“The Mysterious Postman”
by Bazinga at Aldridge State High School

“The Mysterious Postman” is an interesting story about friendship, school bullying, and finding your inner value. It tells the story of a schoolgirl named Shay who endures much bullying at the hands of Tiffany. After enduring one too many bullying sessions, Shay runs away from school and bumps into a kindly postman who has a magical pet dingo. The postman teaches Shay how to use magical powers, such as healing and levitation, which Shay uses to make new friends and overcome Tiffany’s bullying.

This story is well written, contains some dynamic characters and is initially quite engaging. It uses magical powers as a metaphor for a person’s inner wealth to show that this is more important than owning the latest material object. While the story has a few errors and is perhaps too violent towards the end, it explores important social issues and is quite touching in places. It leaves the reader with an important message: many young people struggle to make friends but having friends is an important part of life because knowing someone is there to support you lets you know there is hope. Good work.

Bazinga were also the highest fundraisers out of Aldridge High’s 14 teams, raising $1289.00 for the Royal Brisbane Children’s Hospital. They were rated the nation’s fourth highest fund-raiser.

Team Bazinga are:
Grace Reachill
Kieran Sturgiss
Ashleigh Hinz
Jordan Mooney
Stacey Parker
Brianna Sengstock
Ethan Rickert
Felicity Woodman
Bree Halson
MR. HEDBERG - YOU HERO!!!!

You can read all student books on the Write a Book in a Day website.

RAYNA MORRIS
Head of Department - ENGLISH
Aldridge State High School students of Japanese forged lifelong memories and friendships on the school’s recent biennial trip to Japan.

Students got the brilliant opportunity to enjoy the sights and culture of Japan whilst practising their Japanese language. They visited seven World Heritage listed sights including Kinkakuji – the Golden Pavilion - a stunning gilded structure originally used for a nobelman’s villa, Todaiji Temple - the world’s largest wooden structure, and Nijo Castle that was once used as the Tokugawa Shogun’s family palace. It boasts an impressive security device – the “nightingale floor” which was designed to make a chirping sound when walked upon so that people could not move around the corridors undetected.

A visit to the Atomic Genbaku Dome, Peace Memorial Park and Peace Museum in Hiroshima was strangely confronting and uplifting. Certainly it highlighted the importance of learning from history and world peace in a very real way.

It wasn’t all temples, shrines and stunning scenery, yes, they did see the impressive Mt Fuji. A taste of Japanese sporting culture saw students swept up in the mania of Tokyo Yakult Swallows and Hiroshima Carp baseball game and a sumo tournament at the National Kokugikan Sumo Arena. Of course a highlight for the students was their day spent at the delightful Tokyo Disneyland.

After a week spent in a hotel, students had the enriching experience of Japanese family life during two homestays. The first was a two day stay in Tome, a more rural area of Japan where the school signed the official Friendship Arrangement with the Board of Education. The second week long stay was in Kasukabe with students from our sister school Kasukabe Junior High. Whilst here students attended classes at the school and witnessed both the Fraser Coast Mayor Gerard O’Connell and Kasukabe Mayor Mr Ryozo Ishikawa sign the Sister City Agreement.

“The hospitality of the Kasukabe and Tome families, Kasukabe Council and sister school/friendship school communities was overwhelming – Aldridge has some wonderful friends in Japan!” stated Japanese teacher Miss Sue Buck. “The 18 students who visited Japan will always treasure the memories they’ve made and the wonderful experiences they’ve had”.

As always, the invaluable planning and assistance received from Mr Osamu Murata and Mr Michiei Hosoi of KAFE (Kasukabe Aldridge Friendship Exchange) ensured that this year’s Japan Trip was an outstanding success.

To add further excitement and an unexpected twist students stayed an extra three nights in Japan after their flight was cancelled due ash in the air from a volcanic eruption two hundred kilometres north of Tokyo. When the intrepid travellers finally made it home, after close to three weeks away, they were exhausted, but brimming with tales of their wonderful adventures.

SUE BUCK
SAC - Japanese
**“Borrowers of the Night”**

Nanami Kuwazuru

Nut scurried after Bean in excitement. “Dad, are we there yet?” asked Nut.

