Mon Repos Turtle Centre and Lady Musgrave Island

Term 1 has been hectic, eventful and has certainly flown by! We have been studying all things turtle and tortoise, with a real life experience at Mon Repos and Lady Musgrave Island. Our first trip was postponed due to the cyclone off the coast in February.

Last Thursday we drove to Bargara and headed to the Turtle Encounter. We walked about 200m until we were ushered to a nest. Soon 63 baby turtles emerged to the light of the torch. These were netted then placed near the water. We watched them use their tiny flippers to edge to the water and then head to the open sea. We can only hope some survive to return and repeat the life cycle once more.

Lady Musgrave Island was fantastic. The trip out and back left little to be desired, but snorkelling with the sea life, experiencing the wonderful blues of the ocean and learning about the native wildlife of the island made up for the sea sickness.

Thanks to our parents who committed to this wonderful opportunity. Due to the ages of our students, we could not have done it without the support of our parents.

Check out our Facebook page for more photos.

PE with Gunalda SS

We have been lucky enough to participate in PE lessons with Gunalda SS on Fridays. This term we are participating in AFL.

English—Poetry

This term we have been studying the language of poetry: verbs groups, noun groups, participial phrases, and adverbials.

We have looked at poetry forms: historical, humorous, sad, imaginary, sad, real, tragic, informative, happy and how poems are representative of a country.

We have found limericks, onomatopoeia, spoonerisms, puns, nonsense words, neologisms and alliteration.

We know poems have verses, line length, rhythm, repetition and rhyme.

A poem like Mr Dakin’s, “The School Tree” can tell us about the history of our school.

Limerick by Arafín Koch

The Old Man

There was an old man with a nose,
Out of it lemonade flows,
It was far too much,
So the sent to him to where they spoke Dutch,
And there they inserted a hose!
Rhyming by Liam Spies Yr. 2

Sea Turtle

Sea turtle pink,
Like a pig’s skin,
Hasn’t got whiskers
On his chin!

A recount by Arafin Koch Yr. 4

Last week our school and parents went to Bargara, Mon Repos and Lady Musgrave Island. We went because we have been studying turtles and sea life in class. We drove to Bargara and went on a catamaran to the island. At the Turtle Centre we waited in line and were put in group two. We walked down the beach carefully. The guide took us to a nest. Very soon, baby turtles emerged out of the sand. They were collected and we saw them head towards the sea.

Friday morning we had breakfast on the beach. We boarded the catamaran at the Port of Bundaberg. At first it was fine but then I started to get sea sick. I went upstairs and felt much better. Not long, and I saw the island. We were the first group to visit the island and I saw lots of dead coral. I went snorkelling and I saw lots of fish. My favourite was the trumpet fish.

These were the best days of my life so far. I never knew what was coming next.

Turtles and Snorkels

Recount by Liam Spies Yr. 2

Last week our school and parents went to Bargara, Mon Repos and Lady Musgrave Island to see turtles and sea life. We drove to Bargara and went on a catamaran to the reef.

At Mon Repos, we were put in group two, to see the baby turtles. We had to walk about 1 kilometre to the turtle nest. Only the guide was allowed to have a torch, otherwise we would distract the baby turtles and confuse them. As soon as the guide flashed the torch, the baby turtles dug out. They were put in a basket and we were allowed to touch the baby turtles. The could fit on my hand. On their flippers they had rough scales. They were put in a basket and taken to the water.

On the way to the island on the catamaran, I got tossed around. It was wild. On the island there were lots of trees. There was dead coral shaped like brains.

While I was snorkelling, I saw a trumpet fish that was black, white and yellow. AWESOME! - was our excursion.

Alliteration by Liam Spies Yr. 2

Ripe red raspberry,
Big bad bear,
Nunchucking nervous ninja,
Great golden goose,
Chopped choked chicken.

A spoonerism by Oscar Koch Yr. 2

The Surtle

The Surtle swam in the tea
Swimming fast he used his flippers
He guaghed with lle
When his slippers got cold, he put on his flippers!
Recount by Oscar Koch

Last week our school and our parents went to Bargara, Mon Repos and Lady Musgrave Island. We went there so we could see the turtles hatching and real sea life.

We drove to Bargara and took the catamaran to the Island. My favourite activity was to see the baby turtles hatching. I got to feel a baby turtle. It felt rough and spiky.

I saw a real turtle in the sea when I was in the glass bottom boat. I put on a snorkel and mask and went snorkelling on the reef.

I hope next time will be EPIC!!

Surf Awareness—Mooloolaba

This term has been the term of postponements. Lucky for us we were able to visit Mooloolaba last Friday and have a fantastic time with lifesavers from the Mooloolaba Surf Club, teaching us how to negotiate the waves and use both a body board and nipper board. Oscar said the day was “awesome”! We had a great time with our neighbouring schools.

Limerick by Oscar Koch

There was an old man,
Who only had one hand,
He sat down on a chair,
Next to a guitar playing bear,
They all had fun in the sand
Rosella Jam Making

Liam was lucky enough to learn Rosella Jam Making from Mrs Vollmerhausen, another expert in our community. We picked the rosellas, stripped the leaves, washed and then cooked the rosellas, hoping the jam would set! Liam made his own jar label.

We also saw Mr Vollmerhausen making a wardrobe.

Gympie Regional Gallery

Come to a relaxing and creative session at the Gympie Regional Gallery at 39 Nash Street called “ART STARS”
Date: 7 May 2016

- 10am-12pm, ages 5-9 years
- 1pm-3pm, ages 10 and up

Creative art sessions for children, first Saturday of the month, $2 per session per child.

Contact Name: Gympie Regional Gallery
Contact Phone: (07) 5481 0733

Thank you

Mr Quinn, Mr Day and Mr Neumann for our garden soil.
Mr Spies for fixing our trundle wheel.
Ella, Megan, Alessandria and Cameron for being part of the kayak lesson, for Mrs McCormick’s Canoe Lifeguard Course.
Mrs Dulcie Vollmerhausen for teaching us how to make rosella jam.