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Rule of the Week:

The rule of the week: “Allow others to learn”

This is all about having respect for those around us. We need to consider what other people need to succeed. Sometimes people need extra assistance, other people require a quieter working area and some students thrive in a competitive environment. As a school community we all need to be mindful of those around us and give everyone a chance to succeed.

Sometimes this may mean staying silent for half an hour while some are reading, it may mean staying in your seat while others are talking or, it may mean keeping some comments to ourselves as it may disrupt those around us.

By following teacher instructions and classroom expectations we can all allow those around us to learn.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Day for Daniel
On Friday 28th October, the whole school will be participating in the Day for Daniel Walk. All students will participate in a 1.25km walk taking the route from Redgum Rd, Vansittart Rd, Wisteria Dr, and back to school along Redgum Dr. We would like as many parents and family members to join us on this important fundraising and safety awareness walk. We will leave the school grounds, from the oval, at approximately 9:15am. Everyone should wear something red on the day. Please ensure your children are sun smart, no singlets or sandals are allowed to be worn. Children should bring along a gold coin donation, which will be donated to the Morcombe Foundation.

If you would NOT like your child to participate in the Day for Daniel walk, please send a note to the office.

World Teachers Day Parade
Last Friday, our school held a Whole School Parade to celebrate World Teachers’ Day. This celebration was held on Friday to avoid a clash with the Day for Daniel and Grandparents’ Day scheduled for this coming Friday.

The parade was extremely positive, with students enjoying the various activities. The parade featured the national anthem in English and Yugumbir language, presentations of Science constructions by Year 6 students, a presentation of “The Three Little Pigs” by Prep students, a presentation of certificates to all teachers by Mr Linus Powell, State member for Logan and finishing with a sequence of videos featuring students commenting on their teachers. Thanks to Mrs Cornwall for convening this parade. Students enjoyed this parade immensely. At morning tea, the P&C provided a morning tea for teachers, recognising their professionalism and their dedicated work with our students. This was sincerely appreciated by teachers, who appreciate the work of Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Jahnke for organising this morning tea.

Our community is a close community. One feature that I admire is the connection that remain in existence between long serving teachers and past students, some of whom are now parents at our school. The relationships that exist within the school are highly valuable and demonstrate the esteem in which teachers, past and present, are held at Yugumbir.
**iPad Classes**

In 2016, three Year 5 classes began the school year in specially formed iPad classes. Through agreements, parents consented to purchase an iPad progressively from the school. Once ready, the iPads were used in a multitude of ways to engage students and support learning across the school year. The progress achieved in integrating iPads into the teaching and learning within each of the three classes, has received very positive feedback from students and parents.

In this first year, the extensive work of our teachers is to be acknowledged as is the dedication and willingness to learn of our students. These students will continue to use iPads to support their learning in their Year 6 class in 2017.

Also in 2017, the school is providing the opportunity for another group of Year 5 students to use the iPad within their classroom learning.

Two or three classes (approx. 56 or 84 students) are intended to be formed for 2017, to integrate the iPad into their program. Parents are required to sign an agreement to confirm their child’s place in the program by Friday 28th October.

Parents were offered information sessions today. Agreements to confirm your child’s place are available from the school office. Places are allocated on a “first in” basis.

**Grandparents’ Day**

In addition to this being the **Day For Daniel**, it is also the day we will be celebrating **Grandparents Day**. We would like to invite all grandparents to join their grandchildren for a picnic on the grass at lunch time. Grandparents are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and enjoy lunch with their grandchildren from 11:00am Friday 28th October, in their grandchild’s play area. Grandparents are asked to assemble outside their child’s classroom by 11am. After signing a visitor’s book in the classroom, students will guide their grandparent to the picnic area. Please remember we are nut-free.

**Disco**

The P&C is conducting a Disco for students on Friday 4th November. All Yugumbir students are invited to attend this event. It promises to be a night of great fun and enjoyment for our students. There are two sessions, to cater for the different ages of students.

- Prep to Year 2 students – 5:30pm to 7pm
- Years 3 to 6 – 7:30pm to 9pm

Entry at the door costs $5; pre-purchased wristbands are available from the office for $4. Hot food (sausage sizzle) $2 and Drinks $2 – will be on sale. There are lucky door prizes for each year level. The theme of the Disco is “**Halloween**”.

Parents and students are asked to note the following:

- The disco is for Yugumbir SS students only
- Students must be delivered to the door at the beginning of the disco and signed in.
- Prep students must have a designated adult in attendance
- Students must be collected by an adult from within the hall, after the disco.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the hall during the disco.
- All other areas of the school are out-of-bounds for YSS students and for anyone else.
- Absolutely no stilettos or heels are to be worn inside the hall.

