

# Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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## **The Grade Six and Seven children at Ridgeland State School were asked to write a brief essay entitled "What ANZAC Day means to me".**

ANZAC Day is a sad day and is dedicated to the people who fought and died during the war. I believe that an appropriate way to spend the morning on ANZAC Day is to go to the dawn service. Spending a "minute's silence" is a good way to remember them too. Many people died and it is very sad for the family members of the people who died too. I think that it is very good of the people who fought for Australia's freedom. And now we live in a free country.

Tessa Harney.

I think ANZAC Day is about people who fought to protect our country. These people who fought for our freedom deserve to be remembered. April is a sad month but also a happy month because they fought so we could be free.

Kiah Barney.

I think ANZAC Day is a time to remember all the Australian soldiers and nurses who went to war for our freedom. If they didn't go there to fight in the war we might not be here today, so it's important we remember them. It is also time to celebrate that we are free from all the wars in the country.

I think it is important to wear red poppies on ANZAC Day because it respects and remembers the people who went to war for our lives.

Isobel Chisolm.

I think that ANZAC Day is special because of all the Aussies and New Zealanders who lost their lives defending our country and our freedom. Without all those people who know how we might have to live. All those men and women who landed on the shores of Gallipoli went through hell to keep our country free.

Daniel Bahnisch.

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### **The Ridgeland Annual Show.**

The Ridgeland Show is to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008 and preparations are well in hand. A few things have happened since last year. The equine influenza outbreak is making more work. All horse competitors are asked to leave a permit/ way bill with the gate keepers and use the top gate. A new loading ramp is to be constructed near the horse rings. A fashion parade will be held after the Grand Parade. We have a Rural Ambassador this year

– Leanne Funch and she will be eligible to compete in the finals at Gin Gin on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008. See you all on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008.

Rob Bishop.



On the 25<sup>th</sup> April loads of brave men sailed to Gallipoli to fight for Australia. One minute's silence is held every year to remember those who died in honour of our country. I think everyone should take part in the ceremonies that are held to remember soldiers. It is also a brilliant idea to lay wreaths on ANZAC Day. Simpson and, of course, his donkey, Duffy, were brave men who rescued wounded soldiers from the war and brought them to safety. I hope everyone respects them. Dawn services at 4:30 am are also a good way to remember. If it weren't for them we wouldn't have the freedom we have today.  
Melinda Lovell.

On ANZAC Day, the 25<sup>th</sup> April, we remember all the soldiers who went to war and gave their lives for us. We also make ANZAC biscuits. ANZAC means Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. There are also nurses and women who travel with the men to feed them and treat them if they get injured. ANZAC Day is a public holiday. The public holiday in Australia and New Zealand commemorates the anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli in 1915.  
Hailey Baumann.

ANZAC Day is a day for remembering all the men who fought to save Australians. On 25<sup>th</sup> of April people all around Australia wear poppies in remembrance of all those brave men. Another way of remembering them is by attending a dawn service held at 4:30 am. As well as wearing poppies, people lay wreaths at special services. Women also played a big part in those horrible wars. The nurses saved many lives by treating wounded soldiers. Simpson was just one of the brave men carrying others to safety on his donkey, Duffy, risking his life so that others could be free. He is just one of the heroes who we will always remember.  
Tayla Stanke.

ANZAC Day is a very memorable day to me because this is the day that Australia and New Zealand Army Corps landed at Gallipoli to fight in World War One. I believe that every year on the twenty-fifth of April every single Australian should do something to show that they remember all the people who fought to make Australia a free country. ANZAC Day also reminds me about Simpson and his donkey Duffy who went up into the hills to get wounded soldiers and bring them back to the hospital.  
Hannah Foxwell.

I think ANZAC Day is the best day of April because at dawn we remember that the troops went to war to fight for our country.  
Ryan Forrest.

