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NAPLAN

Preliminary NAPLAN data has been released to schools following the NAPLAN testing in May. Student results show that the planning, teaching strategies and assessment that we are utilising at Ridgelands is improving student results. In five out of ten testing areas the students are improving at a greater rate than the national average, while the other 5 areas are improving at a similar rate to the national mean. We have more students in the upper two bands, than in the previous 3 years and fewer students below National Minimum Standards. This supports the results we have been gaining from internal monitoring of **Reading** and **Spelling** throughout the year. The school will continue to adapt our planning to ensure progress continues, giving each and every student the best possible education available.

Student reports will be sent home this week. If you wish to discuss or clarify the results obtained from NAPLAN testing, then please contact your child's teacher.

Student Numbers 2013

Workforce planning for 2013 has begun for the CQ region district office. I have had discussions with district office regarding student enrolment numbers in 2013. At this stage we have insufficient students to hold three classes for 2013. This was discussed at length at the September P&C meeting. At this stage there is no information on who will need to leave the school. If we drop to a two teacher school next year the class groupings will most probably be a P-3 and 4-7 class.

The only way to continue to offer three classes is with an increased enrolment of students. As a community we need to promote the school in a positive way, through conversation and action. It is far easier to criticise than praise and the school needs the good news stories to be heard as well. With your help a continuous positive message will yield a positive outcome for the school. The school is taking actions to improve the messages being promoted to the community through positive promotion in the media.

If you have any queries regarding enrolments or staffing for 2013 please contact the school to gain the correct, up-to-date information on 49345518.

Tuckshop Term 4

Unfortunately Mrs Tomkins is unable to continue as Tuckshop convener for the remainder of the year. This means that unless there is a parent willing to take on the role for term 4, we will not be able to offer tuckshop until a suitable replacement or outcome can be found. If you are interested in taking on this role even in a temporary way please contact the school or a P&C executive member.

Chaplaincy Role

Great news on the Chaplain, as of next term Chappy Damien will be filling the role of Chaplain at the school for one day per week. Each Monday Chappy will support the students in class as well as providing non-denominational pastoral care should the students require assistance. Damien comes with many years' experience working with the Salvation Army and other youth organisations.

School Holidays

The two week September holidays commence this Friday 21st. School resumes after the holidays on Monday 8th October as there is no Pupil Free Day on this day. The Pupil Free Day for term 4 has been allocated to Monday 22nd October. I trust you all have a relaxing and rewarding two weeks holiday.

Winter Muster

Congratulations to all the students who received certificates or awards on Friday for their efforts during the Alton Downs District winter sports season. The students took part in an ARL development skills lesson prior to the presentation, which added to the benefit of the day. Be watching "WIN's School of the Week" this Wednesday night from 6:30 pm to catch the students in action.

IMPORTANT

21st Sept—Holidays Start

8th Oct— 1st Day of Term 4

OCTOBER 2012

Policy
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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	3	4	5	6
	8 Tuckshop- Kelli T & Sue C	9 SWIMMING	10	11 All camp Payments Due	12	13
	15 Tuckshop- Regan E& Emma F	16 SWIMMING	17	18	19	20
	22 PUPIL FREE DAY	23 SWIMMING TCC Small Schools Day (Year 7)	24	25	26	27
	29	30 SWIMMING	31			
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Around the Classes

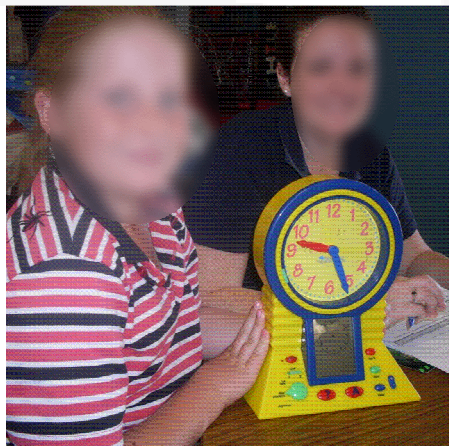
News—Prep / Year 1

This week's English unit is "Reasons for Reading". The Prep/One/Two children are learning to follow written instructions—how to make a bird seed bell, simple recipes, making origami shapes and following a treasure hunt. P.S. We won first prize for our Pentas flowers at the Horticultural show at the week-end. Prize \$3.



News—Year 2/3/4

We have had a productive term and we are looking forward to a hard earned break. Students are completing some assessments this week and we are finalising units of work. We have been learning to read the clock this term. To make this concept concrete, parents need to encourage their child to continue reading both analogue and digital times at home. Thanking you for your assistance.

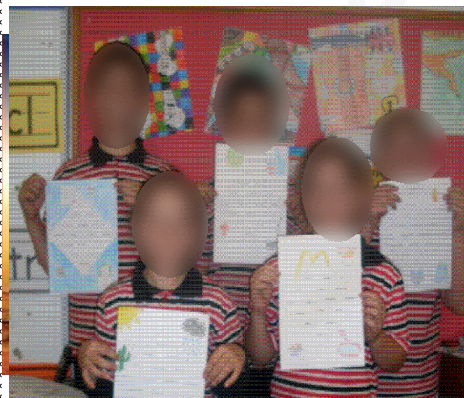


News—Year 5/6/7

The Year 5/6/7 class have been discussing different attributes of opposites such as nouns, adjectives and participles (verbs ending with ing). Some of the example of opposites include:

- dead & alive
- breakfast & dinner
- summer & winter
- pillow & rock

They put all the attributes into a creative poem poster.



Parents and Citizens News Mon 5th November 2012—3.15pm

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

Tuckshop

Workers for Monday 8th Oct 2012: Kelli T & Sue C.

Workers for Monday 15th Oct 2012: Regan E & Emma F

Thank you to Marcia T, Heather L, Michelle R, Corinne G, Kasey A & Helen for helping in tuckshop.

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

REMINDERS

BIG THANK-YOU: The students and staff would like to thank Helen for all her hard work in providing us all with lovely, healthy tuckshop lunches during the past nine months. We will all miss her smiling face each Monday and wish her all the best.

SWIMMING: Swimming will commence 1st Tuesday of term 4 (9th October) -please make sure students bring their swimming togs, towel, caps, goggles etc.

CAMP—only 25 days to go until camp!!! Final camp payments need to be finalised by Thursday 11th October.

BILLABONG PRANK SHIRTS—all orders need to be in by this Thursday so Mrs Hiron can place the order. Shirts are \$10 each. Mrs Hiron would like to have a cast photo in these shirts to keep as a memento and hang it the library.

ENROLMENTS 2013-We are now taking enrolments for 2013 Prep to Year 7. If you are interested in enrolling students, enrolment packs are available from the school office or phone: 49345518 and we will send you one. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces in 2013.