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RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter Date:
29th April 2008

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 2

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
21 May	CWA International Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

For those of you who have not been informed, we have acquired another teacher for the rest of the year, starting yesterday. Our class structure is now as follows: Prep/1, Mrs Prince; 2/3, Mrs Balmain; 4/5, Mrs Paddison; 6/7, Mr Berryman/Mrs Kluver.

Thank you to all parents and members of our community who attended our Anzac Day Service. Congratulations must go to the students for their attention and behaviour throughout. A special thank you also to Mr Ron King, from the Capricornia Sub-Branch of the RSL who gave up his time to speak to the students, and Mr Mayer for coming out to do the prayer.

Congratulations must also go to our School captains Lachlan Hunt and Melinda Lovell for representing the School at the Dawn Service. I hope they warmed up in the car ride home.

Winter Sport begins this Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child/ren have the required equipment needed for their respective sports. **Also, if you are able to assist us with transport on Friday please contact the school with details. Any assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated.**

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.

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 3:30pm. 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 we need to start working on numbers for next year.

The Ridgelands Athletics 800m events will be held next Wednesday 7th May commencing at 9.00am. Followed by Discus for the 10yrs,11yrs,12 and 13yrs and Shot Put for the 9yrs,10yrs,11yrs,12 and 13yrs. All other Field and Track Events will be held on Thursday 8th May commencing at 9.00am.

The next P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th May.

Have a Great week

Les Berryman

Acting Principal

Tuckshop

Thanks to Julie Lovell and Lynne Foxwell for doing tuckshop yesterday .
Workers for Tuesday 6th May 2008 — Sharyn McQuillan and Sue Cooper.

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 4 & 5 Capers

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Homework

Please ensure all homework is bought to school everyday.

Welcome to the new year 4 / 5 classroom. The students have settled into their allocated classrooms smoothly. Both classes (4 and 5) are separated with each class positioned at opposite ends of the room. Students are working well within their new environment.

We have started the 'International Country of Study School Childrens competition' and have spent time studying the country 'Mongolia'. The CWA criteria includes that the posters should have impact – be eye-catching, colourful and original – simple, but interesting. The name of country must appear on the poster. Students must use few words, but words that convey an instant message. Students must have this project complete by this Friday 2nd May 2008.

Kindest Regards

Julie Paddison

Year 4– Spelling Matters Unit 12 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 67, Tues pg 68, Wed pg 70, Thurs pg 72

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

Tues –'Goldfish', Wed – 'Make a Party Hat', Thurs – 'Ambulance officers'

Learn the 4 times tables

Year 5– Spelling Matters Unit 12 – all week to complete this unit

Jigsaw Maths – Mon pg 65, Tues pg 67, Wed pg 68, Thurs pg 70

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

Tues –'Strawberry Bars', Wed –'The Full Tummy Café', Thurs –'New Zealand'

Learn the 4 times tables

Alton Downs District Athletics

Carnival Raffle.

Please find attached to last weeks newsletter ten raffle tickets 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

Year 2/3 News

Welcome to all Yr 2/3 parents. We are looking forward to an exciting term, learning about life under the sea.

Homework will continue the same as last term. Year 3 homework this week is Spell-ing Matters Unit 13 and Jigsaw Maths p 77, 81, 82.

Please continue with home reading every night.

Home reading books are available to borrow from our classroom. Yr 3 may continue to read books from home.

I would like to invite parents to visit our classroom and look forward to meeting those parents I have not yet met.

We will be having a regular snack time at 10:00am each day, to help maintain our concentration. Please send along an extra small item of food preferably fruit, to be eaten at this time.

We also welcome Mr Michael Schmidt to our classroom. He is a student teacher who will be observing and assisting each Tuesday. I will also be seeking parents to assist in the classroom at various times. I will notify which days and times early next week.

Susan Balmain

Prep & Year 1 News

Today we picked the first zucchinis from our garden and made zucchini fritters (frog fritters—they were green!). Nearly all the children ate theirs & came back for seconds.

Recipe:

Grated Zucchini

Beaten Egg

Plain flour to bind

Mix

Shallow fry in oil (we used rice bran oil).

Comments:

Connor—Yum.

Shara—Can I have some more.

Thomas—They were good (I ate three)

Our veg garden is looking good with sugar peas, lettuce, pak choi, beans and our mammoth pumpkin patch thriving. Come and have a look!

Year 6/7 News

Year 6/7 are preparing for their Yr 7 tests. They are also working on the CWA projects on Mongolia.

Their main Unit of Study this term will be Careers, Biographies and Autobiographies.

Les Berryman

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

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)



Winter Sport Friday 2nd May

Netball

Senior C	Alton Downs 1	v	St Anthony's	Ct 3	at 1:25pm
	Alton Downs 2	v	Crescent Lagoon	Ct 12	at 1:25pm
Junior C	Alton Downs	v	Yeppoon	Ct 6	at 1:25pm

Rugby League

12/13B	Alton Downs	v	Allenstown	Saleyards	2pm
11B	Alton Downs	v	Glenmore	Glenmore Prim	1pm
10B	Alton Downs	v	The Hall	RHS Top	2 pm

Soccer

Junior	Alton Downs	v	Park Avenue	PASS -	12:40pm
Girls	Alton Downs 1	v	Heights College	Norbridge Pk 1	—1:35pm
	Alton Downs 2	v	Frenchville 2	Norbridge Pk 1	—1:35pm
Minor	Alton Downs 1	v	Heights College	Norbridge Pk 3a	—12:40pm
	Alton Downs 2	v	Frenchville 2	Norbridge Pk 3b	— 12:40pm
	Alton Downs 2	v	Bye		

LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Robert Beak is interested in a 1 hour coaching Session on Tuesday, starting today 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

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MEETINGS



P & C NEWS

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

Official Opening Day

Ridgelands School official opening of the Under Covered areas, Playgrounds and Staffroom /Tuckshop refurbishment, followed by the garden opening and presentation will be held on Saturday 24th May 2008. Come and enjoy a BBQ dinner, Trivia and Frog hop.



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.