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Student Numbers

I would like to clarify some concerns in the community around staffing and classes for 2012. After the initial day 8 enrolment collection there will be **no change to the staffing arrangements for the remainder of 2012**. We worked hard at the beginning of the year to ensure we remained with three classes and this will remain the situation for all of 2012.

Community Night and Disco

Friday night's community gathering and student disco was a successful event. It was great to catch up with parents and students outside of school hours in an informal setting. Thank you to the P&C for their organisation and funding of this event. We are looking at holding another community night later in the year. Keep checking the calendar for details.

A Busy few weeks

The next two weeks are extremely busy for the students. Next week (Tuesday) the students are attending the Beef 2012 expo, the permission forms are included with today's newsletter. Please complete these and return them as soon as possible.

Wednesday and Thursday next week will see the Dragons and Unicorns do battle for the athletics trophies. Wednesday is the half day events while Thursday is the full day of sprints, ball games and field events. All parents are welcome to come and cheer, support and take photos for

treasured memories.

NAPLAN testing is being conducted on the 15, 16 and 17 of May. The P&C is again funding breakfast for all students on these three days. Toast and juice will be available from 8:30 on the days of the testing. Please ensure your child is present at school for these three days as well as ensuring they have had a full night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast and lunch. These little steps will help ensure your child tries their best for this important assessment task.

Student internal monitoring tasks have been completed for term two. While some results are still being collated the early indications are that results in spelling have increased. With the school wide practice of "Sequential Spelling" being done daily, we have seen pleasing improvement in the students results. Reading results for term two will be included in the next newsletter.

Until next time

IMPORTANT

3rd May—Biggest Morning Tea
8th May—Beef week visit

7th—May Labour Day Holiday
10th May—SPORTS DAY

Around the Classes

News—Prep / Year 1

Grade One are using problem solving skills and co-operation to build 3-D structures.



News—Year 2/3/4

Our Class would like to recognise and thank the P & C Association for the wonderful window tinting contribution to our class. It has made a great difference to being able to use the electronic whiteboards and making a cooler environment. Pictured are samples of our CWA project posters still in working progress.



News—Year 5/6/7

Students in the 5/6/7 class are currently filming the scenes for their persuasive advertisements. The ads are coming along well, with some budding advertising professionals amongst the class. This is the final assessment piece for their persuasive text unit started in term 1. The finished products will be available for viewing later in the term.



MAY 2012

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.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Football Training	3 Biggest Morning Tea FUN RUN MONEY DUE	4 4/5/6/7 Sport	5
6	7 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY No Tuckshop this week	8 Beef 2012 Visit	9 ½ Day Sports Day No Football Training	10 Inter-House Sports Day	11 4/5/6/7 Sport	12 RSHS EXPO (Year 6 & 7)
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 <u>Tuckshop</u> — Sonya Turner & Heather Laver	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN Football Training	17 NAPLAN	18 4/5/6/7 Sport	19
20	21 CWA / EISTEDDFOD <u>Tuck shop</u> - Katrina Deem & Kasey Anwyl BOOK FAIR	22 BOOK FAIR	23 Football Training BOOK FAIR	24 BOOK FAIR	25 4/5/6/7 Sport BOOK FAIR	26
27	28 <u>Tuckshop</u> - Corinne Godwin & Michelle Rose	29	30 No Football Training	31		

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

Tuckshop

No Tuckshop on the week starting 7th May. P&C will provide sandwiches for lunch for everybody on Sports Day. However we will ask each family to bring a plate of cake, biscuits or fruit to share.

Workers for Monday 14th May 2012: Sonya Turner, Heather Laver & Helen Bishop.

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

NOTICES & REMINDERS

UNIFORMS—A new shipment of uniforms arrived before the holidays. We now have plenty of stock including School Jackets for winter which are \$25 each and football socks for Friday sport.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA—You are all invited to our BIGGEST MORNING TEA fundraiser for the Cancer Council on Thursday 3rd May at 11am in the Staff room. Please bring a plate of food
MOTHER'S DAY Notes went home yesterday regarding the student council selling gifts for Mother's Day.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE—will be drawn on Sports Day Thursday 10th May. Tickets have been sent home today. All money and tickets need to be returned by 9th May. to share and plenty of money for the raffle.

BOOK FAIR—Starts Monday 21st May and finishes on Friday 25th May. Parents are invited to come and look at the display of books.

MUSIC NEWS The Ridgeland's Choir will be competing at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod on Monday 21 May at 1:30pm. The choir consists of students from the Years 5/6/7 class and 6 students selected from the Year 2/3/4 class. The choir will be singing "Fireflies" and are competing against The Girls Grammar School and Wowan State School. A note went home last week with details.

SPORTS DRAW

4th May 2012

Team	Opposition	Time	Venue
<u>FOOTBALL</u>			
Seniors	The Hall	1.45pm	RSHS—Bottom
Juniors	Mt Archer SS	1.45pm	RSHS-Top
<u>NETBALL</u>			
Senior	RGS	1.25pm	Court 4
<u>SOCCER</u>			
Senior	Heights	12.30pm	Elizabeth Pk 2
Minors	St Josephs PA	1.25pm	Norbridge Pk 6

Parent transport would be greatly appreciated. However, if you can not provide transport, bus