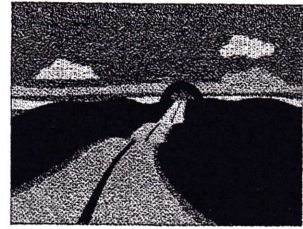


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



Issue 9 April, 2004.

A community and school newsletter.

Clean Up Australia Day.

All over Australia friends, neighbours, businesses and community groups united to 'Make Australia Shine'. Nationally, Clean Up Australia volunteers collected an estimated 8,383 tonnes of rubbish, enough to fill 1,676 skip bins. A quick inventory of the items collected around the country revealed objects as diverse as lounge suites (leopard print), car bodies, and beer kegs to dentures, a glass eye and mobile phones.

Some of the amazing accomplishments of volunteers during this year's campaign include the clean up of 1,628 roadsides, 753 parks and 1,682 waterways and coastal areas.

Feedback from site supervisors suggests that the most common rubbish items found around the country were plastic items, cigarette butts, glass bottles and cans.

At this stage, the country's most polluted sites appear to be outdoor transport sites, roadways, parks and waterfront areas.

Thankyou to our local volunteer organisers, Kate and Cameron, who contributed about 200kg to the national tally.

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The Ridgelsands and District Sporting and Agricultural Association.

P.O. Box 2046, Rockhampton 4700



The next Show will be held on the 5th June, 2004.

Nominations for Stud Beef, Fat Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Caged Birds, Poultry and Cutting close on the 31st May, 2004. All exhibitors who place and pay for their exhibits in the pavilion on Friday night will be in the draw for a \$20 prize.

New attractions in 2004 will be classes for heavy horses (both lead and driven), Barrel Races and a Dexter feature show. Dexter steaks will be on the menu at the Friday night barbecue.

A short history of Ridgelsands Show.

Our first Show was held on 8th May 1982 and ran for half a day. Since then we have expanded by adding more events, not trying to expand too quickly as running an agricultural show was a new experience to most. There are approximately twenty one-day shows in Queensland.

Ridgelsands Show is now a member of the Queensland Chamber and is one of 58 shows that does not have 'Show' in its title.

A highlight of the 2003 show was the burying of a time capsule filled with district history, to be opened at the 2028 Annual Show – an example of the confidence our committee has in the future of our district.

Another highlight was the opening of the Gordon Walters Memorial Pavilion by Senator Flo Bjelke Peterson on 19th April, 1986.

We have always included young people to help run the Show, encouraging them to get involved and carry on our work in the future.

We have endeavoured to help local committees through barbecues, raffles, auctions, etc and are hoping to set up a museum to house memorabilia from the 2003 Fitzroy Shire Celebrations.

One day country shows offer many attractions in their districts, where most exhibitors arrive in the morning to enter and display their livestock and produce.

Our show owes much of its success in its short history to always having a strong and dedicated committee whose only interest is in organising and running a successful Show.

Some members only have an interest in one class, fish or birds for example and use their connections to boost entries.

Rob Bishop. President.

DALMA SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs Lynne Foley, EQ District Director of Schools, together with Mrs Ann Campbell, EQ District Performance Officer, visited Dalma School this week to see how we were working. They were both very pleased with the school and were well and truly satisfied that we are an exceptional educational institution providing for the needs of the community and for the future of our students



Whilst here, Mrs Foley presented school leaders badges to Sarah Stanke, Sarah Anderson and Brett Estreich. Congratulations to those students.

Mr Lindley and Mrs Foley with Dalma School Leaders, Brett Estreich, Sarah Anderson and Sarah Stanke.

Appeal

Dalma State School is establishing a community section in the School Library. We need donations of novels, reference books and magazine series new or used. (no rubbish please) If you can help out please pass any donations on to Dalma State School at any time.

Excursion

Next Monday, March 22, we will be joining Stanwell and Gogango Schools in an excursion/cluster day at the Stanwell Power Station as part of our curriculum studies, 'Water in Australia'.

Community Barbecue

Dalma State School P & C is holding a B.Y.O. barbecue and card night on Saturday, April 3, at the school starting at 5:45pm. All community members are **welcome**.

Easter Raffle

The Dalma State School P & C is conducting an Easter Raffle and would welcome any donations of Easter eggs and support in ticket sales.

Cheers

Kerod Lindley

Acting Principal Dalma S.S.

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

The students at Ridgelands have been busy electing our School leaders for 2004 over the last two weeks. The elected students whose names appear later in this edition will be inducted by Mr Jim Pearce, MLA on Monday 22 March at our morning parade. They will then join Mr Pearce and parents at a morning tea hosted by our P & C association.

The entry of Alton Downs sports teams into the Rockhampton Primary schools' competition this year has seen some great games so far. We are currently preparing for the winter competition and are looking for a sponsor for the historic first Alton Downs Rugby League teams to be entered in the Rockhampton competition. Please contact Mick Byrne at Ridgelands School for more information.