A safe and very enjoyable night is anticipated for all students. The P&C are looking for parent helpers. Anyone who is available to help on the night at Junior or Senior Disco, or both. Please contact Bonnie on 0420313055 if you are able to assist in anyway.

**Mick Quinn**

*Principal*
REPORT

This is a really important safety message.

This means telling an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem.
It’s adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you.

"I CAN GET HELP"

Create a safety network of adults and organisations who you know will, LISTEN to you, BELIEVE you AND HELP you.

Mum or Dad

School Principal

Grandparents

Auntie or Uncle

Teacher

Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800

Police 000

REMEMBER
If you are not getting the help you need to keep trying until you do
I CAN GET HELP

My Safety Network Activity

- List your Safety Network, one on each finger.
- Colour in and cut out your hand.
- Take it home and show the adults on your list.
- Talk to one or more of your safety helpers on your network if things don’t feel right. Keep trying until you get the help you need.

Activity Rules:
1. Person must be an adult
2. Include both males and females
3. Some who live at home
4. People from outside the home
5. People from outside the family

Suggestions: Nana, Mum, Dad, Auntie, Teacher, Principal, Friend of Mum or Dad, Police, Sports Coach, School Chaplain

MY SAFETY NETWORK

Kids Help Line
1800 55 1800

Police 000
Book Week Door Displays

Here are the winning door displays for each year level. The following criteria was used to aid the judging.

► Fits with the Book Week theme

► Student involvement

► Originality

► Visual Appeal

Annelie Schulz
Head of Curriculum
MUSIC CAPTAINS REPORT

On Saturday the 22nd of October, all of Yugumbir’s bands took part in the JMI’s Music Festival. All bands put 100% effort and co-operation into each piece of music. There were 3 possible rankings – Bronze, Silver or Gold, and everyone was proud with what they achieved. Many bands had participated in the criteria-based competition.

Firstly, the Junior (Year 4) Band performed three pieces and each piece was executed amazingly. The audience’s reaction proved that they enjoyed the performance. It was their first ever competition and they were insanely proud. The Junior Band had then received a Gold award.

Our Intermediate and Senior (Years 5 & 6) band did a great job and earned Silver awards for their performances. Their pieces were entertaining and fun, and you could see that the players were really focused and enjoyed the music as they played. We were also privileged to hear a High School band play during our timeslot, and it was amazing to see what wonderful music could be produced if you continued to play your instrument in the High School Ensembles.

Well done to all our Yugumbir bands, and thank you for performing to the best of your ability. Thanks also to the band conductors, Mrs Gittins, Mr Dorney and our music teacher, Mr Bishop. Their exceptional dedicated work with the bands is producing keen and accomplished musicians.

Alex H & Erin K

 Students Not Returning to Yugumbir for 2017

If your child or children are not returning to our school in 2017, please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Year 6 Students do not need to complete this form.

| My child/children will not be returning to Yugumbir State School in 2017 |
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| Names             | Class             | New School        |
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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please find the following information for your convenience.

- Tuesday - Year 6 Senior Band rehearsals continue (7.30am)
- Thursday - Year 5 Intermediate Band rehearsals continue (7.30am)
- Friday - Year 4 Junior Band rehearsals continue (7.45am).

INSTRUMENTAL PARENT INFORMATION

AFTERNOON-YEAR 3

Last Wednesday was our Instrumental Parent Information Afternoon. Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend. Anyone who was unable to attend - you have not missed out on a place for your child to play an instrument next year. We are currently in the process of sending out information to all. Enrolment forms (the last sheet in the booklet) need to be returned ASAP to secure a place in the program for next year.

BRISBANE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our 3 bands competed in the Brisbane Schools Music Festival on Saturday October 22. Congratulations to all who were involved. Their music performance, behaviour, attire and enthusiasm all need to be commended. Both our Intermediate and our Senior Concert bands received a silver award and our Junior Concert band members were awarded gold for their performance. Certificates for all will be issued soon.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

All ensembles are now busy in preparation for our music department’s end of year concert. This will be held in our school hall on Monday evening November 28 at 6.30pm. All welcome. Please come along for a night of variety and entertainment.

BAND DATES TO REMEMBER:-

- Monday 28 November – All Bands, Choir – End of Year Concert.

POSTCARDS

1 CB Willow D
   Veljko M
1 MB Cody W
   Blake K
   Tyoa W
1 LS Kyla H
   Teniyah G
2 ME Mana T
   Dakota A
3 HW Jaxon H
   Jayden Z
   Jack W
3 JB Isabelle J
4 KS Penny
   Avanah
5 CB Aria T
   Ethan H
5 JN Jorja G

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

(3HW)

Kooper For working hard in all areas of his learning.
Odella For working hard on her reading skills.

