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Newsletter Date:
5th May 2009

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 2

5th May
7th May
12-14th May
18th May
27th May
28th May
30th May

Robotics — Stanwell
Rocky Cross Country
Year 3/5 & 7 Naplan testing
CWA International Day
Ridgelands Sports Day—Field events & Eisteddfod
Ridgelands Sports Day—Track events
Ridgelands Show

Dear Parents/Carers

Students in grades 3, 5 and 7 will be completing their NAPLAN testing next week. The students will sit tests measuring their understanding of topics around numeracy and literacy. To give each student the best possible chance to do their best there are a couple of things that can be done at home to help:

- ensure a good nights sleep
- a healthy breakfast
- reassurance that the testing is important but not the be all and end all.

For these testing days it is also vital that students arrive on time. Even five minutes late will impact on the students understanding of the testing task. Also if your child is away for one of the days please advise the school as soon as possible to minimise disruption to the remainder of the students.

Could all parents assist in reminding their children that hats and shoes are required to be worn during play times. Some students are removing their shoes and it is only a matter of time before a incident occurs that could have been avoided.

Finally I would like to commend all students for their behaviour at sport on Friday. The reports from all coaches was positive and is another example of the high standards set by students at Ridgelands SS.

Until next week

Brad Carlson

Tuckshop

Thanks to Rebekah & Hannah Barlow and Kellie Tomkins for doing tuckshop today.

Workers for Monday 11th May — Sharyn McQuillan and Sue Cooper

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

Year 3/4 News

Beef Week

On Thursday night we are going to watch this man with his cows and horses. We are staying there until he is finished the show.

He is going to ride the cows and the horses and he does lots of stuff. We are going with some friends to watch him. He gives some cows and horses away.

I think it starts at 9:00 and ends at 10:15 at night. We are going to have tea there. It is going to be a long night.

It is going to be lots of fun. My Mum, McKayla, Kirby and I will be going.

On Sunday we went to Beef, we saw two big big bulls and they were the biggest bulls there.

By Amber Patteson.

On Saturday I went to Beef Week and we got to pat two bulls. One's name was Cassidy. They were massive and the bulls were Brangus. They live at Charleville, so the were called 'Charleville Brangus'. I got a pen and a magnet. This week I will be leading my heifer in a competition at Beef Week.

By Ellie Frankish

Beef Week is about tractors, beef cattle, trucks and horse handling. Beef Week is where you get to pat the animals. Stud cattle are on display, they are also judged in the big ring.

By Raymond Hallam

Chaplain's Corner...

Topic #5

DISCIPLINE (Is NOT A DIRTY WORD)

Discipline is a necessary part of parenting, yet it is often misunderstood. It is usually associated with punishment—smacking, humiliation and other types of censuring action. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour. Good discipline encourages them to take responsibility for their own actions. It doesn't involve physical harm or verbal put-downs. However, it does require firmness and a willingness to treat children with respect, even if they don't always respond to us in kind.

Bright Ideas

Try the ESCAPE formula when dealing with children's misbehaviour.

Establish clear limits and boundaries for children. Rules need to be clear and specific. 'Be home by six o'clock' is more effective than 'don't be late'.

Stop, think and go against your first when children misbehave. If you feel like losing your cool with your children take a walk, phone a friend or even count to ten before interacting with them.

Cue children once when giving instructions or directions. Repeated requests or threats only encourage 'parent deafness' in children.

Act when children don't stick to the limits or refuse to cooperate. Rather than nag or coax children into doing the right thing implement a consequence that is related to their misbehaviour. For instance, children who constantly come home late can stay home next time and toddlers who leave toys around can lose them for a while.

Pinpoint the reason for the children's behaviour. As much of their misbehaviour is to get their parents attention our initial reaction often encourages it further. If you constantly nag children at bedtime, coax attention-seekers to cooperate and argue with determined teenagers—try changing the way you respond.

Encourage children at every opportunity. Children who are difficult to deal generally lack self-confidence and doubt their self-worth so they need constant encouragement.

Remember, consistency rather than severity is the key to effective discipline.

Year 5/6/7 News

We hope you had a good long weekend. If you have raised money for the fun run Mrs Kløver would like to collect it as soon as possible remember to bring your hats for sports training cause we only have 2 weeks left.

If your parents read the morning bulletin and if you don't collect the tokens inside, we would like you to please donate them to our school so the school has a chance to win the tuckshop package.

By
Chenai Boucher
Bill Baumann

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

New school shirts (embroidered Spider on shoulder)	\$30
New school shirts (old style) (screen printed 'Ridgeland Redback' on back)	\$20
Size 4 - 2	
8 - 2	
14Y - 8	
16A - 3	
18A - 4	
Second hand uniforms (a few different sizes)	\$ 2
Size 53 hats only	\$ 2
Hats	\$10
Skorts	\$12
Shorts	\$10
School Jackets	\$25

WIN A \$2000 BREVILLE TUCKSHOP PACKAGE

Our School is participating 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.

Best Collectors	David Foxwell	15
	Shardaii & Keallan Thompson	10
	Bill Baumann	10



Sport Venues—Friday 8th May

All sports draws will be now available on the school website. They will update as the new draws are sent to us.

Rugby League

Senior	Alton Downs vs
Minor	Alton Downs vs

Netball

Senior 1 Black	Alton Downs vs St Mary	Court 5	1:25pm
Senior 2 White	Alton Downs vs Mt Archer	Court 12	12:50pm
Midgets	Alton Downs vs The Caves	G/Court 5	12.50pm

Soccer

Junior	Alton Downs vs	RGS	Eliz Pk	12:40pm
Girls—White	Alton Downs vs	Berserker 1	Nor Pk 1	12:40pm
Minor— Black	Alton Downs vs	RGS Red	8A/B	1:35pm

Sports Reports

Netball

Last Friday the Alton Downs Midget Netball team were defeated by Waraburra 3-2. The player of the match was Neve for shooting 2 goals in the first half. By Kiara

FUN RUN

Fun Run Sponsorship Form should have already been handed in on Monday 27th April. If you haven't handed them in, please send them in ASAP. **Remember even the blank sponsorship forms are to be returned as well.**



- The Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research this year, will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 26th May. We will have a shared lunch.
- Please come along and bring a plate to share.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

- Please ensure you are using the 'Winter Menu' sent home. (Green sheet).

■ There will also be a raffle.

■ Jenny Prince.

CROSER'S SCHOOL BUS 20 YEAR REUNION

Held: Ridglands Hall

Date: Sunday 7th June 2009

Commencing: From 11:30am

*Lunch and Afternoon Tea on sale
BYO Drinks*

*Past students of our bus runs, their families and
the teachers and staff are invited.*

*Please contact Miriam as soon as possible
for catering purposes.*

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LET'S MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE DAY



MEETINGS



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P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting this Thursday 14th May 2009 in the Staff Room at 7:30pm

See you there!

Notices



PLAY GROUP Every Wednesday



Held in the undercover area at Ridgelands 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 beginning 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

Stockyards, Fencing & Custom Trailers

Bobcat: 4 in 1 Bucket, Trencher, Forks,
300-450mm Augers & Mixer

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