I think ANZAC Day is a good way to remind people about all of the brave soldiers who went to war for our country as they all risked their lives for our country. Some of the soldiers survived the war. The again, some died.  
Lauren Thompson.

ANZAC Day is a day when people remember the men who fought for our freedom. It is not a day where people have a day off. It is to say thanks to the soldiers who fought for us.  
Brad Mestrez.

My feelings about ANZAC Day are big. I think ANZAC Day is a memorable and thoughtful day for everybody to remember all the troops who went to war and the people who died or lived. I respect our country and the people who tried to keep it safe by going to war. I respect them by going to dawn services and by remembering them all the time.  
Matthew Stanke.

I think ANZAC Day is very important to remember because lots of soldiers went out and fought for us Australians. If they didn't we wouldn't have the freedom we have today. Those soldiers are very brave just like Simpson and his brave donkey, Duffy. To remember our brave soldiers we stay silent for one minute. When we do that we think about them. We also make wreaths and lay them down on a Cenotaph. This is how we remember ANZAC Day and our brave soldiers who fought for us.  
Sarah Barlow.

I think ANZAC Day is about fighting for our country and also to remember the people who died in the army to save Australia. Jaide Francis.

Do what you love and believe in, and success will come naturally. Anonymous.

When you have nothing to say, say nothing. Charles Caleb Colton

ANZAC DAY  
DAWN SERVICE  
25<sup>TH</sup> April, 2008.  
4.27am  
Alton Downs Hall

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## Ridgelands School News

This term is a very busy term, with Year 3,5 & 7 test coming up, our school sports carnival, then our Alton Downs carnival culminating into the Rockhampton District carnival.

School Captains', House Captains', Student Councillors' badges and Redback Awards were presented on a special parade under the covered games yesterday by Mr Ian Boon, the Executive Director Schools, Central Queensland District.

Redback awards recipients were: Jack Daniels, Jayden Forrest, Raymond Hallam, Amy Bean and Connor Hunt. Congratulations to these students.

Congratulations to the Ridgelands School Choir. They performed at the Annual Choral Festival at the Pilbeam Theatre last month and did a fantastic performance. A big thank you to Mrs Hiron and Mrs Foxwell for looking after the students throughout the day and night.

Welcome to our new families who have enrolled this term: Tyson, Blair, Heath, Michael and Meg we hope you enjoy your time here at school.

Our School will be holding our Anzac Parade on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Yours in Education  
Les Berryman  
Acting Principal

### **EASTER CAMPDRAFT RESULTS.**

Here are the results from our annual campdraft held over the Easter weekend. By all accounts everyone had a good week end. Many commented that our grounds were at the best they have seen them. Which was great and a credit to the volunteers of our small committee.

Our cattle donors were the Bahnisch Family, Iwasaki Sangyo Australia – Lance Spannagle, Trevor & Faith Jones and the Ellrott family - without whom there would be no campdraft.

The committee would like to take the opportunity to give a big thank-you to the Ridgelands Hall Committee for the catering, the Judges, all of the volunteers and committee members for giving up their time and all of our many loyal local sponsors that support us year after year!

We would like to thank all the competitors & visitors for their help in keeping our clean up time to a minimum. It was much appreciated.

The grounds were left very clean and tidy by everyone. The only downside was that despite the many new & bright signs on the entrance fences and note on the nomination form about no glass, many still persisted in bringing it into the grounds. Mainly beer bottles. All that we can hope for is that next year there won't be any.

MEETING - Our next meeting is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm.

If you need any further information, please give the President, Rob White a call 49345146.

**Cathie Murphy**

### **Words and abbreviations To Ponder**

**COP stands for: Constable On Patrol**

*"Floccinaucinihilipilification"* which means "the act of estimating as worthless" is the longest non-medical word in the English language; it's 29 letters long.

