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RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter Date:
19th February 2008

Term 1 Week 4

Tuesday's News



Important Dates for Term 1

4th March	Arts Council—Hermes and the Naked Flame
11th March	P & C Annual General Meeting
18th March	Choral Festival
22nd March	Good Friday

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone who has been affected by the weather.

The last School week was a very slow one due to the weather. Hopefully everything will be back to normal soon and we can get on with our schooling.

Congratulations to Curtis Duff who has been selected in the Rockhampton and District School 12 Years Cricket team. Curtis will be going to Mackay for the Capricornia Trials later this Month. Good Luck Curtis.

Sport was cancelled last Friday and things look pretty ominous for this Friday. We will keep you posted. Permission forms will go out this week.

For the benefit of our new and continuing parents I include the following procedures that all Alton Downs' teachers/coaches follow on Friday sports afternoons in relation to the transport and pick-up of students after games.

The following steps detail the procedures for Alton Downs' students who indicate they are not travelling back to school after sport.

If a student at a game informs the teacher/ coach that they are being picked up from the game by their parents and the parents have not arrived by the time the teacher/coach has to leave the area:

If the school/ teacher/coach has not seen a note or received a phone call or personal contact from a parent of the student to indicate that they are picking him/her up, the student will be sent back as per the original arrangements;

If the school/teacher/coach has received a note, phone call or personal contact indicating the parents will be picking him/her up, and the game is at a school grounds, the student will be directed to the school office where they will wait under supervision till their parent arrives;

If the game is at a public venue, the teacher/ coach is to remain with the student until they are collected by their parent;

If the game is at a public venue and the teacher/ coach cannot remain with the student because they have to travel on a bus and it has to leave for further pick-ups, they should make arrangements with a known parent or other teacher who indicate they can remain with the student until picked up;

If this is not possible then the teacher/ coach and bus must remain with the student.

Teacher/ coaches should have some means of communication (mobile phone) in an emergency to contact schools/ parents. All coaches of teams should have emergency contact forms for all members of their teams.

All Ridgelands staff with Alton Downs' teams have a mobile phone.

Have a good week
Les Berryman

Tuckshop

Thanks to Sharyn McQuillan, Sharyn Folker, Christine Barlow and Hannah Barlow for doing tuckshop yesterday.

Workers for Monday 25th February — Robyn Hunt and Caryn Hunt.

IF YOU CAN NOT COME FOR SOME REASON PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE FURTHER DOWN THE LIST, OR IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE PLEASE RING JUDY ON 0447 125741



Year 3, 4 & 5 Capers

We are all back into a normal routine this week since the local flooding. Here is a note from Mr Ashley Sauer our classroom student teacher.

Dear parents and caregivers of Ridgeland State School,

My name is Mr Ashley Sauer and I am currently completing my final practical in Mrs Julie Paddison's class. Although most of my work has been with the year fours and fives, I have been involved with the year threes also for various activities and as a result have gotten to know all students within the cohort. I have met a few parents already and hopefully by the end of the term I will have met a few more. I am a very approachable person who does not mind a chat so feel free to drop in if you have any questions or concerns at anytime.

Over the past three week students have been learning about Australia, its origins, culture, landscape, flora and fauna. There has been plenty of drawing, writing, mapping and gluing going on with all students producing excellent work. Starting next week however the year fours and fives will be working through an integrated unit based on fairy tales and fables. This is the unit that I have developed as part of my internship and will involve students participating in a variety of literacy based activities aimed at developing literacy skills. Students will be writing their own fairy tales, creating their own picture books, building models and making posters. As part of the unit students will also be performing modified fairy tales and fables to the parents during a scheduled time towards the end of the term. Exactly when this event will take place will be finalised at a later date. It is going to be lots of fun for all involved and I am certainly looking forward to it.

With Friday afternoon sport possibly starting up again Mrs Paddison will be taking the year four and fives for softball most Friday afternoons. During this time the year threes and I will be working together on our ball skills in an attempt to strengthen our hand eye coordination. To achieve this we will be having fun with various ball games such as leader ball, tunnel ball, corner spry and other variations. Keeping this in mind students will need to bring a hat and comfortable shoes every Friday to ensure that they can fully participate.

Regards, Ashley Sauer

Prep / One / Two

Needed:

Ice cream containers

Cardboard tubes (from gladwrap, etc).

Items for collage trolley.

Thanks

Jenny and Marg

Homework

Please ensure all homework is brought to school every-day.

Year 3 – Spelling Matters Unit 2 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 13, Tues pg 15,
Wed pg 17, Thurs pg 18

Home Reading – 10 minutes every night –
record in booklet

Learn the 3 times tables

Year 4– Spelling Matters Unit 2 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 13, Tues pg 15,
Wed pg 17, Thurs pg 18

Home Reading – 10 minutes every night –
record in booklet

Learn the 3 times tables

Year 5– Spelling Matters Unit 2 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 13, Tues pg 15,
Wed pg 17, Thurs pg 18

Home Reading – 10 minutes every night –
record in booklet

Learn the 3 times tables

Regards, Julie Paddison

Treatment of head lice

Do you know your choices on how to treat head lice?

Use the conditioner and combing treatment if you:

- have a small number of head lice;
- do not want to spend much money;
- do not want to use chemical head lice treatments on your family;
- find chemical treatments are not working; or
- are prepared to take the time to use conditioner & combing.

