



Count Us In to sing along

SUNSHINE Beach State School students, parents and staff recently took part in Australia's biggest school initiative, Music: Count Us In.

MCUI is a Music Council of Australia concept encouraging schools around the nation to join together in singing a song especially written to celebrate the joy and importance of music in schools.

The 2015 Celebration Day, on October 29, saw more than 500,000 participating students from over 2100 schools nationwide all singing at the same time at 11.30am.

"In our hall it was really loud when all the kids joined in the countdown to start singing," Year 1 student Matthew Morgan said.

"I can't wait until next year so we can do it again with another song."

Sunshine Beach State School learners contributed close to 800 voices to the estimated half a million Australia-wide.

To add to the merriment of the festive occasion, the Sunshine Beach State School community donned



SING ALONG: Students at Sunshine Beach State School joined half a million other students around Australia for Music: Count Us In.

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colourful shirts, shorts, hats, scarves and other gold clothes and accessories to capture the essence of the song, titled Gold.

A mother of a "Sunshiner" said she was thrilled to see her children participate in Music: Count Us In and was impressed with the tuneful singing and behaviour of all learners.

"It brought tears to my eyes watching the faces of our learners," deputy principal at Sunshine Beach

State School Tracy Blandford said.

"Everyone really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see so many parents, carers and other family members join in the fun."

"A real sense of belonging was created as learners linked arms and swayed as they sang," observed another teacher.

"I wonder if 500,000 voices could be heard from the moon," pondered one student.