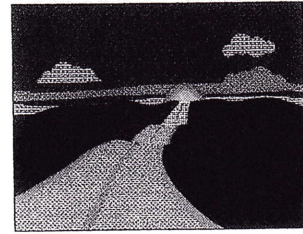


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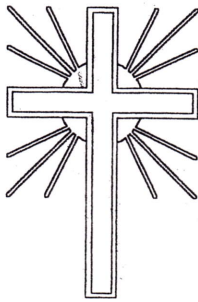


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A community and school newsletter.

**ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE  
ALTON DOWNS CENOTAPH  
SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**ASSEMBLE BETWEEN 4.00 - 4.15  
FOR THE 4.28AM SERVICE.**



*Please join us afterwards for  
breakfast in the Hall*

**BOOKLAUNCH**

'Fitzroy Flashbacks' is a collection of experiences of those who live or have lived in the Northern Fitzroy Shire. Social activities, floods, school life, the depression, war years, gypsies, the young and the elderly are all represented in this truly community publication.

See coloured flyer for invitation.



**Alton Downs Polocrosse  
and Sports Club.**

**2.30 Sat. May 15<sup>th</sup> 2004.**

Contact: 49341132 or 49341340

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I would like to introduce myself (Robert Murray) as the Owner/Manager of Gofarm Rockhampton. I have been involved in Rural Merchandise for the past 15 years and can provide you with information and assistance on all your merchandise requirements at competitive prices.

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Gofarm Rockhampton stocks all your Merchandise requirements i.e. drench, vaccine, fencing, pasture seed (custom blend), forage seed, fertilizer, ag chemical, horse feed, Dog food, electric fencing and many more items.

Gofarm is situated on the corner of George and Fitzroy Streets next door to Wurths Motor Cycles and is open from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 11.30am Saturday.

We have also just been appointed as the sub agent for Prolix - the liquid feed supplements specialists. Prolix is a fully serviced liquid molasses product delivered on farm with troughs provided. Prolix is the only liquid supplement with Bovatec the rumen modifier to improve feed efficiency and controls Coccidiosis (black scours) in young cattle.

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## RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Our first "Ridgeland Redback Awards" for 2004 were presented on parade yesterday. Our thanks to Ms Kirsten Livermore, our Federal Member for Capricornia who presented the awards to those selected students.

My congratulations again to the following Students; Louise Titmarsh (Yr 6/7), Kelly Shepherd (Yr 5/6), Raymond Shepherd (Yr 3/4), Malcolm White (Yr 3/4), Shardai Thompson (Yr 1/2) and Lauren Thompson (Yr 1/2).

Margaret Pierce was also presented with a Redback appreciation award for the enormous amount of work she does in the Library.

While at the School Ms Livermore visited the classrooms and was very impressed with the way the students worked and the standard of their work. She was also "amazed at the very stimulating classroom environments" that she saw. Her comments pay tribute to the really great work that the teachers, teacher aides, staff and students do at this school. It is great to see this recognised by someone who gets to see many schools across the state and the country.

Last Thursday the Executive Director-Schools, Rockhampton District, Ms Lynne Foley and the District Performance Measurement Officer, Ms Anne Campbell, visited us. Apart from endorsing the school's Annual Operation Plan, they visited classrooms and spoke to teachers and students. Both were very impressed with the standard of work that the students were doing and with their ability to explain and present it. They asked me to pass on to the Ridgeland staff and students their congratulations for the really great work they were doing.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March we welcomed Mr Jim Pearce (MLA) to our school to induct our school leaders for 2004. He presented certificates and badges to our School Captains Anna Reeve and Lachlan Dodds; and Vice-Captains Rachel Sewell and Jack Ward. He also presented Sports House Captains and Vice-Captains' badges to Anna Reeve, Lachlan Dodds, Jack Ward and Stephanie Ruddick from Unicorns; and Kimberley Frankish, Joshua Humphrey, Kim Shepherd and Blaine Curtis of Dragons. The following student councillors also received their badges from Mr Pearce; Zoe Spencer, Harry Lawton, Laynee Dixon, Jordan Thompson, Casey Hopkins, Andrew Hunt, Kimberley Frankish and Joshua Humphrey

The school's ANZAC Day service will be held at 9.00am to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion will be supplying a guest speaker, WO 2 Lee Chevalier, for the ceremony. Warrant Officer Chevalier has been on operational service in East Timor as an infantryman and a Training Advisor.

Inter-school sport for winter commences on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April as well.

Alton Downs District has nominated four boys' soccer teams, two girls' soccer teams, five netball teams, four tennis teams and two rugby league teams in the Rockhampton Primary Schools' competition.

My thanks to Fitzroy Mechanical Services and Wanna Bobcat & Truck Hire for their intended sponsorship of our Alton Downs Rugby League teams for 2004. It is much appreciated.

