Greetings all,

Firstly this week I would like to congratulate Mrs Greer and the school choir on their performance this morning at the Gympie Eisteddfod. This is the first time in a number of years that Kandanga has entered this event and the students, whilst understandably nervous, did themselves proud with their performance. The choir finished 4th in their section and also received a Highly Commended for their efforts.

Individual NAPLAN reports have gone home today with students in years 3 and year 5. NAPLAN assesses students in the key areas of Numeracy, Reading, Spelling, Writing and Grammar and Punctuation. These results provide valuable insight into the effectiveness of our school programs and also provides valuable information for parents as to how their child compares in these areas to the majority of students across Queensland. To protect individual students privacy we are not permitted to publicly release individual results but our overall results this year have been exceptional. Between both year 3 and year 5 our students have outperformed the State and National average results in 5 of the 10 possible domains. Our results for the remaining 5 domains are all statistically similar to the State and National averages. If you would like an interview time to discuss your child’s report please contact the school to arrange.
**Mary Valley Bush Poetry**

On Thursday 18th August selected students in Years P-7 will be competing in the Mary Valley Public Speaking competition. The competition will run from 9:30am to 1:00pm. More details including students selected will follow in the next newsletter.

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**Tuckshop**

Meal Deal for Tuckshop next Wednesday will be **Toasted Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich**.

Please write your order on a paper bag with correct Money and return to school by Monday next week. Thanks.

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**Zone Sports**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Mary Valley Schools at the Gympie & District Zone Sports.

Daimon Lucht - Boys 11 yrs - 800m
Brayden Joseph - Boys 11 yrs - Shot Put.

The 800m will be held on Friday 11th August and the Shot Put will be held on Thursday 10th August.

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**Community News**

**Acting Wise Drama Classes**

Six week workshop program commencing Tuesday Aug 9

Understanding Self.

This will help children explore their feelings and self expression. Help build trust, confidence and acceptance. Kids will use movement and voice to explore and express their creativity. This encourages reflection and self-awareness by focussing and trusting your intuition.

- **7-9 years**: 3.20 - 4pm
- **9-11 years**: 4.10-5pm
- **11-13 years**: 5.10-5.50pm

Cost $78

Gympie Yoga and Relaxation Centre
7 Alma St, Gympie
Please phone for more information and to make a booking 0437 312 039

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**Sickness at School**

It’s that time of the year again where sickness in students is prevalent.

The best place for a sick child is at home. If your child is showing any sign of sickness, could we please ask that you keep your child at home where I’m sure they will feel far more comfortable. It also eliminates the possibility of sharing their illness with other children at school.

We also ask that if your child will be absent from school for whatever reason, that parents contact the school office so we can mark your child absent for that day.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.