“Nearly,” grunted her father in return. Together, they passed through dark tunnels and trotted across thin pipes. Soon they reached a narrow crack leading outside. Nut’s beady brown eyes widened in anticipation. It was like a portal to another world. She and Bean stepped through.

What spread before Nut was like nothing she’d ever seen before in her dirty old home in the wall. The home of the big people exceeded all her expectations in grandeur and size. Massive benches, tables and chairs were placed across the room and everything else was made to the same scale. From where she stood, Nut could already smell fresh bread and fruit from the kitchen. Through a vast window, she gazed at the twinkling diamonds in the sky with fascination.

Bean’s stern voice snapped her out of her dream, “Nut, just because you’re finally old enough to come on a borrowing trip, it doesn’t mean you can go off on your own okay? And remember…”

“I know, I know,” Nut sighed. “We have to be careful not to wake up the humans because they don’t like us, right?”

Bean nodded gravely. “We’re only here to collect some food. Only take what can’t be missed.”

Quietly, Nut and Bean crept along the cold tiled floor until they reached the pantry. Together they slipped through a narrow gap between the pantry doors. Using many boxes and containers, the two jumped and skipped up to a shelf. A maze of cans and jars towered over them. Delicious scents of spices and flavor wafted past. First was the apricots. Next was the sugar cube, then the chips. Soon, Nut and Bean’s bags were stuffed to their fullest.

Nut grinned. “My mouth’s watering already. We haven’t eaten such food in years! I can imagine Mum, Corn and Peach’s faces when they see what we’ve got.”

Bean smiled in return and said, “We’ll have to hurry then. We can’t keep them waiting any longer.” Feeling satisfied, Nut and Bean scurried back down onto the floor.

Just as Nut left the pantry, an irresistibly pungent aroma wafted into Nut’s face. “Mmmm. What is that smell?” she asked herself. In a daze, she tottered around, tracking down the source of the smell, until she saw it. A perfect, squishy, yellow cube of cheese on a white platform. Captivated, Nut crept closer and closer until she was a whisker away from the cheese, her mouth watering. Just as she stepped towards the platform of cheese, Bean’s desperate shout echoed across the room. “No Nut! STOP!” But he was too late. Nut’s foot landed on the white platform.

Suddenly, something big and grey slammed into Nut’s body. The force sent her flying off the platform and crashing into the floor. Dizzy and disorientated, Nut sat up to see what had happened.

“Dad?” Her father was lying on top of her. “Dad, what’s wrong?”

Bean slowly sat up and gave a huge sigh. “Nut! Don’t ever do that again! Didn’t I teach you about mouse traps?”

Confused, Nut glanced towards where the cheese had been. A shiver coursed down her spine as she saw a hard, metal bar had slammed down onto the platform. *That could’ve been me,* she thought. But this small rush of fear was nothing compared to the huge, mind-numbing fear she felt next.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The floor shook like an earthquake, along with the deafening sound of humungous footsteps. The light above flickered on, washing away the safe protection of the darkness. Nut froze, for across the room stood a weary-eyed human, hoven by the slam of the mouse trap.

The human was an overweight, middle-aged man. He wore a dirty white singlet, ragged green boxers and pink, fluffy slippers. Tufts of oily black hair sat on his head with a matching black and wavy beard covering his face. Above all, he was at least a thousand times bigger than Nut.

Legs shaking, Nut turned to her father. “D…Dad, it’s a human. We need to run!” But Bean would not move. “Dad, what are you doing? Come on!” shouted Nut, desperately.

Bean sadly looked at her and said softly, “I can’t Nutty, I’m stuck.” Nut’s eyes widened in dread, fearing the worst. The worst came true.

Her father’s long, pink tail was jammed between the mouse trap’s jaws. Had it gotten stuck when he dived to save her?

Across the room, the human was slowly pulling off a slipper - a perfect weapon. “Ha! Stupid midgets, falling for the trap. I’ve got you now!” his voice boomed throughout the house. With murderous eyes, he started towards his prey, every thunderous step bringing him closer and closer.

