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Newsletter Date:
9th June 2009

Term 2 Week 8

Tuesday's News

Important Dates for Term 2

9th June
12th June
18th June
25th June
26th June

Robotics
Robotics—Final day—CQU
1/2 Day—Alton Downs Sport—Field Events—Bouldercombe
Alton Downs Sports Day—Track Events—Bouldercombe
End of Term 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Just three weeks remain of Semester 1 and yet there is still so much to achieve.

Teachers are currently in the final stages of preparing end of semester report cards. These will be sent home to parents via students on Wednesday 17th June. Included with each report will be a return slip offering the opportunity for parents to have a teacher interview. Please read these reports carefully and ask for an interview if required, as these are your best opportunities to understand each student's progress.

I must make amends for not mentioning the great effort of the Ridgelands School choir at the recent Eisteddfod in gaining second place. Thank you to all the choir students who have given up their time to put towards this event. Thank you also to Mrs Hiron for her time and effort in making sure this opportunity is available to the students of Ridgelands.

Also on the representation track congratulations to the students who represented the school at the weekend's Equestrian event. Well done to 'Ridgelands Red' for their efforts in placing sec-

ond overall and also to 'Ridgelands White' for placing 6th overall. Seven students; Jaide, Kiah, Daniel, Sophie, Amy, Amber, and Rudy were represented and for me personally it was a wonderful learning experience to see the students and horses in action.

Welcome back to Mrs Paddison as she returns to teach the year 3/4 class. Thank you to Mr Niland for his role in teaching the class if only for a short period.

Congratulations to Mrs Balmain and family, with the birth of a little baby girl 'Marnie Ellis' last week. The school community wishes you all the best (and sleep, if possible) and we look forward to seeing you and baby soon.

Until next week

Regards
Brad Carlson



Tuckshop

Thanks to Hannah & Christine Barlow and Kerrie McIntosh for doing tuckshop today.

Workers for Monday 15th June — Christine and Hannah Barlow

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

Country Fair

The Country Fair is approaching fast, this is our major fundraising event of the year. Last year's fair was 'the most successful' we have ever had. A considerable amount of this fundraising is donated back towards the school each year.

Due to the low attendance at P & C meetings, we require additional support from the parent community to achieve another successful fair.

Helpers are needed to provide new ideas, assist on the day and organise stalls prior to the event.

If you are able to help in any of these roles please refer to the list below and contact the school.

Jobs	Helper 1	Helper 2	Helper 3
Setting up			
Setting up			
Multi Draw	Heather Laver		
Catering	Christine Barlow		
Catering			
Bar	Chris Lovell		
Fashion Parade			
Plant Stall (Prep/1/2)			
Cake Stall & Craft Stall (Year 3/4)			
Year 5/6/7 Stalls			
Cleaning up Sunday			
Cleaning up Sunday			
<i>New Ideas</i>			

Year 3/4 Capers

This week we continue our oral health unit.

Today we conducted a science experiment 'Stop the Plaque Attack'. Students discovered that plaque grows when it comes into contact with sugar. They learnt to brush whenever possible after eating and to limit snacking.

This week students will also be making their own 'Plaque Catcher' (Origami Game) to focus on identifying four key oral health messages.

Last Friday the students played an oral health game 'Tooth Team Challenge'. The students had to recall oral health concepts from the 'Dr Rabbit and the Legend of Tooth Kingdom' DVD.

Parents would you please check with your child if they need new pencils. I have several students who have no pencils or other tools (rubbers, rulers etc) for writing.

Regards, Julie Paddison

Prep / Yr 1 & 2 News

During the Country Fair the Prep/1/2 plant stall will be holding a Garden Raffle. It would be appreciated if all the parents could donate a gift to go into the raffle.

All donations are to go to the Prep /1/2 teacher, Jenny

Thank you



NOT TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE

There's still time for students to join in the celebration of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Don't worry if you can't start on 1st June. You can still participate.

Click online for free registration and receive a FREE MS Readathon wristband. www.msreadathon.org.au or 1300677323

YEAR 5 / 6 & 7 NEWS

The year 5\6\7 class hopes every one had a great day off for the Queen's Birthday. Last week on Thursday we had the Australian Rugby League Development Officer Sally Galloway come out and show us some Rugby League skills. She will be attending our school for two more weeks. Sally is so fun she sets up fun and exciting games and she made up some great passing games too.

Mrs Kløver will be leaving us for one year and won't be back until term 3 or 4 next year. She will be leaving years 5\6\7 and Thursday PE. We are still waiting to hear who will be her fill in teacher.

Daniel Stanke was one of the Classmates of the Month for May. He was absent for the photo last newsletter.



By Teghan Hunt

I would just like to thank everyone for a great year I have had during 2009 as PE Teacher and Yr 5/6/7 class teacher. Today is my last day of Tuesday teaching on class, and next Thursday will be my official last day of teaching, before going on leave to have my baby at the end of July.

I shall be attending the Alton Downs Sports day on that last Thursday, so I may miss saying goodbye to some students. I will come back for a quick visit and farewell with Yr 5/6/7, probably the last Wednesday of term. (I will visit with the new baby at sometime during Term 3.)

As always, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all students, staff and the community, and look forward to returning as PE Teacher in 2010, Semester 2. Thankyou for a great year and I wish everyone all the best and good health for the rest of 2009.

