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Dear Parents/Carers

Term 1 has nearly come to a close and the ten days off is a well earned reward for students and staff. I have been simply amazed by the effort and commitment each and every student has made. I would also like to thank the staff for their support in transitioning to a new leadership structure while maintaining the high standard of curriculum delivery and school operation. Your efforts have made my job much easier.

The parent attendance at Monday's parade was great to see as students were presented with their Redback Awards. Congratulations to those students who received awards, your effort and hard work have been recognised. Keep up the high standard. House captain and House vice-captain badges were also presented despite a minor hiccup, as were the school councillor badges and equestrian captain badge. A full list of all recipients is included below.

Next term will see each class having the assistance of a first year practicum teacher on Wednesdays. The CQU students will be completing school and university assigned tasks with the students, to develop their understanding of the education system and vital role of a classroom teacher. We look forward to having their presence at the school.

Newsletter Date:
7th April 2009

Term 1 Week 11

Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 1

9th April
10th April
11th April
12th April
20th April
21st April

Last day of Term 1 & Cross Country
Good Friday
Easter Saturday
Easter Sunday
Pupil Free Day
Term 2 Commences

Thank you to the parents who attended the Interactive Whiteboard session yesterday. Your questions and feedback on the technology and benefits to the students were inspirational. I look forward to hearing more of the positive comments that are brought home by students regarding the learning conducted using the Interactive Whiteboards.

The library staff are currently in the process of covering, cataloguing and preparing the new reading scheme for the classes. With an average value of \$7 per book and a total value of over \$8 000 there will be plenty of work ahead for Mrs Hunt, Mrs Pierce and Mrs Foxwell. Please ensure that if students bring these books home for reading that they are returned to school in good condition. As the books belong in sets, if one book is ruined or goes missing the entire series loses its workability in the classroom.

Finally to all parents, students, staff and the community in general, have a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed after the break.

Until next term.

Brad Carlson

Tuckshop

Thanks to Sonya Turner, Sue Cooper, Hannah Barlow and Christine Barlow for doing tuckshop yesterday.

Workers for Tuesday 21st April — Kerri McIntosh and Caryn Hunt

IF YOU CAN NOT COME FOR SOME REASON PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE FURTHER DOWN THE LIST.

FUN RUN 2009

This Thursday, 9th April, is our school Fun Run. We shall be starting at approximately 9:15am. The order of events shall be:

Prep & Year 1 Boys (5 & 6 yrs)

Prep & Year 1 Girls (5 & 6 yrs)

Year 2 & 3 Boys (7 & 8 yrs)

Year 2 & 3 Girls (7 & 8 yrs)

Year 4 & 5 Boys (9 & 10 yrs)

Year 4 & 5 Girls (9 & 10 yrs)

Year 6 & 7 Boys (11, 12 & 13 yrs)

Year 6 & 7 Girls (11, 12 & 13 yrs)

Races shall be run as age groups, (eg. 5yrs, 6yrs) and 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be awarded for each age group even though two age groups shall run together. All students receive an icy block, ribbon & certificate at the end of their event.

Thank you to those few volunteers who've nominated to help on the morning. If you're available, please leave your name at the school office. Hope to see you there!

FUN RUN CAR PARK

There will be a line of markers in the main car park on Thursday morning. Please park up to, but not in front of this line of markers, as our students will be running along the fence line out the front of school. Also, if parking near the CWA buildings, please park as close to the fence as possible as students will be running out of the school grounds and along the footpath, towards the highway.

Thank you

Sally Kluver

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Chaplain's Corner...

After a slight hiccup, our Parenting Ideas are now back on track. Please collect them and collate them into a booklet for future reference. There are 24 in the series.

Yes, you might think this is just common sense, however we all could do with a reminder occasionally, being a parent myself. Please read and enjoy the difference. Share your thoughts with other parents. I would also like to hear your thoughts.

I would like to wish you all a happy and meaningful Easter. Please celebrate, in your own way, this special time set aside for you and your families. Have a safe and pleasurable holiday spending valuable time together each and every one.

Topic #3

'ENCOURAGING CHILDREN'

If we, as parents, continually encourage our children we can have a deep and positive effect on them. The messages that we send them do stay in their minds and influence the way they think about themselves and how they behave. If we let children know often enough that they are inept or inadequate they will believe it, as we are significant reference points. Through the use of constant encouragement parents can promote self-confidence in their children as learners and as people.

Bright Ideas

Give children realistic responsibility. Through our actions we are giving them the message: 'I know that you can do this'.

Point out children's strengths and achievements. When correcting a child or pointing out an error try focusing on a strength first. 'I like the way that you write your letters. Now let's concentrate on spacing your words out a little more.'

Recognise improvement they have made or effort they are putting in at school or at home. 'Your reading has really come along...' You can't always praise their performance but you can usually make positive comments about their improvement, effort or attitude.

Express your confidence and faith in their abilities. 'I know you can do it.'

Promote positive self-talk. When children do something well ask them how they feel about their efforts. 'That's a terrific drawing, Sarah. What do you think about it?' Encourage them to make positive comments about themselves and discourage them from putting themselves down.