“You have to go!” begged Bean. “You have to get the food to our family and warn them. It’s no longer safe in the wall!”

“No!” refused Nut. They were going home together.

Grabbing the trap’s metal bar, she pulled and pulled with all her strength until her hands bled. Still, it would not budge. By now, the human was just a few steps away. He was closing in.

“Go Nut. Save yourself!” yelled Bean.

“No!” Nut screamed back at him and continued to pull on the bar.

An enormous shadow cast over them. The giant towered over them grinning and clutching a slipper. Nut’s whole body shook. She stood there, powerless. The man brought his slipper swooshing down like an executioner’s axe.

At the last moment, Bean screamed Nut’s name and shoved her aside. “Run!”
In July a number of Year 8 and 9 students competed in the “International Competition and Assessment for Schools” mathematics competition run by the University of New South Wales. Students attempt to complete 40 questions across a range of mathematical disciplines in 60 minutes. Students are provided with personal feedback highlighting strengths and weakness in comparison to other students in Australia. The competition is extremely challenging both in academic requirements and speed.

One of our Year 8 students Hannah Karrasch has performed exceptionally well being placed in the top 1% of students in Australia.

Nanami Kuwazuru (Year 8) was placed in the top 5% in Australia and Dominic Sal (Year 9) was placed in the top 10% in Australia.

**OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT:**

**High Distinction:** Hannah Karrasch  
**Distinction:** Nanami Kuwazuru and Dominic Sal  
**Credit:** Krista Bradshaw, Lachlan Brooks, Emily Burns, Carla-Jayne Cousins, Chloe Gallagher, Ceridwen Harris, Lindsy Lethbridge, Teneille Lowe, Eva McKee, Taylor Morrison, Hannah Nolan, Lauren Thompson (Year 8), Amelia Connell, Jared Ethell, Jun Guilfoyle, Ben Harvey, Aidan Manwaring, Georgia Masters, Daphne Murtagh, Jessica Stimpson, Tate Tracey, Brooke Philippa, Caramaree Robertson and Alex White (Year 9).

**Merit:** Brianna Johnston, Darcy Karrasch, Daniel Manski, Melanie Stephens, Samantha Hunter, Finn Mead (Year 8), Pacey Clarke, Taleaha Croker-Scifleet, Angus Dodd, Jared Pacey, Elly

**Senior Schooling News**

**YEAR 13**
Our Year 13 program kicks off on Wednesday 15 October and continues for four weeks. Year 12 students will participate in at least 2 *100 minute sessions helping to ease the transition from secondary to either tertiary or work. The programs provide advice and assistance in order to transition on. Key outcomes from these sessions would include:

- Students being aware of the financial responsibilities and support that await them when they attend university.
- The opportunity to sign up to Tertiary preparation programs in order to prepare for entry to university in the future.
- The opportunity to sign up to Certificate III training next year.
- Clear directions and advice regarding applying for apprenticeships in the mining and construction sectors.
- A drafted resume and observation of appropriate interview techniques.

**QTAC**
While the initial application period has closed - students are still able to make changes to their QTAC application. Please encourage students to see Mr Amarandos (Guidance officer) to discuss these.

**VET in SCHOOLS (VETiS)**
In the very near future we will be advised about the success or otherwise of students applying to study Certificate II courses through TAFE. Late last term Year 11 students rechose subjects with the addition of these courses. The courses are:

- Certificate II Automotive servicing Technology
- Certificate II Furniture Making
- Certificate II Tourism
- Certificate II Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II Sport and Recreation

When these programs are confirmed we will finalise enrolment procedures and make timetable adjustments as required. As a general rule students studying a VETiS qualification will do so on a Thursday at Nagel St campus of TAFE and to assist this they will reduce their study load to 4 subjects in total.

**LEADERS INDUCTION**
Parents are invited to attend our parades on Thursday and Friday 30 and 31 October for our leaders induction. Thursday will see the induction of currently in Year 10 and 11 while Friday will have the induction of leaders from Years 8 and 9. The Year 9 leaders induction will also include the induction of Junior School captains and Junior House Captains. Parades run from 8:40 am until 8:55 am.

