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RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter Date:  
22nd April 2008

Term 2 Week 2

## Tuesday's News

### Important Dates for Term 2

24th April	ANZAC Day Parade
25th April	ANZAC Day Holiday
5th May	Labour Day Holiday
7th May	Ridgelands Sports Day—Field
8th May	Ridgelands Sports Day—Track
13th & 14th May	Year 3,5 & 7 Testing

Dear Parents /Carers

The school will be holding its ANZAC Day Service this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The service will commence at 9.00am. In addition to this, our School Leaders and I will be attending the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day to lay a wreath on behalf of Ridgelands State School.

Good luck to the following students who are currently at the Rocky District Tennis trials today. They are Curtis Duff, Kiah Barney, Callum Chisholm and Isobel Chisholm.

In May on the 13th, 14th and 15th the Year 3/5/7 testing will be undertaken. Please ensure that the students are attending school on these days.

**Important Note:** Opening of the 'Undercover Area', 'Infant playground and cover', Upper playground Area, Tuckshop and Staff Room refurbishments will be on the Saturday 24th May beginning at 4.00pm. Moving onto the celebration of our new look gardens. Concluding the evening with dinner and a trivia night.

Any families looking to enrol Prep students for 2009

please let the school know as soon as possible.

Winter sport commence next Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All students in years 4 to 7 have selected or been allocated a sport and given permission forms. These forms need to be handed to our Childs coach either on the day sport starts or if is a teacher from this school before the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Have a Great Week

Les Berryman

Acting Principal

### Alton Downs District Athletics Carnival Raffle.

Please find attached ten raffle ticket which we would like each family to sell to raise money for the Alton Downs District Athletics Carnival.

First Prize—\$100 Voucher Stocklands

Second Prize—\$30 Voucher Bunnings

Please return to School Office before May 12th 2008. Thanks

### Tuckshop

Thanks to Christine and Hannah Barlow for doing tuckshop yesterday .

Workers for Monday 28th April 2008 — Julie Lovell and Lynne Foxwell .

**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 Capers

I am currently teaching the year 3 and 4's. We have been spending time brushing up on our reading and comprehension skills. As most parents will be aware that last night I sent home a poem to be read as their night reading and questions to be answered. I have encouraged students to record this in their home reading book. Most nights I will be sending home this type of reading and questions.

We have been studying plants in science. We have utilised the front and vegetable garden to investigate information on plants. As part of our reading today the students read about a pitcher plant and how it is clever but strange.

We will also be starting the 'International Country of Study School Childrens competition'. This year the country is Mongolia, so if you have any information or pictures the students can have a look at please send them in. Year 3 will be creating a picture any medium depicting bird/s or animal/s native to Mongolia. Year 4 will be designing a poster promoting Mongolia that conveys an instant message.

### Homework

Please ensure all homework is brought to school everyday.

**Year 3** – Spelling Matters Unit 12 – all week to complete this unit

### LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Robert Beak is interested in a 1 hour coaching Session on Tuesday, starting next Tuesday 29th April. The cost will be \$10 per session for 8 weeks. There will be two coaches available for each session.

If you have not already fill out a form and you are interested, please fill out the form below.

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
is/are interested in participating in tennis coaching.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Carer signature

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 73, Tues pg 78, Wed pg 80

Reading has been provided this week with some comprehension questions, students may record this as their reading.

Mon – 'Dogs', Tues – 'Dentist', Wed – 'Letter to Jack'

Learn the 3 times tables

**Year 4**– Spelling Matters Unit 10 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 62, Tues pg 63, Wed pg 65

Reading has been provided this week with some comprehension questions, students may record this as their reading.

Mon – 'Dogs', Tues – 'Dentist', Wed – 'Letter to Jack'

Learn the 3 times tables

Kindest Regards

*Julie Paddison*

### ANZAC Biscuits

**1 cup Rolled Oats**

**1 cup Plain Flour**

**1 cup Sugar**

**3/4 cup Coconut**

**4 oz Butter**

**2 Tablespoons Syrup**

**2 Tablespoons Water**

**1 Teaspoon Bi-carb**

**Combine all dry ingredients together.**

**Place Butter, Syrup and water in a large saucepan, bring to boil, add bi-carb and then combine with dry ingredients. Mix well.**

## SCIENCE ON SATURDAY !

*Science on Saturday* is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science; come to one, or come to all six! Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (*The Helix* or *Scientriffic*) to take home. Check out these fabulous topics:

**Apprentice Scientist (10/5/08):** Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments. Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!

**Healthy Humans (17/5/08):** What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.

**Water Wise (24/5/08):** Explore the water cycle and the properties of water, as you experiment with solutions, water quality and water treatment.

**Forensic Investigation (31/5/08):** Put your detective hat on as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime. Examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting to help find the culprit.

**Working with DNA (7/6/08):** Extract real DNA and learn some fascinating DNA facts as you discover how it's studied and why it's so important.

**Energy Expert (14/6/08):** What is energy? Investigate various types of energy and the different ways we can get energy for everyday living.

*\*\*this activity runs for 2 hours, so in this case the junior session is 9:30-11:30 and the senior session is 12:30-2:30\*\**

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)  
 Times: 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*)  
 12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds  
 Venue: Rockhampton State High School, Campbell Street.

Sessions are limited to 25 children so **bookings are essential!**

For more information and bookings: [www.csiro.au/SOS](http://www.csiro.au/SOS)

Or call **1300 302 649** during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.

### LOTE NEWS

The annual Central Queensland Japanese Handwriting contest is being held in Term Two, Week Three. All students studying Japanese are encouraged to participate. All participants receive a certificate and prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. There are also encouragement awards given to a student from each participating school. There is a \$2 entry fee per person that needs to be paid by 2nd May. Students have been asked to think about entering and I will be taking final numbers in the first week of Term Two. Our students have been very successful in previous years, winning many prizes. Let's keep up the fantastic work in Japanese.

Thanks

Kristy Elson (LOTE teacher)



## MEETINGS



### P & C NEWS

**Next P & C Meeting 13th May in the Library 7:30pm.**

### **Special meeting 24th April**

*A special meeting concerning the opening of the 'undercover area', 'new play grounds' and gardens will be Thursday 24 April in the Staff room at 7:00pm. Agenda: Invitations, Scheduling, Catering and Sorting out our list of people to thank.*



### PLAY GROUP

**Every Wednesday**

Held in the undercover area at Ridgelands School

**What to bring:** Plate for morning tea,  
glue and \$1 for supplies.



**Any queries please contact Michelle Rose**

**Ph 49345635**

## Notices

### BATTERY COLLECTION

Kitty Wren attended our School Parade to talk to the students about recycling batteries at school.

Battery World has commenced a competition for all schools collecting batteries. The School with the heaviest amount collected at the end of each term wins a cash prize of \$500.

Car batteries are to be taken straight to Battery World ( Musgrave Street). These will be too heavy to be collected at school. All small batteries will be collected at school and placed into a special battery bin where is located in the Library.



### **World's Biggest Morning Tea.**

Instead of a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research this year, we have decided to have a shared lunch. This will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd May. There will be a raffle.

Please come along and bring a plate to share.

Jenny Prince.