Those students who have earned a "Ridgelands Redback Award" over the term will have them presented by our Federal Member of Parliament, Ms Kirsten Livermore on Mon 05 April at a special parade at 9:00am. Have a safe, happy Easter.

Mick Byrne. Principal

Classroom Capers

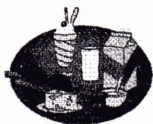
Pre/One/Two

Our SOSE Unit this term is about Change. The children have brought along photos of themselves as babies. These are on display, along with a current photo of each child. Some children have changed a lot while others are just the same!

We have also been finding out about chemical changes using substances commonly found in the kitchen. A boiled egg spins much more readily than a raw one (in its shell, of course).

Bicarbonate of Soda mixed with vinegar makes a gas strong enough to blow up a balloon.

Next we will be finding out how other common kitchen items change when heated.



Year 3/4 Classroom News



The students have recently completed creating their grocery product labels. The next stage of the process is to design a marketing tool to advertise their product such as a poster, video clip, song or newspaper advertisement. The students are thoroughly enjoying this concept of writing as it includes a variety of different subject areas such as art, technology, music and maths.

The students and I have also been discussing the importance of a balanced diet and a regular exercise programme. A lifestyle with both, will lead to good health and well-being. The recent Life Education Van visit was a very relevant and appropriate learning experience for all students.

Class Teacher

Tricia Ruddick

YEAR 5, 6 & 7

Cave Environment Excursion

The year 5, 6 & 7 students visited the fascinating world of Capricorn Caves, where curriculum based Science and SOSE outcomes were achieved. This unique program involved:

Cathedral Cave Tour - We explored the labyrinth of caverns and corridors in the amazing and ancient tropical limestone caves. We experienced the wondrous natural acoustics of the Cathedral, the excitement of the pioneering Zig Zag Passage, and the beauty of other chambers decorated by mother nature herself.

Bat and Bush Presentation – Our presenter provided us with an introduction to the secret world of bats and other native animals. We met the resident flying fox, and learnt about the role of bats in the ecosystem. Our group walked through the dry rainforest and discovered why the forest is 'dry'.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this learning experience as they had fun, excitement and adventure.

Leaders of 2004

The Ridgeland Year 7s of 1999 are now our secondary school Seniors of 2004, and with them the following leadership roles.

Cameron Byrne – Rockhampton State High School Vice-Captain.

Jessica O'Neill – Rockhampton State High School Prefect and Phillip Sports House Captain.

Kirstie Fossett – Rockhampton Girls Grammar Head Day Girl, Helen Downs Prefect and Lions Youth of the Year (Regional Level).

Danielle Pascoe – TCC Liturgy Committee member.

Matthew Frankish – TCC Spirit & Supporters Committee member.

Table Tennis Tournament 2003

Boys' Championship Match: Hayden Fraser defeated Luke Stanke.

Girls' Championship Match: Anna Reeve defeated Kelsie West.

Alton Downs District Swimming Carnival 2003

25 of Ridgелands students took a splash into the Rockhampton Grammar School in December of 2003 for the annual Alton Downs District Swimming Carnival. They were Kelsie West, Olivia Hopkins, Innika Brown, Stephanie Ruddick, Kim Shepherd, Anna Reeve, Louise Titmarsh, Naomi Pierce, Laynee Dixon, Kayla Whitehead, Terri White, Royce Torrissi, Maurice McQuillan, Scott Harney, James Morrison, Jack Ward, Lachlan Dodds, Steven Arnold, Nathan Thompson, Travis Duff, Jordan Thompson and Luke Ruddick.

The results are as follows-

100m Freestyle - Royce Torrissi 6th.

50m Freestyle

9yrs boys - Jordan Thompson 1st, Luke Ruddick 4th.
10 yrs girls - Naomi Pierce 1st, Kayla Whitehead 2nd.
10 yrs boys - Nathan Thompson 1st, Travis Duff 4th.
11yrs girls - Stephanie Ruddick 2nd, Louise Titmarsh 6th.
11yrs boys - Lachlan Dodds 3rd, Jack Ward 4th.
12yrs girls - Innika Brown 4th, Olivia Hopkins 8th.
12yrs boys - Royce Torrissi 2nd, Maurice McQuillan 6th.

50m Backstroke

9yrs boys - Jordan Thompson 3rd, Luke Ruddick 5th.
10 yrs girls - Naomi Pierce 1st, Laynee Dixon 4th.
10 yrs boys - Nathan Thompson 1st, Travis Duff 2nd.
11yrs girls - Stephanie Ruddick 2nd.
11yrs boys - Jack Ward 3rd, Lachlan Dodds, 4th.
12yrs girls - Innika Brown 3rd, Olivia Hopkins 5th.
12yrs boys - Royce Torrissi 4th, Scott Harney 6th.