**SPEECH NIGHT**
Speech night is Tuesday 21 Oct at 7:00pm. All students receiving awards are expected to attend. Could I seek your assistance in ensuring that they have arranged to have work off etc to facilitate this. Students will be advised on Tuesday 14 October of the award winners. Speech night is our night to celebrate the academic and leadership success of our students and ensuring all are present is a critical component of this.

**JACKSON DODD - Deputy Principal**
Our fundraiser for this Term is a pie drive which also includes a yummy festive range ready for Christmas. You can help raise funds for the P&C which then goes back into the School. Ask your family and friends if they would like to buy some yummy pies. They are a quick and easy meal ready at your fingertips. They are nutritious and competitively priced. Forms have been distributed to students at school, so if you haven’t received yours, please get a copy from the Office. Orders and money to be back into the office by Thursday, 06 November and delivery will be on Wednesday, 19 November. We will be doing the delivery a bit different this time to ensure everyone’s orders are ready when you come to pick them up. We will be sorting on the Tuesday ready for pick up on the Wednesday. This will give us extra time to sort the orders and have them ready to go. Anyone who is available to help pack the orders, please contact Leeanne on 0431 380 650. We thank you for your continued support.

TUCKSHOP
The Tuckshop is doing some catering on the pupil free day on Monday, 20 October in the hall. Anyone who is available to help prepare the food on the day please contact the ladies in the Tuckshop. Alternatively, if you are unable to help on the day, if you are able to help by baking something for morning tea (eg. a slice or biscuits), this can be dropped off to the Hall on Sunday between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 Midday or on Monday between 6.30 – 9.30 a.m. Your help would be really appreciated.

YEAR 12’s!! Would you like to buy a shirt to use to get all your friends and classmates to sign at the end of the year? If so you can purchase an old style Senior Shirt for $10.00. Just go and see the ladies in the Tuckshop.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 November.

A reminder that uniforms and calculators are available for sale in the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop is open every day between 8.00 – 2.00 p.m. Buy your uniforms from the tuckshop and help support the school. We are also offering a 3 month lay-by to pay off your uniforms. Buy up now ready for next year.

Our tuckshop is our most valuable fundraiser and it is desperately in need of volunteers to help out with preparation and serving. If you have any spare time to help out, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Juanita or Jenny at the Tuckshop on 4120 8423.

Ellen Bolderrow
Treasurer
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FORMS AND MONIES DUE BACK ON THE 06 NOVEMBER
DELIVERY DATE 19 NOVEMBER - TUCKSHOP FROM 2.30 PM
What is RATEP?
RATEP is a community based Indigenous teacher education program. It is a partnership between Education Queensland, TAFE Queensland North and James Cook University (Townsville).

What does RATEP provide?
RATEP provides access to tertiary education where people live and work. It has been successful in increasing the number of qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers eligible to teach in Queensland schools. RATEP has 15 centres throughout Queensland, with a Teacher Coordinator at each site to assist students throughout their course.

Who can access RATEP?
Courses are only available to people who identify as indigenous. The direct clients of RATEP are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people living in regional, rural and remote communities who wish to obtain a recognised teaching qualification from a tertiary institution.

What courses are available for 2015?
Certificate III in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) will be available to students studying Year 11 in 2015. Certificate III takes place on one of the subject lines for successful applicants. Successful completion of the qualification earns 8 points towards the QCE, and can directly lead on to further study to become either a Teacher Aide or Teacher.

Certificate IV in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and Diploma of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) are available to students who have completed their QCE and adults who wish to gain these qualifications.

A Bachelor of Education is available to people who have gained an OP through their Year 12 study, direct access after the Diploma course successfully completed, or other direct entry pathways.

For more information:
Phone or visit Jan Sterling, RATEP Teacher Co-ordinator, on (07) 4120 9359 or visit Q103 at MSHS
Visit the MSHS website on https://maryboroshs.eq.edu.au ð Curriculum ð Tertiary Programs ð Related links
Visit the RATEP link under the Parents and Community menu option at http://indigenous.education.qld.gov.au
Visit TAFE Queensland North and enter Education ATSI in Search courses at http://tafenorth.edu.au for the top 3 links about the RATEP courses

Visit James Cook University on www-public.jcu.edu.au/education/ratep for information about their Bachelor of Education course.

