

# Cattle Muster

DOWNUNDER



## Lowline

**LOWLINES - A WINNING COMBINATION OF DOCILITY AND CARCASE QUALITY.**



*Judge Glen Pfeffer awarding first prize to Kobblevale Isabella, led by Madeleine Sullivan, Jandowae, aged 10 years.*

Saturday 19th March was a big day for the students of Jandowae P-10 State School. They totally disproved the old saying: "Never work with children and animals". The 10 children aged from 9 to 11 years paraded Australian Lowline cattle in pouring rain before Judge Glen Pfeffer from Mogul Brahman Stud, Mclean NSW. Their performance was applauded by a large contingent of proud parents, grandparents and members of the local grazing community.

In 2009 the school became the only p-10 school in Queensland to be designated a Pathway school for Agribusiness. This means the Education Department recognises the importance of agriculture for the students of this school and Agricultural studies form an integrated part of all subjects for the entire school from pre-school to grade 10.

This tiny, country school has been working with local Australian

Lowline stud, Kobblevale Lowlines, for the last 5 years. The older children in the years 8, 9 and 10 study agriculture as a classroom subject as well as visiting Kobblevale stud one day a week, to pursue their studies in the field. The younger children are members of the school Cattle Club. It was these children who paraded the cattle at the Jandowae show. The school has arranged sponsorship, from Rabo Bank, in the form of uniform shirts and akubra hats and Kobblevale provide the Lowline cattle.

Cattle Club meets once a week and all the children look forward to their time working with the Lowline cattle. Because of the docile nature of the animals and also their non-threatening size, even the young and smaller children feel quite at ease with them. One of the strongest attributes of Lowline cattle is their docility, making them an ideal choice for the small farmer or the new cattle owner and also suitable for the very young and the retiree.

In Queensland, there are numerous High Schools which have established Lowline studs because they see them as an ideal introduction to the cattle industry. Yeppoon, Aldridge, Dakabin and Pittsworth High School are some of the schools which breed and exhibit Lowline cattle. Pittsworth High has built an enviable reputation in the stud show ring and also in led steer and carcass competitions. The Riehl family from Pittsworth, all of whose children were involved with the school's Lowline stud, are an example of where the Lowline youth programme can lead. In 2010 at the Brisbane EKKKA they exhibited the Grand Champion led steer which was a Lowline cross animal, with the sire being leased from the High School and paraded by their young son, Shane. The carcass quality of Lowline cattle, especially its tenderness, has been proven to be directly attributed to the docility trait. A winning combination – ease of handling and eating quality.

The Australian Lowline Cattle Association established a Youth Programme in 2005 which supports young members with overseas trips and educational events. ALCA believes that the encouragement of young people to become involved in the Beef industry is vital, and Lowline cattle are an ideal way for them to learn and to succeed in the stud and prime cattle show ring.

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*Ribbons, Ribbons and more Ribbons. The Jandowae P-10 Cattle Club with Phil Labrie and Lee Labrie from Kobblevale Lowline Stud.*