If you need a reminder to encourage your child—consciously develop the habit of offering a positive remark when they leave for school in the morning and when you say good night.

How to discourage children

Compare them with a sibling: 'Why can't you keep your bedroom tidy like your sister?'

Continually criticise or put them down: 'You are a real dope!'

Focus on their mistakes and errors: 'Oh no! You've made a mistake again. How many times do I have to remind you?'

Year 3/4 News

This week, we will be continuing with end of term assessments. Year 4 students will be completing their power point slide show presentations this week. Year 4 parents will be invited to attend these presentations after the holidays.

Some students have not provided \$2 to help cover the cost of pizzas which we made last week. Please provide this as soon as possible.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed making and eating these. We will be cooking Easter treats this week as well as making Easter craft and completing Easter activities.

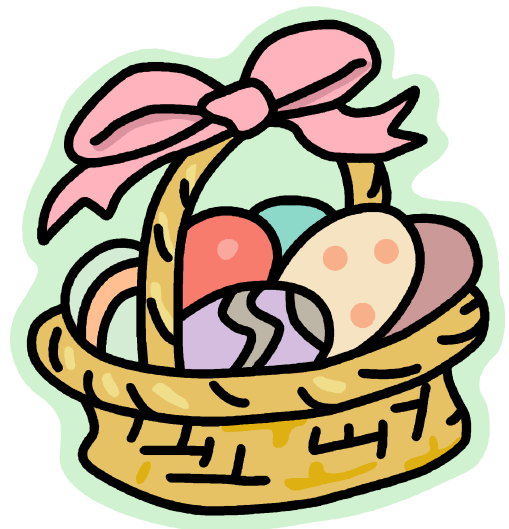
Congratulations to the students who received home reading and homework awards last week - Travis Turner, Joshua Hunt and KeallanThompson.

Please continue the excellent homework and reading effort this week. Year 4 Maths homework will be Jigsaw Maths pages 34, 35. Year 3 Maths homework is Jigsaw Maths pages 14, 15. Spelling words are to be written as normal this week. Please choose 3 words from the spelling list to be written into sentences.

Thank you to Julie Lovell for her assistance with Easter activities last week.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday,

Susan Balmain



News letter

This Wednesday and Thursday we have exciting things that we will be taking part in at school. On Wednesday we have a muster for sport and on Thursday we have the Fun Run. It will be fun and a very long day for the students.

The students are wishing the week was already over so they could start on the holiday's and eat lots of Easter eggs. All of year 5/6/7/ wish everybody a very Happy Easter and we will be glad to see everybody back at school on Tuesday after the holidays.

We say a congratulations to David Foxwell and Sarah Barlow for getting classmates of the month in March.



By Bill Baumann and Jayden Forrest

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

New school shirts \$30
(embroidered Spider on shoulder)

New school shirts (old style) \$20
(screen printed 'Ridgeland Redback' on back)

Size 4	-	2
8	-	2
14Y	-	8
16A	-	3
18A	-	4

Second hand uniforms \$ 2
(a few different sizes)

Size 53 hats only \$ 2

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hot Dog Day on Thursday 9th April.
Please make sure your order form is handed into the office.

WIN A \$2000 BREVILLE TUCKSHOP PACKAGE

Our School would like to participate in this promotion. To participate we need students, parents, grandparents and our school community members to collect tokens from 'The Morning Bulletin' from March 2nd to July 24th. The tokens will appear every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with bonus tokens during the school holidays.

The prizes will be \$2000 Breville Appliance package and runner-up prize of a \$1000 Breville appliance package.

Please start collecting now and sending tokens to the school office.



MEETINGS



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P & C NEWS

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING'S TIME CHANGE

*P & C Meeting Thursday 23rd April 2009 in Staff
Room at 7:30pm*

Notices



PLAY GROUP Every Wednesday



Held in the undercover area at Ridgelandss
School

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

**Any queries please contact Michelle Rose
Ph 49345635**

KNITTING SQUARES FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Woollen blankets are needed for the Victorian
Fire victims (winter comes early down south).

If you would like to help, please send knitted
squares to the school and they will be sent away
to be turned into rugs.

More information can be found on the 'Better
Homes and Gardens' website.

INSTRUCTIONS

SQUARES FOR WRAPS are to measure: 10 inches
x 10 inches (25cm x 25cm)

KNITTED SQUARES: To knit a 10" x 10" square
use 8 (4mm) needles, 8 ply yarn, cast on 50-55
stitches and knit each row plain (i.e. garter
stitch).

NOTE: test your tension to measure 10 inches.

DO NOT KNIT one row plain, one row purl (i.e.
stocking stitch) as your square will curl up.

NO KNOTS Start each ball of yarn at the begin-
ning or a row and sew in ends. Do not cut ends
off short as your square will unravel. When
starting or finishing a square, sew in all ends.

Rural Fabrication

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Bobcat: 4 in 1 Bucket, Trencher, Forks,
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