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REDBACKS

Newsletter Date:
26th May 2009

Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 2

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12-14th May
18th May
27th May

Year 3/5 & 7 Naplan testing
CWA International Day
Ridgelands Sports Day—Field events & Eisteddfod

Accompanying this week's newsletter is an important letter regarding the increased level of response to the current Swine Flu outbreak in Australia. The letter is to advise you of the school's stance, so please take the time to carefully read the information it contains. If you require any clarification of the letter please contact the school.

Students have been practicing and planning for the Ridgelands Inter-house sports day this Thursday. Once again the students will be out to prove if the Unicorn or the Dragon is the stronger mythical creature. As this will be my first Ridgelands sports day, I look forward to watching the cooperation and team spirit that these days provide. The added bonus for these days is the opportunity it provides to parents and the community to support the students and the school. I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it on the day.

The community has expressed some concern about the detour of heavy traffic onto Moses Road with the Louisa bridge downgrade and the risk this has created to the bus run. I have contacted the Rockhampton Regional Council and have been assured that signage will be placed on the detour in the coming days. Thank you to the members of the community who have approached the school over their concerns.

Alton Downs District sports day is also approaching quickly. Please keep an eye out for information in the newsletter and for additional notes in the coming days.

Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this year.

Until next time
Brad Carlson

Tuckshop

Thanks to Hannah & Christine Barlow and Beth Frankish for doing tuckshop last Monday.

Thanks to Hannah Barlow, Robyn Charlton and Helen Tomkins for doing tuckshop yesterday.

Workers for Monday 1st June — Sonya Turner and Sharee Weier

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

Chaplain's Corner...

Topic #6

BULLYING

Bullying is the selective, uninvited, intentional, often repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group. Whether physical or psychological, bullying is an intolerable behaviour that can cause long-term harm to children. It not only transgresses a child's fundamental right to feel safe but can affect academic performance, peer group relations and a child's self-esteem.

What to do if you suspect your child is being bullied?

Look for warning signs of bullying. These include: complaints about items being stolen, evidence of physical injury such as bruising, reluctance to go to school, feigned illnesses or headaches, or withdrawal from school activities.

If you suspect your child is being bullied take him or her seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as tale-telling. Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Sometimes the only thing children want is the knowledge that they have their parents' full support.

Avoid over-reacting and resist the temptation to confront the bullies and give them a dose of their own medicine. This only causes an escalation and invites retaliation. Children are more likely to confide in their parents if they know that they will be consulted about any subsequent action.

Get a clear picture of what happens, who is involved and what your child is doing before being bullied. Help your child identify any behaviour such as playing alone or annoying others that may contribute to the bullying. (Be careful that you don't appear to accuse your child of inviting bullying. Try to ascertain if there are behaviours that may contribute to being bullied.)

If appropriate, provide your child with some ideas based on the information you have gathered that will reduce the likelihood of being bullied. For instance, by avoiding certain areas at school or playing alongside others a child may get the protection he or she needs.

Inform your child's school of the bullying behaviour. Present your concern to the principal or relevant teacher and explain that you are hoping to find a solution to the problem with the school's help.

Discuss the processes that will be used to help your child and the bullies. Note what the school will do and what you can do to support your child.

Information courtesy of Michael Grose "Parenting Ideas"

Prep / Yr 1 & 2 News

The Country Fair is on Saturday 22nd August and is moving ever closer. The Prep, 1 & 2's are manning their annual plant stall. Can all the Mum's and Dad's who possess a green thumb start to pot some plants for our stall, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you



Golden Circle Fun Run Fundraiser

We have finally collected all of our sponsors/ donations and our final total for the school fundraiser was a HUGE \$3 261.00!!! What a terrific effort from our 58 participating students. Many thanks to all of you who took part. We will receive back a cheque for \$1 630.50 for us to spend on school sport, HPE, Equestrian, other resources and we will also be using \$360 to cover our three teams.

We will also receive additional prizes for the highest fundraising girl and boy in each Year Level along with a prize for the highest fundraising student in the school. I will be announcing who these winners are, on a future parade, once our prizes have arrived (approx. 3-4weeks time).

Once again, many thanks to you all, for supporting this great fundraiser. We will let you know in upcoming newsletters when the prizes have arrived, and when the additional Year level and overall highest fundraisers will be announced.

Sally Kløver



YR 5/6/7 NEWS

As we all know sports day will be held on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of May. We are all waiting and hoping to find out which team, the Dragons or Unicorns will win. We are also looking forwards to the Ridgeland show on Saturday the 30th of May.

We have been learning how to paint landscapes with Mrs Kluver. Last week, science, we had some great fun with Mr Carlson making thermometers, barometers, wind vanes, rain gauges, and more. It was really interesting.

BY LORRINE HALLAM

3 / 4 News

Semester reports are being prepared now. All students are completing a number of different subject specific exercises relating to their Favourite Australian Native Animal. Maths, English and Science exercises are progressing at a rapid pace.

All students are working well to their potential.

Best regards for Show Week

Barry Niland



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	12
Ethan Godwin	20	Shardaii & Keallan Thompson	10
Joel Estreich	11	Kinsley Dodds	7



CROSER'S SCHOOL BUS 20 YEAR REUNION

*Held : Ridgeland Hall
Date: Sunday 7th June 2009
Commencing: From 11:30am*

*Lunch and Afternoon Tea on sale
BYO Drinks*

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

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

*Phone: 49345140
Mobile: 0427 009338 or
Email: bonanza@skymesh.com.au*

LET'S MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE DAY

Sports Reports

Netball

Minors Netball 15th May

On Friday the 15th of May, Alton Downs Minor Netball team were defeated by the Grammar 7-0. Everybody played a great game.

Minor Soccer 22nd May

Last Friday Alton Downs Minor Black Soccer team defeated St Paul's 4-3. The player of the match was Pagen for her great passes to lots of our team mates.

By Amy and Katie



Sport Venues—Friday 29th 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	Crescent Lagoon	Glenmore High	1:45pm
Minor	Alton Downs vs	Glenmore	Glenmore High	12:45pm

Netball

Senior 1 Black	Alton Downs vs	Mt Archer	Court 12	12:50pm
Senior 2 White	Alton Downs vs	St Mary's	Court 2	2:00pm
Midgets	Alton Downs vs	St Joseph PA	Court GC4	1:25pm

Soccer

Junior	Alton Downs vs	BYE		
Girls—White	Alton Downs vs	Frenchville 1	Norbridge Pk 4	1.35pm
Minor—Black	Alton Downs vs	RGS Black	Norbridge Pk 6B	12.40pm

P & C News

The P & C are having a Pie Drive as this terms fundraiser. Please return order forms to the office by Wednesday 27th May. As always we are seeking the support of the school community to make this fundraiser a success. If you require another order form, please just ask.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

New school shirts	\$30
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
Hats	\$10
Skorts	\$12
Shorts	\$10
School Jackets	\$25



P & C FUNDRAISER



Football Doubles on the first
'State of Origin'

\$2 per ticket

WINNER—\$150.00

Ticket sellers required

Or

If you wish to purchase a ticket/s please send in your money and we will send home the ticket/s.

**PLEASE SUPPORTING THE RIDGE-
LANDS STATE SCHOOL P & C**

