Year 4/5 have begun their unit on the Murray River by tracing the history of European Settlement and that of the local indigenous Australians. The tasks involved were examining the importance of the paddle steamers, farming and irrigation and the indigenous understandings of the river’s origins and their role in its care over thousands of years.

In particular, the class listened to the indigenous story of “How the Murray River Was Made”. Their task was to retell it using the correct sequence of events, convert notes into sentences and illustrating it. The following retell was written by Hannah Alway.

**How the Murray River Was Made**

*Early one morning, an old woman was walking with her three dingoes and was carrying a digging stick. She was dragging the stick along the sand while looking for grubs and berries.*

*Toonatpan the big rainbow snake heard the digging stick and woke up furious. He followed her track making it deeper. It poured down rain filling up the Murray River that joined up to the sea.*

*And if you listen to the ocean then you may hear the old woman singing in the sleep.*

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**Important Dates:**

- 20 August – Cricket promotion
- 21 August – Guest appearance choir & rock pop @ Senior Week celebrations
- 24 August – Optiminds
- 29 August – Guidance Officer Visit
- 5 September – Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes.
- 10 September – School Photos (envelopes sent home last week)
- 12 September – School Disco

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2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!
Blue Mountain Campdraft Catering

Well what an eventful few days we have had. Last year we worried about dust on the ground this year the Campdraft eating area became a fast flowing creek. However three inches of rain in one day could not dampen our spirits. Sadly the Campdraft had to be cancelled on the Saturday morning but not before the competitors purchased and enjoyed beautifully home cooked meals, a hearty breakfast and enough fresh baking to last the week.

A very big thank you to all of you that supported the event, without your delicious food we would not have been able to pull through as well as we have. The quantity and quality of the Friday night meals and home baking was exceptional with the school fast gaining a reputation for their outstanding cooking. The wonderful donations of food and goods from our school community is so very much appreciated and it is so wonderful to see such a small school come together to put on such a great event despite the trying conditions.

A special thank you to all the families that stayed on in the wet weather and worked the canteen while standing in ankle deep water, you are all truly remarkable and it was great to be able to share a laugh and bond together in all kinds of weather.

*Our school thanks everyone for their contributions, donations, equipment and time; it truly is an honour to be part of this great school community.*

Many thanks,
Mel Hamblin
Campdraft co-ordinator

The normal tuckshop menu will not be operating this Friday 22nd August 2014. The following items will be for sale:

- Roast Beef and Gravy Roll $3
- Home-made Pizzas (Cheese, Ham & Cheese and Ham, Cheese & Pineapple) $3

Poppers, Sweets, Ice Blocks and Frozen Yoghurts will also be available for purchase.

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Tips for Parents to Manage Technology’s Dark Side  
Part 3

A range of resources were also available at the workshops. Some websites were also given which parents may find useful.

The Sarina and District School’s Chaplaincy Committee has purchased some resources for parents to borrow. Our school has been provided with a copy of Brad’s book “The Dark Side of Technology” as well as a DVD titled “Parenting Digital Children”. The DVD was recorded in Mackay and shows a presentation Brad and Sgt Dalton gave to parents of Mackay Christian College. Parents may find the Q&A part of the DVD particularly useful. These resources are available for loan from our chaplain or through the school office.

The website www.thinkuknow.org.au is a great resource. Parents are able to access information on topics such as:

- KIK Messenger (a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches);
- Managing Your Reputation (about losing control over who sees things sent digitally via a mobile phone or the internet);
- Ask.fm (a social Q&A website, launched in Latvia, which promotes itself as offering the ability to ask anonymous questions to an individual’s ‘profile’);
- Cyber Safety (ten top tips for young people);
- Cyberbullying (ten top tips for young people);
- Instagram (a photo-sharing app that allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share contents with either users or the general public);
- Snapchat (a free application which allows users to send images (‘snaps’) to each other for up to 10 seconds, with an added caption and which then ‘dissolve’).

The booklet, “Who’s chatting to your kids?” has been produced by the Queensland Police and provides parents with practical information about internet safety, including the technology used by children and how you can reduce the risk of your child becoming a victim. A copy of the booklet, and a useful family internet agreement, are available for download at www.police.qld.gov.au

Sarina State High School is actively seeking enrolment from students in year 6 and 7, so that they can accurately prepare for the transition program and additional responsibilities caused by the ‘Y7 into High School’ move. To date, only 7 students in 6/7 have enrolled. Your cooperation regarding an early enrolment would be much appreciated.