



## FUNCARNA

Funcarna was, for a number of years, a chief fundraising venture for the school. The name suggests a fun carnival and, from all reports, those who attended were not let down.

Each Funcarna involved the school's care or form groups as they raised money by getting behind their Mr or Miss Funcarna entrant. In the early years it was 'Miss' only but in 1984 it was expanded to allow for male entrants in the 'drive towards equality of the sexes'! The first Mr Funcarna was Shane Luhrs.

In 1980, Erin Murphy was crowned Miss Funcarna and other winners were Leisa Black, Michelle Dodd, Julie Antonio, Kerri Wade, Shawn Rauchle, Tania Hearn, Tony Tweedie, Richard Murphy, Drew Robb and Liz Sullivan. Each class used voucher sales, guessing competitions, sweets stalls and a slave trade to support their entrant with a Miss/Mr Charity also crowned. The judging itself took place in the week beforehand with Mr R Thomas and Mrs D Neale pleased with the 'overall presentation' in 1983. The girls were sashed and one noted 'the quest has improved my self-confidence'.

Entertainment was largely sourced within the school with Mr John Whybird's band 'Mouldy Warp' providing the music for 'spirited colonial dancing' for the early years of Funcarna. In 1982 a highlight was a display by the State Emergency Service and for a number of years a flying fox provided hours of amusement. T the mid 80's the computer room was open for inspection and would have wowed more than a few families given this was more than thirty years ago. The footy players also performed a ballet one year and in 1988 they were at it again with the Senior Boys donning 'women's attire' for a Funcarna fashion parade.

It's unlikely that we will see carpet bowls, the barrel on a greased pole or much excitement over computers at our festivities on the 9<sup>th</sup> September but who knows what the Year 12 boys might have in store!