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missing school through reasons other than illness, that this does not become a consistent behaviour. In future weeks I will add an update of overall school attendance to keep the community informed of progress in improving the attendance rate at school.

Congratulations to the 5/6/7 students who competed at the CQ Junior Robotics competition. It was great to see the way students planned, built, programmed and persevered through difficult circumstances. The standard of competition was very high with students gaining some insight into the higher levels of robotics competition through watching the robots of other students. Well done to Casey and Kelleen of team Ghost who won the Rescue category and to all the students who represented Ridgeland at the competition.

Until next time.

An issue of school attendance has been identified through the first half of the year, and the trend has continued for the start of term 3. The state target for student attendance is 95%, while currently the student population is attending at only 85%. While I understand that there are many issues which effect student attendance, there is strong evidence that shows a direct link between high attendance rates and increased academic achievement. Please ensure that if your child is

IMPORTANT

10th Aug—1st Camp Payment Due

11th Aug—Working Bee

AUGUST 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
	6 <u>Tuckshop-</u> Jan B & Colleen R	7 Small School's Day—Rocky High -5/6/7	8	9	10 1st CAMP payment DUE	11 WORKING BEE
	12 <u>13P & C MEET Tuckshop-</u> Kerri S & Nicole	14	15	16 5/6/7/Lote Class Taiko Drums excursion	17	18
19	20 <u>Tuckshop-</u> Katrina & Katherine L ARTS COUNCIL	21	22 READY READERS Wrapping multi-draw prizes	23	24 DAFFODIL DAY (Dress in Yellow) Gold coin donation	25 COUNTRY FAIR
26	27 <u>Tuckshop-</u> Sonya T & Kasey A	28	29	30	31	

Around the Classes

News—Prep / Year 1

The Prep/One Class welcomes Mrs Ho for the next three weeks while Mrs Prince is on leave.

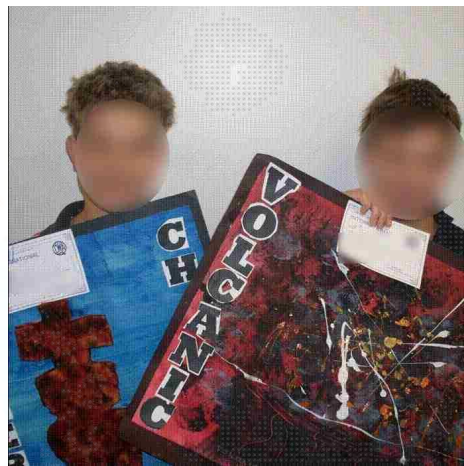
Our Class is holding a gardening Raffle and a plant stall at the Country Fair. We are asking for donations of gardening item for the raffle and plants to sell on the plant stall, please.



News—Year 2/3/4

Congratulations to Nate and Rudy for both receiving an award for their CWA posters in the next level of the competition. Both posters represented the Ridgeland in Capricornia Division and received 3rd place in their category for their year level.

School fete is approaching and I need parents to consider how they will contribute to our class stalls including donations for cakes, slices, lollies, craft etc. I will be sending home foam trays and plastic bags with ties closer to the event. If you would like extra trays please contact us and we will send more home. If you are unable to fill the trays, please return to the school. Thank you for your valued contributions and donations.



News—Year 5/6/7

The year 5/6/7 students attended the Small Schools Activity day at Rockhampton State High School on Tuesday. Students got a taste of high school routine with lessons in Technology, Science, P.E., Agriculture, Art and Drama. The students were also able to mix with peers from other small schools to assist in making friendships once they move on to high school.

Pictured across is the whole school holding our Coles for sports items we received for last years vouchers.



Parents and Citizens News Mon 13th August 2012—3.15pm

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

Tuckshop

Workers for Monday 13th Aug 2012: Kerri S, Nicole O'D & Helen

Workers for Monday 20th Aug 2012: Katherine L Katrina D & Helen B

Thank you to Sonya T, Kasey A, Colleen R, Jan B & Helen for helping in tuckshop.

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

P&C NEWS

COUNTRY FAIR 25th August starting at 2.30pm until late.

We need donations for

- White Elephant Stall (2nd Hand items)
- Plant Stall & Gardening Raffle
- Multi-draw Raffle
- Cakes & Sweets
- And Lots of Volunteers to Help

MULTI-DRAW— This year we will be sending home Multi-draw raffle tickets so that families can purchase these before the fair. **If you do not want these tickets could you please return them to school. If you would like more to sell please contact the school.** We are hoping this makes it a lot easier on the day of the fair.

RIDES— This year we are again selling wristbands for the rides which include a jumbo slide, jumping castle and some time on the mechanical bull. Wristbands if purchased before the day are \$22 and \$25 if bought on the day. These prepaid wristbands are available from the school office.

MECHANICAL BULL COMPETITION— Nomination forms have been sent home today. If you need more there is plenty more at the school office.

SPORTS DRAW

NO SPORT UNTIL TERM 4