will be holding a 50th anniversary reunion at the school for past staff on July 20 at 3.30 pm and for past staff and students (1956-2005) on July 22 from 11am – 4 pm followed by an evening function to be advised. Further information and to register your contact details phone Chris Dannenberg on (07) 3630 3330.

MARYBOROUGH STATE HIGH: Neil and Ann Petersen are organising a 20 year reunion for the graduating class of 1986 and their teachers to be held on October 21 at the Maryborough RSL. Please register your interest by emailing bundyphysio@interworx.com.au or phoning: (07) 4155 3812.

MUNDUBBERA STATE HIGH SCHOOL: Mundubbera SHS is holding a 20 year reunion (Year 10), 30 year (Pre-school) for class of 1986 on the Easter weekend. Staff and students from any schooling year with this class are welcome to attend. Contact Camille Curtis on camillecurtis@yahoo.com.au or phone: (07) 5534 7620.

SUNSHINE BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL: Foundation graduates of Sunshine Beach SHS are holding their 10 year reunion on April 8. Students and teachers from the class of 1996 are invited to attend. Please email your details to sunshinebeachshs10years@gmail.com

TOWNSVILLE TEACHERS COLLEGE: A reunion of students and staff of 1976 graduates is to be held in 2006. If you have information to assist with the contact of students and/or staff or would like to express your interest, please contact Alex Phillips on phone: (07) 4728 3775 or email aph50743@bigpond.net.au

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

This joint initiative of the Queensland Olympic Council and the Department of Education and the Arts recognises the sporting achievements of Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Nomination packs were sent to schools on March 10. Nominations close May 22. For further information contact Millie Wagstaff at the Queensland Olympic Council on (07) 3217 2111, email: millie.wagstaff@olympics.com.au or visit the website at www.olympics.com.au (State Olympic Councils – Queensland link)

WANTED TO BUY

Junior Graphics Textbooks (Howard Pickering) ISBN 0 7016 2588 0. Only 5 copies required. Contact Brendon Ross at Barcaldine State School on (07) 4651 5333 or email: bross59@eq.edu.au

TENTH ANNUAL IWASAKI TRAVEL BURSARIES AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2006 PROGRAM

Year 11 students studying Japanese in state and non-state schools are invited to apply for this Program. Two Bursaries valued at \$6,500 each include two months of study and host family living in Japan. Applications close: May 8. For Information and application forms please email: roger.white@qed.qld.gov.au

MARYBOROUGH TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE:

This year's challenge is on again from September 15-17. Visit the website at www.mtcqld.com.au for all the latest rules and regulations, or email Ross Humphries, Race Director, Maryborough SHS on rhump16@eq.edu.au

QUEENSLAND TEACHERS' SOCIAL BOWLS CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS

Members of the teaching profession who are members of a bowls club are invited to join. Games are played monthly on a Sunday at clubs in the Brisbane area. Contact secretary Eric Clarke ph (07) 3201 4192 or email: clarkee@primus.com.au for information.

FLYING DOCTOR DAY – HELP KEEP THE FLYING DOCTOR FLYING!

On May 19 the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland Section) will celebrate Flying Doctor Day – a day where Queenslanders can help keep the Flying Doctor in our skies. Hold a dress down day in your school; sell badges, fridge magnets or tattoos; hold a morning tea; or come up with your own idea for fundraising fun. To register your interest visit the RFDs website at www.flyingdoctor.org.au or phone Kim Holcroft on (07) 3860 1149.

2006-2007 IN-JAPAN TRAINING PROGRAM FOR QUEENSLAND TEACHERS OF JAPANESE

Teachers of Japanese who have intermediate level Japanese skills and are currently teaching Japanese full-time at a Government primary or secondary school and expect to continue teaching in 2007 are invited to apply for the In-Japan Training Program to be held in Osaka, Japan from 4 - 24 January, 2007. Candidates must have at least one year of teaching experience as of 1 July 2006. Enquiries and application requests should be directed to Roger White at roger.white@qed.qld.gov.au Applications close May 29.

HAM RADIO NET FOR SCHOOLS TERM 1 AND 2

Deception Bay SHS is interested in forming an amateur radio net on 40 metres and 20 metres from 11.30am until 1.15pm every Friday for the rest of the term. Last year two New South Wales schools joined in and it would be good to have other Queensland schools join us. Proposed frequencies are 7100 mhz +/- QRM and 14200 mhz +/- QRM. If interested please contact Cec Kenny (VK4VKC) at Deception Bay SHS on phone 3897 2222 or email me at www.ckenn15@eq.edu.au

Pialba school focuses on the environment

PIALBA State School, through its engagement in the IDEAS process, has developed a unique approach to teaching across the school (school-wide pedagogy) that focuses on the environment.

The process also recognises that the school and community have a responsibility to the ocean, the reef, the islands and to each other.

IDEAS (Innovative Designs for Enhancing Achievement in Schools) is an exciting school revitalisation process, developed through a six-year alliance between Education Queensland and the University of Southern Queensland, involving over 200 schools across Queensland.

Pialba's students have been active in the IDEAS process, and by establishing an IDEAS committee, they have voiced opinions, conducted surveys and impressed the community with their commitment to the future of the school, and the development of a sense of community.

Staff and students have worked together to identify positive practices that enhance learning and teaching.

These practices have been captured in the Vision, Values and Pedagogical Statements, which guide the school as it creates an inspirational future for its students.

Pialba State School's VISION: *OUR School, OUR Students, OUR Future*
Pialba State School's VALUES: *OUR Way*

Our Way – At Pialba, we use "CALMER" and "STRONGER" to centre our behaviours in a positive fashion.

"CALMER" focuses on the softer side of interrelationships, while "STRONGER" has its focus on being strong in positive ways. These are combined with our Responsible Thinking Process to encourage each



Pialba State School principal Simon Boss-Walker, left, and Hervey Bay Mayor Ted Sorenson officially open the new community playground.

of us to think more productively about behaviour and how it impacts on ourselves, and others.

Pialba State School's SCHOOL-WIDE PEDAGOGY: OUR Environment At our school we:

- Get TANGLED in the WEB of LIFE
- DARE to sail BEYOND
- BLAZE a TRAIL to the FUTURE
- NURTURE each other NATURALLY
- CELEBRATE the CATCH
- Get HOOKED on LEARNING
- SCALE the UPS and DOWNS
- Take in the SCENERY along the WAY
- JOIN the BATTLE of the FITTEST
- BECOME a SURVIVOR
- Have FUN among the FIGTREES

Pialba State School has a school-wide curriculum that has a strong environmental flavour and stresses the application of excellent teaching practices, quality tasks and au-

thentic assessment items.

At Pialba State School, everyone takes ownership of the interrelationships within the school, and the responsibility for their influence on the preferred futures of staff, community members and, particularly, students.

It is this practised commitment that exemplifies social action within the school, and has seen the development of a supportive community with close links to the school. The opening of the new community playground is an example of Pialba State School's significant community links. In this case the Hervey Bay City Council, Ergon Energy and the school have jointly funded a \$110,000 community playground.

Pialba State School continues to build an exciting future, with Vision, Values and School-wide Pedagogy that is community owned, celebrated and actioned.