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improved reading behaviours for their homework reading. Parents can you please continue to support your children in their home reading as we are seeing improved reading behaviours and an increased interest in reading activities through this process.

Working Bee

A school Working Bee has been organised by the P&C for Saturday 17th March. Already we have had some fantastic offers from parents and grandparents, offering to provide time and equipment to help spruce up the school grounds and gardens. Mr Lund has been working extra hours over the past few weeks in an attempt to reduce the snake risk by maintaining the grass level. Unfortunately due to the rain and warm weather the allocated 4 hours per week for grounds care just does not stretch far enough at this time of year.

Behaviour

Whilst we have had a few students each day attending the detention room for various reasons, the overall behaviour standard of students has improved. We are seeing fewer instances of physical behaviours, bullying and reckless or dangerous play. I would like to commend all of the students for their efforts in maintaining a high behaviour standard for the school. Until next time.

School Captains

Congratulations to Ellie Frankish and Joshua Hunt on their election as school captains and to Pagen Simpson and Travis Turner as vice captains for 2012. The election of house captains and student councillors will be held this week. A parade to present the badges for the leadership positions will be held in the coming weeks.

Student Leadership Conference

All year 7 students attended the Impact Leadership conference in Rockhampton last Friday. With over 300 local student leaders in attendance it was a great opportunity for our school leaders to network and develop their skills in leadership.

Reading Results

The first student results for their reading assessments this term have been completed. Staff are currently compiling and discussing the data so that we can better plan for the improvement of each and every child in reading. The data will be presented in the next newsletter for parent and community consultation. If you have any queries regarding your child's reading abilities or behaviours please contact your child's teacher.

Ridgelands Radical Readers

The reading rewards scheme for student's home reading has been given a name and will be finalised this week. The aim is to reward students for the number of pages read and their

Policy Reminder

UNIFORM — The school uniform is accepted as normal attire for students.
 FOOTWEAR — Students are expected to wear suitable footwear at all times. Acceptable footwear includes socks, joggers, sneakers or fully enclosed shoes. HATS — Students must all wear a wide brimmed, sun safe hat at play.

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 5 Tuckshop— Jan Barnes & Colleen Rose	6	7	8	9 5/6/7 sport	10
11	12 P&C MEET Tuckshop— Corinne Godwin & Michelle Rose	13	14	15	16 5/6/7 Sport	17 SCHOOL WORKING BEE
18	19 Tuckshop - Kerri Stanke & Katrina Deem	20	21	22	23 EQ SHIELD IPAD FEES DUE	24 EQ SHIELD State Election
25 EQ SHIELD	26 REDBACK AWARDS Tuckshop - Nicole O'Donnell & Heather Laver	27	28	29	30 Term 1 Ends	31 HOLIDAYS

IMPORTANT

17th March—P & C Working Bee

23/24/25th March—EQ SHIELD

Around the Classes

News—Prep / Year 1

Our science lessons have been looking at the 'Needs of Living Things.'
Pictured across is an example of the high ratio of adults to students in our class working together.



News—Year 2/3/4

In science we have been comparing 'Living and Non Living Specimens.'
Pictured is Nate with one of a major prizes from the vouchers our community collected in last years Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. The whole school will benefit greatly from our new maths volume measuring kit during our maths lessons throughout the year. So a big thank you to all of you who collected and sent in all the Woolworths vouchers. Our class is looking forward to using them.



News—Year 5/6/7

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 5/6/7 iPad open day yesterday. The students enjoyed the opportunity to display their knowledge and skills using the devices. It was also great to have the opportunity for parents to use the devices in a hands on manner. Whilst these devices may seem new and "scary" they are proving to make a real difference in the students' engagement with learning. An open day will be held again next term. We look forward to seeing more parents then.



Parents and Citizens News Mon 12th March 2012—3.15pm

UNIFORMS—Uniforms will be sold on Mondays between 8:30am and 3:15pm.

Tuckshop

Thank you to all those wonderful mothers and grandmothers who have volunteered to do tuckshop this year. The response is tremendous!

A big thank you to Helen Bishop, Nicole O'Donnell, Emma Frankish, Heather Laver & Kasey Anwyl for doing tuckshop .

Workers for Monday 27th Feb 2012: Regan Ellrott, Emma Frankish & Helen Bishop.

Workers for Monday 5th March 2012: Colleen Rose, Jan Barnes & Helen Bishop.

If you are unable to work on this day please phone Helen on 0437 117686

NOTICES & REMINDERS

HEADLICE -A Head Lice letter was sent home yesterday. Please check your child's bag for this letter. Urgent action is needed in this matter.

INTREPICA— A letter went home last week informing parents about the wonderful web based program that the P & C has paid the subscription for again in 2012. Your child's unique username & password was also attached to this letter.

IPAD— A reminder to parents in the 5/6/7 classroom that the hire fee (\$120) is due by 23rd March.

EARN & LEARN— Our prizes from Woolworths Earn & Learn program in 2011 turned up last week. Students are enjoying using the maths volume set that we received!

2/3/4 Class

READING TERM 1- 2012 PARENT HELP

If you can help on a regular basis with our Reading groups please fill in your details below and return to school as soon as possible.

Your Name: _____

Sessions you can attend on a weekly basis:(please circle)

Mon 9:00-9:45

Tues 9:00-9:45

Wed 9:00-9:45

Fri 9:00- 9:45

SPORTS DRAW

24th February 2012

Team	Opposition	Time	Venue
Cricket	St Joseph's PA	12:45pm	R'ton Cricket Grd 4
Softball	Allenstown SS	12:45pm	Allenstown SS

Parent transport would be greatly appreciated. However, if you can not provide transport, bus transport will be available at a cost of \$ 3.00 per child/ per week or \$30.00 for the term.