On behalf of the school I wish the whole community a happy, safe Easter Holiday.

Regards  
Mick Byrne  
Principal

### Schoolboys' Cricket News.

Kym Barney and Travis Duff were selected in the Rockhampton Under 11 Schoolboys' Cricket Team on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. They will compete against Ipswich in Rockhampton in September.

Congratulations, boys!

## Classroom Capers

### Pre/One/Two

This term Grades One and Two will be studying the SOSE Unit, Our Natural World. The children will be finding out about our unique wildlife to begin with and later looking at the plants in our local area and their importance to the environment.

This theme will be evident in the children's artwork for the Ridgeland's Show.



### Year 3/4 Classroom News



The students have completed their unit of work on 'Our Social World' and are looking forward to working on 'Our Changing World' in Term 2. Our last day of Term 1 saw many parents and friends of the students visit for an 'open' classroom session. Thank you to all those who were able to come. It was great to talk with so many of you.

For the first 3 weeks of Term 2 Mr. Steven Hull will be teaching and working in our classroom. He is a Third Year student of the Bachelor of Learning Management at the CQU.

Some of the extra curricula activities for Term 2 also include a CWA project about Scotland and Ridgeland's Show handwriting and art work.

'Tricia Ruddick.

## **YEAR 5 & 6**

### **Term 2**

We are all looking forward to an exciting and busy term. The term brings many community activities into the classroom including the Scotland project competition, Ridgeland's Show art / handwriting and Landcare presentations.

The students have completed their bark pictures and paintings for the show. This was part of the students major art piece for Term 1 and will be on display at the Ridgeland's show. The students have all put an outstanding effort into this project.

We will also be welcoming two BLM students (Anne Pope and Sonya Whitehead) to the 5, 6 & 7 classrooms this term.

Looking forward to another exciting term.

Julie Paddison

## **Year 6/7.**

We were extremely busy last term with our school work. In SOSE we learnt about soil, water testing and a few things about our local district. Mr Ramm taught us how to use the video camera. We will continue our slide shows on activities in the school this term.

In English we did a recount on our trip to the Capricorn Caves. We have also had a lot of fun presenting Morning Session. A few things that happen in the session are book reports, news reports, jokes, a lecturette and a vote of thanks for the presenter.

For Science we have been studying the weather.

Written by Anna Reeve and Stephanie Ruddick.

## DALMA SCHOOL NEWS

The Dalma Community enjoyed a very pleasant barbecue at the school on Saturday night, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It was good to see an excellent roll up of friends of the school catching up with each other over a meal and a drink or two. The stayers lingered on for a game of cards organized by Wayne. Thank you! During the course of the evening, the operation of the Community Library and Resource Centre was explained. Hopefully this facility will be fully utilized during the years to come.

The Dalma children have been working very hard on their 'Water in Australia' projects and have them on display in the school building. The projects cover the topics of the 'The Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electricity Scheme', 'The Murray Darling Catchment', and 'The Lake Eyre Drainage'.

A brief ANZAC Day ceremony will take place at Dalma School at 10:30am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. All Welcome.

Over Easter the Cunningham children will be taking part in a Mini Gymkhana, whilst the Stankes are going to give their horses a run in the Ridgелands Campdraft. Good Luck to you all.

May I wish you all the best over Easter and I will catch up with you next term as Education Qld has asked me to stay on until the end of Semester One.

### Community Library and Resource Centre

Dalma State School has established a community section in the School Library. These facilities are open for all the community during school hours and upon prior arrangements. We still need donations of novels, reference books and magazine series new or used. (no rubbish please) If you can help out please pass on any donations.

Cheers,

Kerod Lindley, Acting Principal Dalma S.S.

### Ridgелands Show News

#### Heavy Horses

Ridgелands Show is drawing near and as previously explained in this publication there will be heavy horse classes for the first time. A heavy horse can be any breed or part breed from the Draught Horse World. The most popular of bygone days were Clydesdale, Shire, Suffolk Punch and Percheron to name a few.

Our aim is to have as many competitors as possible at the show and having the Heavy Horse Class in preference to specific breeds should provide just that.

Come along and say 'good-day' and watch these beautiful big docile animals respond to their handlers' commands. You won't be disappointed.

Pat Pointing

#### Dexter Cattle

Beefy little milkers. The original Irish house cow. Dexters are a true dual-purpose breed of cattle, which originated in Ireland and have a long history with records dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Dexter are the smallest and oldest of the British breeds of cattle. They were very popular around the turn of the century in England and at that time some Dexters were brought to Australia. Various reasons have been given for the decline in their numbers, but by 1970 there were only about 200 left in England and none in Australia. This earned them registration with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust in England as a domestic breed in danger of extinction.