SPORTING RESULTS

21st October, 2016

Softball (Boys) Yr 6 Div A:

AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1A:
Yugumbir Div 1A 76 def St Bernadines 2
Best on the Field – Keira P
AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1B
Boronia Heights SS 87 def Yugumbir Div 1B 3
Best on the Field – Lian P and Paige G
AFL (Girls) Yrs 5&6 – Div 2
All girls played very well learning the skills of AFL.
Best on the Field – Shelby M
**TUCKSHOP**

**Hours of Operation** – 8.30 am to 1.30pm

Tuckshop does not open before.

ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE HANDED IN BY 9AM

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM

Lunch Times

1st – 11am – All Year Levels

2nd – 1.30pm – All Year Levels

**“NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM”**

Eftpos is NOW available at Tuckshop – NO CASH OUT

Accepts: Mastercard, Visa, Debit Cards

30cent Flat Fee will apply to all transactions.

**Tuckshop Lunch Orders**

Parents please remind your child that if they are having tuckshop, to hand in their lunch orders to the Tuckshop prior to the first bell.

**NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

There is NO CREDIT available at the Tuckshop. If payment does not accompany the order then the order will not be delivered.

Tuckshop CANNOT change large notes as we do not keep a large amount of change on hand.

If your child’s order does not have the correct money in it to cover items ordered then your child’s order will be changed without any notice given to them.

If your child’s order comes in late they may not receive what they have ordered.

If your child has tuckshop and goes home sick and we are not notified, then No Refund or Substitute will be given.

No orders will be taken over the phone. NO EXCEPTIONS.

If students forget their lunch or it is left at home etc. they have a choice of either a vegemite or jam sandwich NO OTHER CHOICE, plus a piece of fruit and water. Lunch must be paid for by the following day NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Allergies:** If your child has a certain allergy to food products you are quite welcome to come and check out the ingredients of products offered by the Tuckshop.

**VOLUNTEERS:** IF YOU CAN SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH OR ONE DAY A MONTH TO HELP AT THE TUCKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT THE TUCKSHOP. WE ARE URGENTLY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HELP.

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**Orders and Payment due to office – Extended Wednesday 26/10/16**

The Lunchbox Drive is an exciting initiative that supports the environmental focus of many schools in their endeavour to reduce waste by promoting ‘Garbage Free Days’.

With items such as our Sandwich Keeper range, families can prepare and pack healthy, rubbish free lunches for the whole family, helping fight childhood obesity.

The potential business that the Lunchbox Drive can generate is enormous! Accessing hundreds of families with a ‘common cause’ to generate funds for the school, could result in thousands of dollars in sales.

Order forms have been sent home this week.

**Helpers Needed**

**Halloween Disco**

(Friday 4th November)

The next disco will be on the 4th of November, the theme is Halloween.

The P&C are looking for parent helpers, anyone who is available to help on the night at Junior or Senior Disco, or both. Can you please contact Bonnie on 0420313055.

Thank you.
Finance News

School Bank Account Details:
Yugumbir State School General Account
BSB:      064 159
Account No. 00090333

Current Activity Codes and Closing Dates:

Yr 6 Camp - Somerset  
Due: 31/10/16 – No late payments accepted.

Yr 6 Wet’n Wild  
Due: 26/10/2016

PAYMENT WINDOW
Closes 25th November.

Due to end of year procedures, the last day for Payments for 2017 is Friday 25th November. Please ensure all payments are finalised by this date. If you have any queries please call the office on 3380 0333. Thank you.

Dates for Your Calendar

6, 10, 13 & 20 Oct  Yr 6 “Talk About It” Sessions
6, 13 & 20 October  Yr 3 Swimming Lessons
19 October  Yr 3 Information Afternoon
(Instrumental Music)
19 October  Yr 2 Beenleigh Historical Village
20 October  Yr 2 Beenleigh Historical Village
22 October  BSMF
24-26 October  Yr 3 Camp 3RB & 3KD
26-28 October  Yr 3 Camp 3CG, 3HW
28 October  Day for Daniel & Grandparents Day
29 October  Working Bee – 8am
31 Oct – 2 Nov  Yr 3 Camp 3TJ, 3JB, 3SW
3 November  Yr 4 “Living History Aust” Incursion
3, 10 & 17 November  Yr 3 Swimming Lessons
4 November  P&C Halloweeween Disco
15-18 November  Yr 6 Camp 6GS, 6JC, 6JH
21 November  Yr 1 “The 3 Stories”
22-25 November  Yr 6 Camp 6MM, 6MS, 6RH
28 November  End of Year Concert
29 November  Prep Art Night
6 December  Yr 6 Wet’n Wild
10 Dec - 23 Jan 17 Summer Break

MUSIC & YEAR 6 PHOTO ORDERS

Orders are due to the office no later than Thursday 27th October.