Mr Carlson/Mrs Stanke will keep you all informed regarding the Fun Run prizes. They are definitely on their way and we should see them before the holiday.

Thankyou again, Sally Kløver



EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Congratulations to the seven students who rode in the Paradise Lagoons School teams challenge held on the weekend. All students represented the school proudly. I would like to thank Paige Barney and all the parents for their efforts in organising the teams and uniforms for the competition. Thank you our equestrian captains and to Kiah Barney for writing the following report.

On Saturday and Sunday, seven members of the equestrian team competed at Paradise Lagoons for the Gracemere Pony Club Team Challenge weekend. We had 3 teams with a couple of people doubling up. These teams were 'Ridgelands White'; Sophie Stanke, Daniel Stanke and Rudy Stanke: 'Ridgelands Black'; Amber Patteson, Jaide Francis and Kiah Barney: 'Ridgelands Red'; Amy Bean, Rudy Stanke and Kiah Barney. We all rode in age groups in the ; Sporting, Campdrafting and Rider Class, but in the Jumping, Team Penning and Novelty Events we rode open against 20 other teams. All the kids had fun and the weekend was great. 'Ridgelands White' placed 6th overall and 'Ridgelands Red' placed 2nd overall. Well done to all the teams for there achievement.

By Kiah Barney (Ridelands Equestrian Team Captain).





Chaplain's Corner...

Topic #7

Promoting Independence

The main task for parents is to raise responsible, independent children—this can be tough because our natural instinct is to care for and nurture them. However, parents shouldn't wait until children are ready to leave home before they give them responsibility. Training for independence needs to start from a young age and continue into the teenage years. Encouraging independence in children is not just good training for adulthood. It is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. When we teach children to do jobs for themselves we demonstrate our faith in them and send a powerful message that they are capable. Our actions definitely speak louder than our words.

Bright Ideas

Encourage them to do routine household and family activities—e.g. tidying bedrooms before school, clearing away dishes, preparing after-school snacks.

Encourage them to take responsibility for their own homework tasks. Put young children in charge of their reading and get them to remind you that it is reading time.

Children can do quite difficult tasks if we show them how. Break complex jobs like making a bed into simple tasks such as arranging teddies and the pillow, progressing to smoothing out a doona and so on.

When children can tell the time teach them how to use an alarm clock so they can get themselves up and regulate their own morning routine.

Be alert to children's readiness and willingness to do things for themselves then consider letting your child take over. Ask yourself: 'Is my child capable of doing ...?'

Encourage them to prepare their own breakfast and put their own lunch in the school bag.

Sports Reports

Netball

Last Friday Alton Downs Senior A team were defeated by Frenchville 8-1. The player of the match was Lilly from Bouldercombe for her great passing.

By Neve

Rugby

The Minor Football team lost to Frenchville. The score was 16 to 44. The player of the match was Matt from Boldercombe for the first try.

By Jayden

Soccer

Last Friday Alton Downs White Girls Soccer Team was defeated by Waraburra 5-nil. The player of the match was Billy from Depot Hill., but the whole team tried hard.

By Laura

The Junior Boy's Soccer team won against St Peters. The score was 5 to 2, the player of the match was David for his great ball work

By Mackie



Sport Venues—Friday 12th June

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	St Marys	Browne Park	1:45pm
Minor	Alton Downs vs	The Hall	Brosnan Oval #2	1:45pm

Netball

Senior 1 Black	Alton Downs vs
Senior 2 White	Alton Downs vs
Midgets	Alton Downs vs

Soccer

Junior	Alton Downs vs	St Paul's Gracemere	McLeod Pk	12:40pm
Girls—White	Alton Downs vs	Glenmore 1	Norbridge Pk 3	1:35pm
Minor—Black	Alton Downs vs	Mt Archer 2	Norbridge Pk 6A	12:40pm

P & C News

Please organise how to collect your pies from school on Wednesday 10th June, they will arrive at school at 12:30pm.

Raffle Tickets for Alton Downs District—need to be returned by Tuesday 16th June.

<u>UNIFORMS FOR SALE</u>	
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

2nd State of Origin Football Doubles on sale again **NOW**
The first doubles WINNER was from The Stanwell Power Station. Thank you to all our double sellers.



P & C FUNDRAISER

Football Doubles on the Second 'State of Origin'

\$2 per ticket

WINNER—\$150.00

PLEASE SUPPORTING THE RIDGE-LANDS STATE SCHOOL P & C

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MEETINGS



P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting this night Thursday 11th June 2009 in the Staff Room at 7:30pm

See you there!

Notices

Rural Fabrication

Stockyards, Fencing & Custom Trailers

Bobcat: 4-in-1 Bucket, Trencher, Forks,

300-450mm Augers & Mixer

PH 0407031621

ABN : 33499415782



PLAY GROUP Every Wednesday

Held in the undercover area at Ridgeland School



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

Any queries please contact Michelle Rose Ph 49345635

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

Josh and Connor	32	Joel Estreich	11
Amy and Kasey	32	Shardaii & Keallan Thompson	10
David Foxwell	26	Pagen and Jacob	8
Ethan Godwin	20	Kinsley Dodds	7
Mikayla Munro	14		
Bill Baumann	14		