50m Breaststroke

9yrs boys - Jordan Thompson 1st, Luke Ruddick 2nd.
10 yrs girls - Naomi Pierce 1st, Kayla Whitehead 2nd.
10 yrs boys - Nathan Thompson 1st, Steven Arnold 2nd.
11yrs girls - Stephanie Ruddick 2nd, Anna Reeve 5th.
12yrs girls - Innika Brown 6th, Olivia Hopkins 8th.
12yrs boys - Royce Torrissi 4th, James Morrison 6th.

11yrs boys - Jack Ward 3rd.

Age Championship Placings

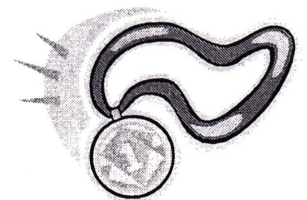
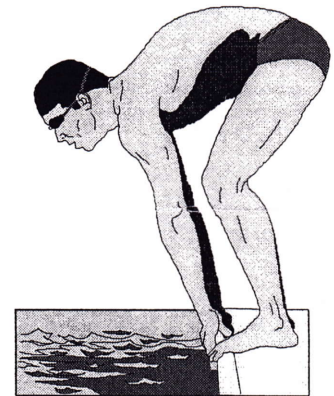
9yrs boys - Jordan Thompson Age Champion, Luke Ruddick 3rd.
10yrs girls - Naomi Pierce Age Champion, Kayla Whitehead Runner-Up
10yrs boys - Nathan Thompson Age Champion. Travis Duff & Steven Arnold 3rd.
11yrs boys - Jack Ward 3rd. 11yrs girls - Stephanie Ruddick Runner-Up.
12yrs boys - Royce Torrissi 4th. 12yrs girls - Innika Brown 4th.

Junior Mixed Relay (8-10yrs)

Ridgелands (Nathan Thompson, Jordan Thompson, Naomi Pierce, Luke Ruddick) - 1st.

Senior Mixed Relay (11-13yrs)

Ridgелands (Stephanie Ruddick, Royce Torrissi, Innika Brown, Olivia Hopkins) - 2nd.



WHAT'S ON

Learn to Dance Classes

With Janet
are on again
Thursday Nights
Stanwell Hall
7.30pm to 9.00pm
Small charge to cover
cost of hall.

Keep this date free!

Ridgelands Show
5th June 2004

Ridgelands QCWA

Mothers' Day Afternoon

8th May 1.30pm

Alton Downs Hall

International Day – Scotland

21st June 2004

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Cent Sale on 15th May, 2004

Dance on 17th July, 2004

Dance on 4th September 2004

Dance on 30th October 2004

and

Bowls second Saturday night
of each month.

Play Group

First Meeting of Play Group

Ridgelands State School

Wednesday 24th March

9.30 am

and fortnightly thereafter

Contact Michelle Rose

Phone: 49345635

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show

Ridgelands Showgrounds

Wednesday 14. 04. 04

7.30pm All welcome

Phone: 49345135

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets

9.30am, 1st Wednesday of

month

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am

2nd & 4th Tuesday of month

QCWA room.

All welcome.

Phone: 49345120

Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday

every month

Phone: 49345518

NOTICES

Wanted to Buy

Second hand smooth-soled

Riding boots in

good condition.

All sizes

Phone 49341056

Julie Paddison

For Sale

Second Hand Sink & Cupboard

Two cement tubs with legs.

Phone: 49345926

For Sale

Brangus Bull

17 months

Very quiet, can groom in paddock.

Phone: 49345113

G. Johnson

For Sale

Dodge Horse Truck V8

6 horse box

Can license. Reliable

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Phone: June Killeen

49341206

Ironing

Done at my home.

\$12/hr

Sharee Weier

Phone: 49341320

Found

On Ridgelands Road

One Swag

Phone: 49345153

Wanted

Good homes for Border Collie x
Cattle Dog pups.

Born Australia Day.

Both parents very intelligent

and good natured.

\$10 donation to animal charity.

Phone: 49341291.

BULLS ' N ' BARRELS

SATURDAY

27TH MARCH 2004

ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS

ACTION STARTS 5.00 PM

ADULTS \$8

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Mobile: 1417 730 604

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good to do
good.*

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- ❖ Email: aroundtheridges@bigpond.com
- ❖ This newsletter needs the support of the community to succeed.
Contributions and ideas are welcome.

ALTON DOWNS SCOUT GROUP

About 40 people gathered at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club, to say "Thankyou" to the Chippendale family for their outstanding commitment to the Alton Downs Scout Group over the past 18 years. The A.D. Scout Group holds many trophies from their successes at the Rudd Cup, Go-Cart Races and various boat races. Many of the recent scouts and scouts from earlier years spoke of the great memories that they have of their years in Scouts and some spoke of how the things they did in Scouts still effect their lives today. It was great to see another of the original leaders present, Mr Phil McBryde and his family. Thankyou to the A.D. Polocrosse Club for catering for the evening.



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Phone 49341132.

Oops!

We apologise for any errors in this publication. They are unintentional and we hope there are not too many. Please keep in mind that this newsletter is produced by volunteers.