Don’t miss out.
## YUGUMBIR’S HALLOWEEN DISCO

**Yugumbir**

School students will only be permitted entry and ONLY at their own grade level disco.

**Students MUST be dropped off and collected by an adult. Each Prep student MUST have an adult remaining at the disco to supervise them.**

**CHILDREN WILL NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT AN ADULT.**

Absolutely NO stillets or heels to be worn in the hall. Please dress responsibly.

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**Come dressed in your scariest costume!**

Friday 4th November

- Pre-Paid: $4 per student
- Door entry: $5 per student

**Pre - Year 2 (5.30pm - 7pm)**

**Year 3 - Year 6 (7.30pm - 9pm)**

Pre purchased wristbands and Pizza and drinks will be available until Wednesday 2nd November. Simply complete and return the attached form in a sealed bag or envelope to the office. Please include correct money for entry OR entry and Pizza as NO change will be given. This will ensure you will not be waiting in queues on the night.

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| Child’s full name (Entry only $4) |  |
| Class |  |
| Pre paid entry plus a slice of Pizza with Drink $5 |  |

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I ___________________________ Phone No. ___________________________ have enclosed a total amount of $ _______________ (correct money only)

I understand wristbands will be given to students by Friday 2nd November. I agree to be contactable & drop off/collection my child/children from inside the hall at the designated times. Prep students will need a parent/adult to remain during disco.

Signed: ______________________

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Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

Set the example. Let children see you read.
Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: 20-31 October 2016
Shopping hours: 8:00am - 3:45pm
Special activities: Colouring competition (1 prize per grade)

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!
Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs Wiedman & Ms Miller
Library Staff

Air Wills
Deputy Principal
Parvovirus B19

Parvovirus B19 infection, also known as erythema infectiosum, fifth disease, or slapped cheek syndrome, is a viral infection that only affects humans. Outbreaks of the infection are common in preschool and young school aged children. Studies have shown that more than 50% of adults have been infected with parvovirus B19 at some time and therefore have lifelong immunity. Parvovirus B19 cannot be transmitted to or from animals and is not the same condition as dog ‘parvo’.

Signs and Symptoms:

Parvovirus B19 usually causes a mild illness. An infected person may be mildly unwell with a slight fever and “cold” symptoms which last for a few days, followed in most cases by an itchy rash.

Children with parvovirus B19 typically have a bright red rash on their cheeks (hence “slapped-cheek” syndrome) along with a lacy rash on the body, arms and legs. The skin may be itchy, often on the soles of the feet and also where the rash appears on the body. The rash fades quickly but can reappear over the next few weeks on exposure to sunlight or heat (e.g. in the bath).

Affected adults usually have few or no symptoms and are less likely to get the ‘slapped cheek’ rash. Adults may get joint pain and/or swelling, mainly in small joints of the hands and feet, but sometimes in knees, ankles or wrists. This joint pain usually settles in a week or two but can last for months.

Complications are rare with parvovirus B19. However an unborn baby that is infected (especially in the first half of the pregnancy), or people with pre-existing anaemia (Sickle Cell Disease) or immune system problems may suffer severe anaemia and become very unwell.

A doctor can often diagnose parvovirus B19 by seeing the typical rash during a physical examination. In cases in which it is important to confirm the diagnosis, a blood test can be taken to test for parvovirus B19.

Treatment:

For mild disease, usually no treatment is required other than to rest, with pain relief as needed. Blood transfusions and other treatments may be needed for people who suffer from severe anaemia.

Transmission:

Parvovirus B19 spreads through respiratory secretions such as saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Infected people are probably not contagious by the time the rash develops. Parvovirus B19 can also spread through blood or blood products. A pregnant woman who is infected with parvovirus B19 can pass the virus to her baby.

The time from contact with the virus to the development of symptoms varies from 4 to 20 days.

Prevention:

There is no vaccine or medicine that prevents parvovirus B19 infection.

You can reduce your chance of being infected with parvovirus B19 or infecting others by

- washing your hands often with soap and water
- covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- not touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- staying home when you are sick

Excluding children or adults with parvovirus B19 infection from work, child care centres, schools, or other settings is unlikely to prevent spread, because people are most contagious before they develop the characteristic rash.

