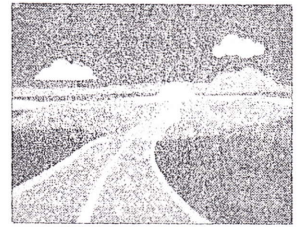


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



Issue 29 February, 2006.

A community and school newsletter.

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The Vegetable Garden

First plant rows of peas

Patience

Promptness

Preparation

Perseverance

Next plant three rows of squash

Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Then plant five rows of lettuce

Let - us be faithful to duty

Let - us be unselfish

Let - us be loyal

Let - us be true to obligations

Let - us love one another

And NO garden is complete without turnips

Turn - up for important meetings

Turn - up with a smile

Turn - up with good ideas

Turn - up with determination

To make everything count for something
good and worthwhile.

Anonymous



This newsletter is a family sponsorship.

Thank you to Joan Black

DALMA STATE SCHOOL NEWS

Dalma State School past and current families thoroughly enjoyed their End of Year Break-up & Presentations at the Capricorn Caves on Thursday 8th December 2005. Families participated in Adventure Caving Tours, relaxed in the Swimming Pool and familiarized with the native flora and fauna. The P & C catered a plentiful BBQ lunch with families providing Morning/Afternoon Tea for all to share. Overall a very successful day was achieved.

Some of the shared school/ community events from 2005 which we hope to repeat this year include:

- A welcoming community barbecue
- ANZAC service in partnership with the RSL
- Education Week open day and breakfast
- Ridgeland's Show and Community fair displays
- Cluster Sports Day and Curriculum activities
- Interschool Horse Sports
- Cancer Biggest Morning Tea
- Melbourne Cup luncheon
- Working bees

We invite all community members to join us for these events and will publicise dates, etc closer to events through our school newsletter. If you would like a copy electronically or by drop off, please let us know.

2006 will see the return of Kerod Lindley as acting principal for the start of the year.

Enrolments for 2006 are now been accepted. All past and future families are invited to contact the school from Thursday 19th January (Pupil Free Day) on Ph: 49345902 or Sharon West - AO2/Teacher Aide on Ph: 49341467 any time. A brief outline of the Prospectus follows for your perusal and a full Prospectus is available upon request.

Yours in teaching,

Barbara.

DALMA STATE SCHOOL

To provide children with an education that will enable them to develop their talents and capabilities.

Physical Location

Dalma State School is situated approximately 35km from Rockhampton, between Stanwell and Ridgeland with access from Stanwell or Alton Downs via sealed and unsealed roads.

Dalma State School has been operational since, 1889. It is a one-teacher school, with a stable population, which presently services 5 families (12 students). Dalma State School serves a changing rural community, no longer are all the children from families dependent upon the farming properties in the area, but include workers who commute to Rockhampton, Stanwell or even the coal mines.

School and Community Features

The Community strongly supports traditional values and attendance at school events is always high with members of the wider community also present. The P & C take an active role in the schools operations and parent involvement in the school is valued.

Cluster support is high with many curriculum programs being devised at this level. The Capricorn Highway Cluster of small schools (Dalma, Stanwell, Gogango and Westwood) also provides social interaction for the children through planned events (1 per term) excluding sports day.

The area has also witnessed a recent trend whereby families who work at the Central Highlands coalmines have purchased properties and, as a life-style choice, send their children to Dalma School.

School Facilities & Resources

- * 1 air-conditioned Teaching Building - teaching space, computer room, office and withdrawal room.
- * 1 air-conditioned Library, Music and Drama Building
- * 2 Sheds (Sports shed and grounds shed)
- * 1 large playing field
- * 1 Tennis Court
- * Covered Children's Adventure Playground
- * Covered Multi-purpose Area

Ridgelands School News

Welcome back to another busy year at Ridgelands. 2005 finished on a high note with our school concert and Ridgelands' Redback award parade in the last week of school.

Congratulations to our Ridgelands Redback awardees for Term 4 who were:

Jaelyn Spencer, Taleesha Spencer, Megan Humphrey, Jessie Beale, Ella Prow, Kyle Barney, Brodie Christensen and Rhiannon Turner. Congratulations and thanks to the following who received Redback "Thank You" certificates:

To our departing Grade 7 parents for helping in the Tuckshop: Denise Boon, Margaret Pierce, Kerri Milner, Roger Humphrey, Cherie Pye, and also Judy and Tamara Gimm;

For helping at swimming: Kelli Tomkins, Kate Perrin-Dunne and Lynne Foxwell; Margaret Pierce for all her assistance in the library;

For helping Mrs Prince: Margaret Fletcher and Carolyn Dodds; and

For housing the Kabota tractor/mower: Simon Ruddick.