Get a fee-free Head Start university experience this summer school holidays
Are you currently in Year 10, 11 or 12 and achieving good results? If so, USQ Head Start will give you a real university experience over the summer school holidays right here in Hervey Bay.

You’ll study our Information Systems Concepts course which explores business and information technology systems. Once you complete this course (and your school prerequisites), you’ll get guaranteed entry into a USQ Business, Commerce or IT degree program, credit towards your degree and 2 QCE points. Plus your first USQ course will be free!

Applications close 27 October. Apply now to start in mid-November.

Visit usq.edu.au/headstart or call 1800 269 500.
JUNIOR SCHOOLS CUP

Coaches/Managers
- 15 Boys: Mr Rob Thiele/ Julie Wood
- 14 Boys: Mr David Ethell/ Sue Cunningham
- 13 Boys: Mr Rod Calleja/ Colleen Gosden/ Alex Higgins / Carter Chappell
- 14 Girls: Mrs Luned Higgins / Morgan Stephensen
- 13 Girls: Mrs Kim Watkins / Lily Calleja

School Accommodation:
- 15 Boys: Boondall Motel
- 14 Boys: Colonial Village
- 13 Boys: Boondall Motel
- 13 Girls: Brisbane Holiday Village
- 14 Girls: Brisbane Gateway Resort

General contact number: 0408 815 616

The draw, results and playing venues can be found on the Volleyball Queensland website. Students and Coaches will be leaving about 12 noon on Thursday 16 October 2014.

WIDE BAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 9 boys for coming first. The Year 9 girls, Year 8 girls and Year 8 boys team came second. All players gained valuable match practice for the Junior Schools Cup.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CUP

The second payment of $200.00 should have been paid now.

FUNDRAISING

All raffle tickets sold or unsold need to be returned ASAP.

We would like to thank the following for their support and encourage the Aldridge SHS community to support these businesses.

We are very grateful to the Fraser Coast Volleyball Association, Anne Maddern (local State Member of Parliament), the Maryborough RSL, the Maryborough Sports Club, Maryborough Sugar Factory and Warren Truss (Wide Bay Federal Member of Parliament) for their very generous donations.

We thank the following businesses for supporting us by taking up our advertising packages:

- Le Boudoir (Ladies Beauty Parlour)
- Allen Gillespie Electrical
- Michelle’s Cutting Edge (Hair Designer, 208 Walker St)
- Tinana Fluid Power
- Murray Barnett Plumbing
- The Land of Sweets
- Fraser Coast Fuels
- Advance Tyeares
- Delux Party Hire
- Woof Dog Spa & Boutique

NOTE:
Please see the advertisements throughout this newsletter and on our website for the businesses listed.

Once again we thank the following businesses who donated prizes for our raffles.

- Maryborough Fitness Health & Bodyworks (Gym memberships)
- UltraTune (Car service voucher)
- The Friendlies Discount Pharmacy (beautiful gift basket)
- Bob Jane T-Mart (tyre voucher)
- Harvey Norman (steam mop)
- Sports Power (inline skates)
- Preplayed - Games & Movie Traders (PS 3 game package)
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SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Thanks to Brayden Pacey from **Advance TYeares**

Dale McMillan from **Delux Party Hire**

**Woof Dog Spa and Boutique** for taking up advertising packages.
HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED RECENTLY?

Don’t forget to call into the main admin office to collect a Blue Change of Details Advice Form. Completing this form when any of your details change - ie. Change of Address, Contact Telephone Numbers, Emergency Contacts or change in family circumstances, enables us here at Aldridge High to be able to contact you in any situation, quickly and accurately.

Please note that we require “Proof of Address” when updating your address details (Documents that can be used are a Lease Agreement; Telephone, Electricity or Rates Account).

Thank you

Purple - The New BLACK!
Anne Maddern MP
MEMBER FOR MARYBOROUGH

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