Susceptible pregnant women should not routinely be excluded from a workplace where a parvovirus B19 outbreak is occurring, as exposure may have already occurred and the risk to the unborn baby is low. Whether to stay away from a workplace where there are cases of parvovirus B19 is a personal decision for a pregnant woman to make, after discussion with her family, doctor, and employer.

Health outcome:

Parvovirus B19 is usually a mild illness that resolves on its own in healthy children and adults. Joint pain and swelling in adults usually resolves without long-term disability.

Parvovirus B19 infection in pregnancy

Usually there are no serious complications for a pregnant woman or her baby following exposure to a person with parvovirus B19 infection. About
MT LINDESAY ULYSSES
Toy Run
FREE ENTRY – 12pm till late
3rd December, 2016

Middle Green Sports Club
720 Middle Road, Greenbank

All toys donated will be handed to
The City of Logan Mayor’s Christmas Appeal
Toys and gifts for ages of 0 – 16yrs

FREE: Rides
FREE: Face Painting

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Starting at 7pm
BYO chairs & blankets

Ride Registration opens at 2pm
Ride Registration $15 per rider and
$5 for pillion includes patch and bottle of water – ride leaves at 3pm

Meet Mrs Claus
Inflatable Rides
Face Painting
Market Stalls
Raffles

TROPHIES
Up for grabs
“SHOW & SHINE”
Registration between 11-12pm
Entry for Cars and Bikes $10

Supported by
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City of Logan

Ulysses Mt Lindesay Branch – 2016 TOY RUN
www.mtlindesawulysses.com.au or contact Debbie M: 0422 091 280

The Spot
All Abilities Dance Class

All abilities jazz/freestyle dance class!

Date: Thursday 27 October 2016
Time: 1 hour after school 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Cost: $5 per class (payment in advance required – 4 weeks of classes = $20)
Ages: All ages and abilities welcome

Register your interest now:
FSG The Spot, 61 Sandstone Place, Parkinson QLD
3297 4300 or 3809 4100 | susant@fsg.org.au
Are you interested in Volunteering?

Do you love meeting new people and interacting with children?
Are you looking to:
- Give something back to the community
- Use existing skills or learn new skills
- Build experience for your resume or help in career transition
- Meet new people, build new networks, be around like minded people

If this sounds like you we have exciting opportunities with:
- Playgroups
- Connect2kindy
- Reading program – Beauselert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
- Drivers (transporting families to our programs)
- Event assistants
- Others based on your skills or passion that fits with our programs

Are you interested in Volunteering?

Locations:
- Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
  67 Nyngam St Acacia Ridge
- Browns Plains Early Years Centre
  Cnr Wineglass Drive & Middle Rd, Hillcrest
- Beauselert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
  4 Michaelina Drive Beauselert

For more information Please Contact: Alisha Kelly Volunteer Coordinator Phone: 3320 8400 Mobile: 0428662879

living with wildlife

Swooping Magpies

Between July and November, magpies defend their young from threats. Some magpies see us as threats and they swoop. If you know what to do when a magpie swoops, you can stay safe and let these birds raise their young.

Safety tips

Mark July on your calendar
As a reminder that magpies will soon be breeding and that you must watch out for them.

Get to know where magpies breed in your area
Go to www.epa.qld.gov.au and print out a warning sign so others know of the swooper.

Watch out for baby magpies
When they leave the nest, the parents stop swooping. Magpies only swoop for around six to eight weeks. From when the eggs are laid until the young leave the nest. If there are young in the nest, it should only be a few days before they leave and the swooping stops.

Watch when a magpie becomes dangerous
If a magpie is defending its nest becomes aggressive and a risk to human safety, the magpie may be removed.

Contact your local council, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection or a licensed bird relocator in the Yellow Pages.

Avoid the zone
Magpies breed in spring. Avoid an area of 150 meters around a nest. If you must go near the nest of a swooper:
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or hold a school bag or umbrella over your head.
- Some magpies only swoop at cyclists. If you get off your bike and walk, the magpie should leave you alone.
- ‘Spike up’ your bike helmet with a few cable ties to scare magpies away.
- Magpies are less likely to swoop if you walk in a group. Team up with others if you walk through a nesting area.

Watch magpals, if you have a group, be aware of the magpie.
- Don’t fight back. Throwing sticks at a magpie will only make it more defensive next time.
- Never approach a young magpie that’s out of the nest. The parents may think you’re trying to harm it. Rescuing baby magpies is best left for wildlife rescue groups to carry out after dark.

Further information
Visit www.epa.qld.gov.au or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

Great state. Great opportunity.