

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE.INTER SCHOOL SPORTS AT INGHAM.

Although last Thursday and Saturday were perfect days, Friday was a rather dull and dismal day for sports. Nevertheless the spirits of our Palm Island children were not dampened by the inclemency of the weather. The sea, too, was somewhat unkind and quite a number suffered from Mal de mer (sea sickness).

Upon arrival at Ingham our children had to immediately take the field and compete in running and jumping events. Despite the handicap of a long and rough sea journey plus an eighteen-mile truck ride many of them secured places in their events. Some of the jumpers, however, were not so fortunate and some could not control their leg movements in the hop, step, and jump events. The two Conway boys, Vernon and Anthony, put up very fine performances, when each secured first places in their respective events.

The jumping by our girls also was very spectacular and creditably done, Theresa Anderson and Margaret Parker secured second and third places in their division.

Quite a number of our children secured places in the Championships, while we were also well represented in the Barnes Cup events, which were the chief events for the day.

A full list of winners and place getters of our children will be published when these come to hand. The main trophy for the day was the Barnes Cup and at lunch time the Wondi team was in second place. However, when the finals were run-off the Ingham Intermediate School was declared the winner. Our team however

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did very well to get a place considering there were no less than 30 teams competing for this coveted prize. With a little more training on the part of our children we may yet win the cup.

Transport is always a problem and our thanks are due to the Superintendent for arranging with Hayles to convey our children to Lucinda and back again, and to Mr. Lex Fraser, Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Allan Hobbs and the Ingham Rotary for the part they played in providing trucks to bring our children from Lucinda to the sports and returning them at the end of the day. Several private cars also assisted in transporting our children and teachers.

We also wish to thank the Social & Welfare Association who assisted by providing lunches for the children.

As Hayles launch could only carry a limited number of children, Mr. C. Taylor of Orpheus kindly placed his launch at the disposal of the children from the Provisional School, and Mr. Whiting took them across to Lucinda.

Although the day was a long and tiring one and many suffered from seasickness all agreed it was well worth it and a really wonderful day was experienced by all. The sun was shining for most of the morning but rain began to mar the afternoon and it was necessary to dispense with the March Past at the close of the sports. However, all teams assembled in the ring and President, Mr. Wilkes spoke to the gathering. He praised the Palm Island children for their prowess and their general behaviour and called for applause from the remainder of the teams.

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Mr.Murray, member for the
District, then presented the trophies. As the
weather was worsening and the hour was getting
late,our children made their departure.

Our hearty congratulations
go to those who won races and points for their
school.

SPORT'S DAY.

The pupils of the Provisional
School would like to express appreciation to all
those who made the journey to Ingham possible this
year.

They would like to mention
especially Mr. Bartlam, Mr. Taylor of Orpheus Island,
Mr.A.K.Hobbs of Ingham. Mr.Whiting and Mrs.Fanning,
who by their co-operation greatly assisted.

This year the school gained
third place in the points table, for C grade
schools and the girls scored the most points of
any girl's team in the group.

Jennifer Davidson had a field
day, scoring 3 wins and a second, while Sandra
Hogbin had several seconds. The Senior Relay Team
(girls) had a win while the Junior Arch ball team,
too, had a victory. Len Croker was the sole point
scorer from the boys.

But these trips, uncomfortable
as they sometimes are, have a distinct social as
well as sporting advantage, and all wish to see
them continued.