Consider using conditioner and combing in combination with a chemical treatment if:

- you are certain that the condition is actually head lice;
- there are many head lice; or
- you would like to use a secondary treatment method to ensure you have the best chance of killing the head lice.

It is always essential to follow safety precautions when using any chemicals.



Art Council—

Hermes and the Naked Flame

Based on the extremely popular ABC radio series by Brendon Kennedy, this raucous journey follows Hermes as he solves the mysteries of the universe while having a fantastic adventure.

Cost: \$6 per Student, \$12 per Family.

Please sign the green envelope attached to this newsletter and send into the office with your payment. Thanks

Year 6 & 7 News

This term we are learning about Natural Disasters. So far we have learnt about volcanos and a bit about floods. We have also been learning about thunderstorms.

By Isobel

This term Year 6/7 have been learning about Natural Disasters such as: floods, volcanoes and earthquakes. It has been lots of fun. We have learnt lots about how they occur and what they are.

By Sarah

Dear Parents and Carers a little catch up on what Grade 6/7 have been doing for this term. We are learning about Natural Disasters such as: floods, cyclones, Tsunami, Volcanos, Earthquakes and much more.

By Teghan

This year we have learnt about Natural Disasters. So far we have been finding out how volcanos erupted and how many other things happen.

By Callum

We are working on Natural Disasters this term. It has been so much fun and I am very interested in learning more about Natural Disasters and things like Tsunami, cyclones, floods, volcanos, and earthquakes.

By Lauren

We have been learning about Natural Disasters. It has been fun. Some Natural Disasters are cyclone, flood, volcano, tsunami, earthquake and drought. We have been doing work sheets and handwriting on Natural Disasters. This term is so cool!

By Kiah

Breakthrough Treatment for ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia!

Is your child struggling with learning and reading, can't concentrate, clumsy, can't keep their friends?

ADHA, ADD, Dyslexia even Dyspraxia— whether your child has been diagnosed or not, the Dore Program treats the problem. It doesn't just cover up the symptoms like the drugs do.

“ In my view, Dore have stumbled across a cure for ADHD,” confirms independent Professor Rod Nicholson, Head of Psychology, Sheffield University England.

Get all the facts: attend the free Information Evening at: Rockhampton Leagues club, Cnr Cambridge and George Streets, Rockhampton on: Monday 10th March from 7:30pm— 9:00pm.

To reserve your seat call the Dore Program on 1300 55 77 11

Let the Dore Program help your child today, don't put it off any longer!

dore.com.au

Expression of interest called for Administration Officer Casual

Bajool State School

14 hours per week for three months

Beginning 3rd March 2008

For more information please contact

Shona Boradman, Principal

ALL OUT LANDSCAPES & IRRIGATION

Phone: 49341513

Cameron & Kate Dunne

Going to school with head lice



Should you send your child with head lice to school?

If your child has head lice, it is strongly recommended that you send him/her to school AFTER YOU HAVE STARTED an effective treatment of head lice.

EFFECTIVE TREATMENT means:

- NO LIVE head lice
- eggs may still be present (they remain after the first combing with hair conditioner or application of an effective chemical treatment; no product kills eggs and no comb removes all eggs.)

Eggs pose no risk to others AS LONG AS TREATMENT CONTINUES AND IS EFFECTIVE.



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MEETINGS



P & C NEWS

**Last Tuesday's meeting has been rescheduled to
Tuesday 11th March—AGM in the Library at 7:30pm.**

It will be the final year for some of the current P & C members, this would be a great opportunity to come and learn from existing members. P & C really needs new members.

Croser's Bus Meetings

Wednesday 27th February

7:00pm (Dalma bus)

7:30pm (Garnant/South Yaamba bus)

Ridgelands State School staff room.

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Notices

OUTLAWS SOFTBALL CLUB

Looking for an inexpensive sport for all the family? Outlaws Softball has fully qualified coaches and state players to encourage all levels. Skill level and age no barrier with our fun family orientated club. Members required for T-Ball, U12, U14, U 16, Women and Men's teams. Training starts in February with the season commencing in March 2008.

Take the first step and give us a call: Sheryl 0400 341600

Kylie 0437 060212 or

Denise 0411 646345

Hook in 2 Hockey

The Rockhampton Hockey Association is conducting the Hook in 2 Hockey program for 2008. The program will be run at Kalka Shades in Water Street on Saturday 8th March from 3pm—5.15pm and Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March from 3:45—5:15pm. Join a club and NEW players will receive a FREE hockey stick, shin pads, ball and carnival bag. For more information contact Bev Kellett on 49277674 or Tanya Christensen on 49212550.

Fitzroy Junior Rugby League Club Inc

We invite all players and parents, both existing and interested newcomers to fill teams and support positions for the 2008 mini/mod and international seasons.

International teams play from U13 to U18.

We are struggling to register sufficient numbers to place teams in any international grades this year. If you are interested in playing Rugby League please contact us—at the end of the day we may not have sufficient numbers for our own team: but would happily put you in touch with another club that needs additional players.

Mini/Mod League is played from U6 to U12.

All teams are assigned to ARL accredited coaches. The Mini/Mod season does not commence until early April. We are keen to get the little league players active with some challenging new skills and drills prior to the season starting.

Training will be held Wednesday afternoons at:

Sales Yards Park—John St Rockhampton

More information—Dan Smith 0431 198742 or

Russell Lawton 49334250