Thank you to all those who attended the presentations and the morning tea which followed. I would also add a special thanks to an ex student, Jacita Pritchard who presented the student awards.

A special thanks also to Judy Gimm for organising the morning tea.

Thanks to Paul Pierce and Michelle Shepherd for their help supervising the Year 7 at their Fun Day at the water park and Sizzlers. Thanks also to Paul, Michelle, Janine Whitehead and Anne-Marie Humphrey for providing transport.

According to feedback, the school concert was a great success with some many students showing hidden talent on the night. Thanks to all who supported this great night.

Our permanent water project is almost complete with an "Official Opening" to be confirmed in middle to late March.

The P & C is currently applying to provide "School Age Care" in "after school" hours in 2006. As part of the process the school is calling for "Expressions of Interest" for the positions of "School Age Care Co-ordinator" or "Assistant." Applicants are required to hold a current positive suitability or have made application to the Commission for Children and Young people for a suitability notice (blue card). More information on qualifications for each position can be accessed from the school.

If you would be interested in using this service please contact the school. If you know any families whose children do not attend this school but would be interested in sending their children here to access this service please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Regards, Mick Byrne. Principal



Ridgelands State School provides a warm environment, in which children can discover, explore and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically at their own level of development, thus ensuring a high quality education that makes a positive difference to their lives.

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Ridgelands Qld 4702
Phone: 49345518 Fax: 49345565

Large school opportunities in a small school environment.

Curriculum

Our high quality curriculum provides opportunities for students from pre-school to Year 7 to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will equip them as lifelong learners.

Computer/ student ratio of less than 1:3.

Arts

Our "Signing" and "Singing" choirs perform at school and community events.

Sport

Our equestrian team participates at local regional and state events.

Our students participate in cricket, softball, rugby league, soccer, tennis, netball, athletics and swimming in the Rockhampton competition.

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Ridgелands Show News.

The Ridgелands Show has experienced another successful year. The annual show held on 4th June, 2005 was well patronised with good entries in most sections. New events being a Brute Ute competition, Show Jumping and QISEA events for junior riders.

Unfortunately the Dairy section has been cancelled. There were over 100 dairy farms in the Ridgелands and district – now there are none.

On the 22nd October, 2005 the O'Sullivan – Watson Memorial Museum was opened by the Shire mayor, Mr John Hopkins. The building is named after an early pioneering family who gave much to the community.

The museum is the only one in the Shire and holds memorabilia from the 2003 Fitzroy Shire Centenary Satellite display of the Northern Division held at the Alton Downs Sports Club. Our committee was fortunate in obtaining a grant from the Fitzroy Shire and Stanwell Power Station Community Grants Programme .

This money will be spent on glass cabinets for the Museum.

On Sunday 13th November 2005 the Show hosted the AGM of the CQ Sub – Chamber with delegates travelling as far afield as Mt Larcom, Pioneer Valley and Biloela.

The new year has started off well with the notification that we have received a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to erect a new front fence.

Our success over the year is due to a dedicated, hard working committee. The next show will be held on Saturday 3rd June, 2006.

Rob Bishop,
Chairman.

Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club Inc Annual General Meeting is to be held on **SUNDAY 5th February 2006 at 5pm** at the Polocrosse grounds. All interested parties are welcome, Membership must be up to date for 2006 to participate at the meeting. Written nominations for positions should be mailed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 8051, Allenstown 4700. If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be taken from those present at the meeting.

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Cyril Clarence Iker
21.10.1919 – 29.12.2005

Cyril Clarence Iker was born in Springsure on 21st October, 1919. He was the youngest of four, born to Albert and Nellie Iker, brother to Ted, Alex and Irene, predeceased.

Cyril grew up on the family property, "Euneeke" near Springsure, where he mastered the art of shearing. While working for his brother – in – law, Ernie Day, Rutland Station, he was recognised as a gun shearer in his time, after shearing 200 sheep in one day.

Having to falsify his age, Cyril enrolled with the Army in 1939, serving in the Middle East and Papua New Guinea during the Second World War. It was during a train trip, whilst on leave he met a pretty lady called Anita and the rest we know. A platoon of soldiers was held up in Emerald for a day to permit Cyril and Anita to be married on the 27th August 1943. A number of soldiers, holding their rifles and bayonets, formed a Guard of Honour for them to walk through as they left the church. The headlines of the local newspaper read, "Wedding holds up a convoy".

Their married life began, dam sinking before purchasing "Duidar", a cattle property just south of The Willows, near Emerald, where they spent four memorable years. A good education for their children became a priority, so the family reluctantly moved, eventually finding themselves living 10km from Collinsville where they settled on a citrus farm with the children attending the Scottville State School.

