

Primary entry #23: Milbrodale Public School



## Milbrodale Matters



**ON BEAT:** Students at Milbrodale School show their musical talents by performing drumming patterns.

## Creative arts engaging youngsters

By **EMILY PARKINSON** and **MACKENZIE DUNN**

EACH week Milbrodale Public School travels to another small school to participate in a creative art program called The Song Room.

There are many valuable experiences gained from this weekly excursion and the students form many friendships.

They are now in the second year of this program. During the first year Marnie Young ran a play called *Happily Ever After* with the seniors. She then did a play with the juniors called *Animal Kingdom*.

Marnie also taught students drama games such as Zip Zap Zoom, The Zombie Game, Honey I Love You, Shape Olympics, Me You, What Are You Doing and many others.

This year students have Amy O'Sullivan, from London.

Amy taught students the Patience Step and The Friendship Step.

They also learnt about islander cultures with songs such as *Tongo*, *Taba Naba*, *Mobackomenofrey*, *Che Che Kule*, *Pate Pate* and drumming patterns.

This term the focus is on Australia. Pupils will make thongophones, lagerphones and didgeridoos.

They are also making a documentary about small schools and will be holding the launch in October.

All the students enjoy the time spent together making new friends and learning new creative arts skills.

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FUND-RAISING is an important part of the daily operations in a small school.

With a limited number of students it can be difficult to raise a large amount of money to fund projects and programs for the school, therefore schools such as Milbrodale Public have many fund-raising activities throughout the year.

Milbrodale recently held a family fun day which featured trash and treasure stalls plus many others. Lots of mums and dads helped with stalls such as the barbecue, novelty games and sport games. There was also a special performance from the students.

Christine Wyborn was involved in organising the event.

When asked if it was hard to co-ordinate or if there were any glitches on the day, she replied: "A little bit, because we needed more helpers."

"Some of the drinks did not get cold enough but I would like to have another one some day as it raised a lot of money for the school."

Monies raised from the day totalled \$1500, with \$200 coming from the stalls themselves.

In the future Mrs Wyborn has her



**IN DEMAND:** The cake stall was popular, selling tasty treats including cupcakes, toffees and jam.

sights set on increasing that amount to \$2000.

"I would like to see more stalls, maybe a jumping castle and more games for the children," she said.

The children at Milbrodale Public School said they enjoyed the fund-raising day. They helped out by making coffee, setting up the ring toss, selling cookies, doing face painting and also helped with the

games as well as the barbecue.

Their favourite moment though, was the ice fight they had.

There was also a cake stall where there were many yummy cakes and treats on offer, including toffees, cake pops, cakes, cupcakes, jams and condiments.

The children were able to come to the cake stall to make their own decorated iced biscuit to enjoy.

During the day the barbecue was busy selling sausage sandwiches, drinks and tea and coffee.

Many parents and friends helped during the day to make this a successful annual event.

Principal Kristen Kime is already thinking about the next fun day. Plans are well under way to raise more money to buy equipment to use at the school.



**KEEPING SAFE:** Students learn on the bike track.

## Pedalling towards safety on roads

By **MADDISON HARRIS** and **JASMINE KAIZER**

AT Milbrodale Public School every month the students have a bike day and they all bring a bike to school to ride.

The school has a bike track where students can practise riding safely and carefully following the appropriate road rules.

Most Milbrodale students

bring a bike but some bring a scooter to use instead.

The students ride their bikes at lunch and recess.

They have also participated in the Ride Safely to School Day over the past few years. This involves the students taking their bikes about one kilometre away from the school and, under supervision, riding them back to school together.

Many of the students at

Milbrodale School live out of town and don't have the opportunity to learn how to ride safely on roads and bike tracks.

This is why it is important for them to have such bike safety days each month, to learn these valuable skills.

As well as the safety benefits, the students all immensely enjoy the program and look forward to it each month.



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