Dexters are hardy; they thrive in a variety of conditions, even during lean times. The Dexter has the advantage of needing only half the rations of larger breeds.

The Dexters are a solid coloured animal, either black, dun or red with a little white allowable on the udder region. The ideal cows range from 97cm to 107cm and bulls 102cm to 112cm. Dexters become fertile at an early age (nine months) and bulls may even start earlier. The cows generally continue to breed for 14 to 15 years and have been known to reproduce up to 20 years of age. This means more calves within an average cow's lifetime and the ability to breed under difficult environmental conditions. The cows are noted for their excellent mothering characteristics and ease of calving.

Production details: Milk testing records show that Dexters produce an average of 2190 litres of milk @ 3.93% butter fat and 3.54% protein for an average 283 day lactation. An individual record for 3 year old cow was 3451 litres milk @ 4.02% butter fat and 3.74% protein.

Beef growth test conducted on bull calves post weaning for 112 days following a 28 day adoption period gave a daily average weigh gain of 1.43kg with a feed conversation ratio of 5.46, with a live weigh of 283kg at 11 months.

If you are interested in this breed of cattle or would like more information, the Ridgелands Show is featuring this breed at their annual show on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Come along; the breeders will be only to happy to talk Dexters with you.

Maureen Jones

***This is an Open Invitation to all  
Northern Fitzroy Shire Residents,  
their families, and friends.***

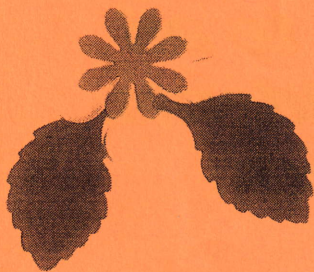
***To the Launch of  
'Fitzroy Flashbacks'  
Stories from Northern Area of  
Fitzroy Shire.  
Compiled by Nola Tom, Rhondda  
Ward and Jenny Reeve.***

***SATURDAY MAY 15<sup>th</sup>  
3.00PM  
ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE AND  
SPORTS CLUB.***

***Afternoon Tea available for a small  
charge.***

***Followed by a games afternoon,  
dinner and trivia night run by  
the Ridgeland State School P&C  
Association & Student Council.***

***R.S.V.P. by 10<sup>th</sup> May 49341132 or 49341340***



Q.C.W.A. RIDGELANDS BRANCH

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON

AT ALTON DOWNS HALL

ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2004 AT 1.30 P.M.

LUCKY DOOR, RAFFLE, MULTI DRAW

COMPETITIONS.

PRIZES FOR

OLDEST MOTHER

MOTHER-TO-BE

MOTHER WITH THE MOST CHILDREN..

PARADE OF HATS BY BUSH BUDDIES

PRETTIEST HAT COMPETITION

\$5.00 ADMISSION

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE RING

JOYCE CHIPPENDALE,

PHONE 49345120

OR

ANN JEPSON

PHONE 49341421.



## 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  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2004

### Ridgelands QCWA

Mothers' Day Afternoon 8th May  
At Carol Robinson's  
Lion Mountain Road  
1.30 pm  
International Day  
International Day- Scotland  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 2004-03-17

### Alton Downs Hall Committee

Cent Sale on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2004  
Dance on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2004  
Dance on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2004  
Dance on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004  
and  
Bowls second Saturday night  
of each month.

### Play Group

First Meeting of Play Group  
Ridgelands State School  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30 am  
and fortnightly thereafter  
Contact Michelle Rose  
Phone: 49345635

## MEETINGS

**Ridgelands Show**  
Ridgelands Showgrounds  
Wednesday 12.05.04  
7.30pm All welcome  
Phone: 49345135

### QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets  
9.30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
month

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month  
QCWA room.  
All welcome.  
Phone: 49345120

### Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Dodge Horse Truck V8  
6 horse box  
Can license. Reliable  
\$5,500  
Phone: June Killeen  
49341206

### Ironing

Done at my home.  
\$12/hr  
Sharee Weier  
Phone: 49341320

### Found

On Ridgelands Road  
One Swag  
Phone: 49345153

**Alton Downs Cent Sale**  
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Time: 1.30pm**

**ENJOY the**  
**STATE OF ORIGIN**  
**On the BIG SCREEN**  
**At The Alton Downs Polocrosse**  
**& Sports Club**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July.**  
**Nibbles, food and drinks**  
**available.**  
**Enquires: Paul 49341396**

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## Ridgelands Show News.

The Ridgelands Show Committee has recently received a grant of \$ 10,797 from Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit to upgrade a building to house the district's memorabilia. Work will commence shortly on the building. This should prove a great asset to the community.  
Rob Bishop.

Ridgelands Show, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.