With a lot of hard work, Cyril continued his love of growing produce with the addition of crop farming. He not only supplied the people of Collinsville with fresh fruit and vegetables, but also travelled to Bowen with orders. Cyril, Anita and his family established a very successful local business, beginning with a mobile fruit run, later opening a fruit shop as well. He was well known for his delicious watermelons.

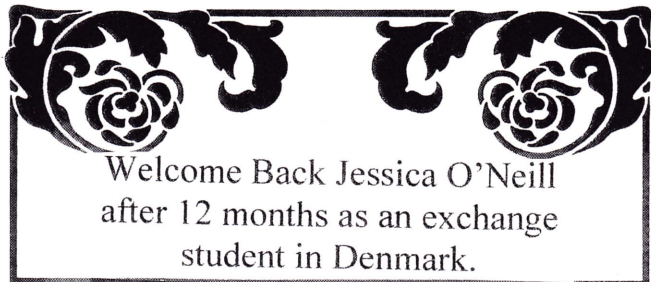
Hours of fun and laughter were spent with family and friends after Cyril built his own beloved tennis court. Many late nights were also enjoyed playing fixtures at the Scottville Tennis Club.

During 1961, Cyril's family chose a new direction and settled on a dairy farm at Moonford, Monto, called "Ilangi". The family worked hard to achieve great success in various areas such as pigs, Brahman breeding, butchering, irrigated pastures, fruit growing and yes, those beautiful watermelons again!

1982 saw the family relocate to Alton Downs. Owing to his failing health, Cyril and Anita purchased a home in Rockhampton two years ago, finally settling in Gracemere.

Cyril will be sadly missed by his wife Anita, his children, Isabel, Carol, Graham, Wayne and Sharon, 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

His memory will remain forever in our hearts.



Gracemere Water Shed 28 O'Shanesy Street .Gracemere Glen Ryan Ph. 49331555	QCWA Ridgelands Branch. 9.30am 1 st Wednesday of month	Stitch & Chat Group 9.30am 2 nd & 4 th Tues. Ph.49345120	Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club. Fri 6-10pm Ph. 49341604
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WHAT'S ON

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
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Creative Memories Workshop

Scrapbooking Workshops to be
held at the North Rocky Bowls
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of every month. Dates for local
workshops held at the Dalma
School to be advised.
Please contact Margo Eistreich
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NOTICES

Ridgelands Tennis Club Inc

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nominations for night fixtures
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2006.

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MEETINGS

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Ridgelands Branch meets
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Month

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2nd Tuesday
every month
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Ridgelands Show Meeting

Wednesday 14th Dec. 2005
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everyone has one,
but they're useless.

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Be honest in all your dealings (Proverbs 16: 18, 19:1) Greed is often a breeding ground for
dishonesty.

JOKES

Q. WHAT'S WORSE THAN RAINING CATS AND DOGS?

A. HAILING TAXIS!

Q. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A MOUSE WITH CHIPPED FRONT TEETH?

A. HARD CHEESE!

Q. WHY DO GIRAFFES HAVE LONG NECKS?

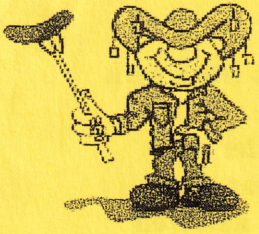
A. BECAUSE THEY HAVE VERY SMELLY FEET.

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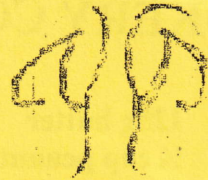
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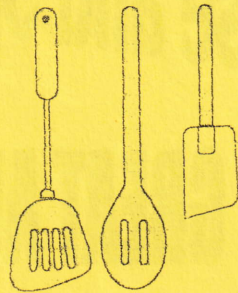
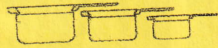
Carol Reid 49341124

START 2PM

ALL WELCOME

CHOC CHIP COOKIES

125g butter
 ¼ cup peanut butter
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 ¾ cup S.R. flour
 ¾ cup plain flour
 ½ cup rolled oats
 1 cup Choc Bits



Preheat oven to 180°C. Line two trays with baking paper.

Combine butter and peanut butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring frequently, until melted and well combined. Transfer to a large bowl, cool for 5 minutes.

Add brown sugar and egg, mix well. Add combined sifted flours, oats and Choc Bits, mix well.

Roll spoons of mixture into balls, place on prepared trays. Flatten slightly with a spatula. Bake 12-14 mins, until golden brown and firm to touch.

Save something for a rainy day (Proverbs 21:20) Good management of money means planning ahead.

Don't let material things blind you to true riches (Proverbs 16:16; 21:1, 3:10, 17:1) It is good to pause and remember the things money cannot buy and thank God for them.

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