



Ridgeland's State School

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Policy Re-

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
	5 P & C MEET	6 Melbourne Cup SWIMMING	7 Tuckshop Nicole O'Donnell & Kerril Dolinski	8	9 5/6/7 Sport	10
		13 SWIMMING	14 Tuckshop Colleen Rose & Jan Barnes	15	16 5/6/7 Sport	17 WORKING BEE 2:30pm Start
18	19	20 SWIMMING	21 Tuckshop Kasey Anwyll & Sonya Turner PREP ORIENTATION	22	23 5/6/7 Sport	24 Ridgeland's Hall Christmas Party
25	26	27 SWIMMING	28 Tuckshop Emma Frankish & Regan Ellrott	29 After school Rehearsal	30 PUPIL FREE DAY	

Principal's Report

Welcome to my first newsletter as Acting Principal, here is an insight into what is happening at Ridgeland's State School.

Academic Improvement

Spelling results for Semester 2 2012 show an average increase of over one year in the spelling age for all students over the last 12 week period. The change is due to the focussed 30 minute sequential spelling lessons each day. Our focused spelling sessions will continue to utilise this program in 2013.

Music: 'Count Us In'

A fortnight ago, the students had a wonderful experience participating in Australia's biggest school music initiative. Thank you to our specialist music teacher Jody Hiron for conducting the singing session. During this time, Ridgeland's State School said and sang 'Count Us In'. This initiative is supported by The Australian Government, it has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students' development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involved over half a million students from schools all over Australia signing up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time – Thursday 1st Nov at 11:30am. Well done Ridgeland students!

Working Bee

This Saturday 17th November 2012 starting 2:30pm the P & C are holding a garden working bee at the school. As the school grounds person is only limited weekly hours we need the school community to help tidy the gardens and lawn. The school will be hosting many events leading up to the school holidays including prep orientation, redback awards, volunteer morning tea, Year 7 graduation, musical 'The Billabong Prank' and break up day. Therefore we will have many new and current families accessing the school as well as community members. Let us also not forget the students who attend daily and have the right to a tidy and safe learning environment. So let's all work as a team this weekend to beautify our school!

Breakfast and Lunch Alert!

It has been brought to my attention that many students are not eating a substantial breakfast before attending school. This has resulted in students not being able to concentrate in class, hence hindering their ability to learn. Please make sure your child also has a healthy lunch packed daily.

Tuckshop

Due to unforeseen circumstances the tuckshop will not be offering the normal menu handed out a fortnight ago. Tuckshop will continue on Wednesday's and will only be offering speciality food days. Next week toasted sandwiches will be the speciality food on offer at first lunch, cost will be \$2 per sandwich (variety as per tuckshop list). Fruit salad will again be offered for second lunch. Could all orders be handed in the tuckshop bags provided and all orders must be handed in on Monday. Thanking you for your cooperation!

Primary Graduation

Last week, Year 7 graduation invitations were sent home to all Year 7 families, friends, relatives, P & C executive and staff. We need everyone to RSVP by Monday 19th November so we have numbers in order to organise the dinner.

Pupil Free Day

A friendly reminder to all Ridgeland families, that the school will be closed to students on Friday 30th November for a Pupil Free Day. Teachers and staff will be participating in professional development and finalising end of year reports.

Julie Paddison

IMPORTANT

- 17th Nov—WORKING BEE
- 30th Nov— Pupil Free Day

- 21st Nov— Prep Orientation
- 7th Dec—BILLABONG PRANK

News—Prep / Year 1

We investigated 'Sound' in science this week. Joel, Bailey and Lachlan are demonstrating the way sound is made using everyday objects.



News—Year 2/3/4

We'd like to welcome Mrs Corrine Cash who is teaching three days a fortnight in our classroom for the next five weeks. Mrs Cash will be taking the class while Mrs Paddison is fulfilling the role of Acting Principal in the office. We'd also like to thank Jacob Simpson for donating our classroom mascot who has adopted the name 'Rex' (pictured across).



News—Year 5/6/7

We have been busy in the 5/6/7 classroom working on assessment tasks leading to the end of the year. We have completed a persuasive writing task and are currently working on a Japanese project about a cultural festival. In Science, we are learning about food webs and how human activity impacts on these. We have also been learning some sewing skills, by making felt gingerbread men for Christmas decorations. Pictured are three students with their almost completed sewing.



Parents and Citizens News Mon 3rd December 2012—3.15pm

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

Tuckshop

Workers for Wednesday 21st Nov 2012: Kasey Anwyl & Sonya Turner

Workers for Wednesday 28th Nov 2012: Regan Ellrott & Emma Frankish

Thank you to Nicole O'Donnell, Kerri Dolinski, Jan Barnes, Colleen Rose & Michelle Rose for help in the tuckshop.

If you are unable to work on this day please phone Michelle on 0429 345 635

REMINDERS

RIDGELANDS HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY—Is being held on Saturday 24th November starting at 6.30pm. Santa will be present. Parents are to supply gifts - suggested maximum value of \$10. Hope to see you all there!

PREP ORIENTATION— We will have the pleasure of welcoming our prep students for 2013 and their parents to our school on Wednesday 21st November at 1.30pm. We will be providing an insight of our core priorities and the opportunities that lay ahead for them. If you know of any student that may be of prep age please let them know that we are having an orientation on this day and that we would love to welcome them into our Ridgelands State School family.

Sport Draw

Team	Opposition	2nd November 2012	
		Time	Venue
Cricket	St Josephs PA	12.30pm	Kalka Shades 1
Softball	St Josephs PA	12.30pm	Western St 2

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.