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Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 2

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

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

What a hectic week and it is only Tuesday. In the last 3 days we have had national influenza scares, national testing programs and state wide teacher strikes called. I wonder what the remainder of the week will bring. Please take careful note of the bolded section as it pertains to the teachers strike announced for the 19th May.

I wish to inform all parents and carers that the Queensland Teachers' Union announced on Monday 11 May that a statewide, 24-hour strike will take place in Queensland state schools on Tuesday 19 May.

This affects our school because some teachers are likely to take part in this industrial action, along with their colleagues across the state.

I want to assure our school community that despite the strike, which runs all day on Tuesday 19 May, our school will be open to students on this day.

We will put in place special supervisory arrangements during the normal school hours on Tuesday 19 May to ensure the safety of all students, as this is our highest priority. It is likely that regular classroom activity will be disrupted.

Strike action is being taken in pursuit of a new salary package for teachers.

Please contact the school with any queries that you may have regarding the strike and the impact it may have for your family.

Students in years 3, 5 and 7 started their national testing program today. Arrangements have been made so all students are sitting the test at the same time, under the same conditions, to give each child the best opportunity for the testing. Testing will continue for the next two days, concluding with the numeracy test on Thursday morning. Results for these tests will not be available until September, however if you have any concerns or queries about your child's efforts on the test or in general class then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The school website has recently undergone a major overhaul and now has an easier to navigate front page. Each week copies of the school newsletter are uploaded as are any permission or information notes required by the students. Also available are the sports draws for each sporting team including time, venue and opposition. Please take 5 minutes to visit the school website on www.ridgelanss.eq.edu.au and have a look around as the site holds a lot of valuable information about the school. Keep an eye out for future developments including a virtual tour of the school. I would like to thank Mr Ramm for his efforts in revamping and maintaining the school website.

Until next week.

Brad Carlson

PLEASE NOTE:

- * The Croser Buses **will not be** running next Tuesday 19th May.
- * The Hampson Bus **will be** running on Tuesday 19th May.

Golden Circle Fun Run Fundraiser

As you are all aware, before the holidays we completed our school Fun Runs which was organised through Golden Circle as a terrific Fundraiser for our school. We have been calling for the return of your forms and collected sponsors/donations since week 2 of this term. In order for us to receive the prizes for our fundraising students and the cheque for our school we must have collected ALL MONEY AND ALL FORMS before this will occur.

If you chose to **NOT** be involved in our fundraiser, then **the original form should have been returned to school.** This was clearly spelt out in numerous newsletters, P.E. lessons and is also clearly written on the actual sponsor form. This ensures people do not go collecting sponsors and then pocket the money for themselves.

We are still waiting on money and/or forms from the following students:

Neve & Nate Tomkins, Joebie McIntosh, Tommy-lee Dow, Bailey Copland, Raymond Hallam, Kiara Crummer, Jayden Forrest, Lorraine Hallam and Ryan Forrest.

Please get these in to the school office ASAP as the remaining students are eagerly waiting on their prizes for their terrific fundraising efforts. We must have all forms and money returned before we can order these prizes. A huge thank you to all those who did collect sponsors/donations. This has been a great fundraiser.

To date we have raised approximately \$2 800.00!!!!!! Remember we will receive a cheque for 50% of funds raised to go towards Sporting equipment and resources (and any other needs) for our students, along with prizes for the remaining 30%. Thankyou for your involvement and more information will be in next week's newsletter regarding prizes and delivery date.

Thank you for your support
Sally Kliver

Prep / Years 1,2,3 & 4

Next Wednesday 20th May, the Prep, One, Two, Three and Four classes are going on an excursion to Cooberrie Park.

The cost will be \$10.00
\$8 entry and \$2 goes towards the cost of the bus.

The children will need to bring a snack, lunch and afternoon tea as well as a drink. They will not need any extra money.

School uniform is to be worn and a hat and comfortable shoes.

The students are all looking forward to this excursion, please make sure your permission form and money is handed into the office.

Thank you
Jenny Prince & Barry Niland



Year 5/6/7 News

Last Thursday May 7th, 5 people from Ridgelands State school competed for the Rockhampton Cross Country at the Gracemere Golf Club. The five people that competed were David Foxwell 56th, Henry Balmain 31st, Jayden Forrest unable to finish, Ryan Forrest last and Mikayla Munro 26th.

Well done and a great effort by all.

Ridgelands sports day is on the 27th and 28th May.

By Henry Balmain

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	26	Bill Baumann	10
Ethan Godwin	20	Shardaii & Keallan Thompson	10
Joel Estreich	11		



Sport Venues—Friday 15th 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	Yeppoon	NRHS Robinson St	12:45pm
Minor	Alton Downs vs	Bye		

Netball

Senior 1 Black	Alton Downs vs	Girls Grammar	Court 10	1:25pm
Senior 2 White	Alton Downs vs	St Anthony's	Court 3	2:00pm
Midgets	Alton Downs vs	RGS	Court 11	2:00pm

Soccer

Junior	Alton Downs vs
Girls—White	Alton Downs vs
Minor— Black	Alton Downs vs

P & C News

The P & C are having a Pie Drive as this terms fundraiser. Please find attached to this newsletter the Pie Drive Form. As always we are seeking the support of the school community to make this fundraiser a success.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

Tuckshop

Thanks to Hannah & Christine Barlow and Sharee Weier for doing tuckshop yesterday.
 Workers for Monday 18h May — Christine Barlow & Kerrie Malcolm
 IF YOU CAN NOT COME FOR SOME REASON PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE FURTHER DOWN THE LIST.



- 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.
- There will also be a raffle.
- Jenny Prince.



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

Rural Fabrication

Stockyards, Fencing & Custom Trailers

Bobcat: 4 in 1 Bucket, Trencher, Forks,

300-450mm Augers & Mixer

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KNITTING SQUARES FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Please send any knitted squares into the school office or give to Jenny Prince.

Thank you