*Challenge:*

*There are only four words in the English language that end in "-dous" what are they? (go to last page for the answer.)*

Answer:

Tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

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OPEN	Numbers – 120, Judge Steve Comiskey		
1	Peter Black	Ben	263
2	Peter O'neill	Abdett	252
3/4	Jody Crozier	Jojo Kidman	250
3/4	Debra O'Brien	Resale	250
5	Trevor Humble	Ariaf	249
6	John Hilker	Freddy	247
7	Adrian Loader	Regard	244
8	Peter Black	49er Candy	243
	MAIDEN	Numbers – 197 Judge –Wally Greaves	
1	Brian Coyne	Fancy	172
2	Julie Terry	Ghost	171
3/4	Darren Gaw	Son	170
3/4	Greg Stenhouse	Omeguss	170
5	Rick Hopkins	AD Smart Little Pistol	169
6/7	Merv Scott	Rafferty	168
6/7	Rick Hopkins	Black Colt	168
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Hall	Wrong Colour	167
	LADIES	Numbers – 69 Judge –Steve Comiskey	
1	Toni O'Neill	Sheena	86
2/3	Jess Crozier	Baron	84
2/3	Mary-Ellen McEnvoy	Jewels	84
4/5/6	Emma Nolan	Margarite	83
4/5/6	Leanne Comiskey	Sequel	83
4/5/6	Cassie Schultz	Pat	83
	RESTRICTED	Numbers – 55 Judge – John Davison	
1	Peter Glenwright	Nomad	257
2	Alexia Fitzgerald	Roseareeka	253
3	Peter Glenwright	Barnsey	174
4	Leanne Comiskey	Sequel	172
5	Doug Hall	Pay day	170
6	Peter Black	49er Candy	168
	NOVICE	Numbers – 222 Judge – Wally Greaves	
1	Peter Glenwright	Stardotter	176
2	Graeme McKenzie	Casablanca	174
3	Ken Hamilton	Shadow	171
4	Doug Hall	Salone	170
5	DJ Cressard	Sophie	169
6	Peter Black	BMW	168
7	Adrian Loader	Regard	166
8	Peter Glenwright	Britney	164
	JUVENILE	Numbers 29 Judge – John Davison	
1	Alexia Fitzgerald	Classy 49 er	88
2	Kellie Pickersgil	Thunder	87
3	Jody Crozier	Supernatural	85
4	Emma Meyer	Piper	81
5	Renee Terry	Jewels	79
6	Alexia Fitzgerald	Roseareeka	77
	JUNIOR	Numbers – 15 Judge - Adrian Loader	
1	Sam Terry	Faye	89
2	Demi O'Brien	Avolon	84
3	Zak O'Brien	Tossa	78
4	Lachlan Hunt	Missy	74
5	Matt Stanke	Gem	69
6	Shannon Kime	Gemma	65
6	Joshua Hunt	Chrystal	65

**Believe nothing of what you hear, and only half of what you see. Proverb**

## WHAT'S ON

### Date Claimers

#### Alton Downs Hall Association Inc.

Dances will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on the following dates:

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008.

30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

29<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

Commencing at 7.30pm.

**Man in Black** will supply the music. There will be a raffle and novelty prizes. Supper will be served.

**For more information please phone 49345120.**

Dances will also be held on: 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 and 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, Commencing at 7.30pm Music by **Two Can**. Raffles, novelty prizes and supper.

### Ridgelands QCWA Mother's Day Morning Tea.

10<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm at Ridgelands Hall.  
Cost \$7.00 per head.  
Bookings please contact Merle 4934 5142 or Mary 49222 745.  
All welcome

**QCWA Guest Speaker**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May,  
9.30am sharp on  
"Elderly Abuse" by  
Andrea De Viries.  
Morning Tea is for  
drought Appeal.  
Support welcomed.

### Jokes

Why did the cabbage win the race?

Because it was a head.

Why is a pea small and green?

Because if it was big and red it would be a Fire Engine.

Why did the gardener plant bulbs?

So the worms could see where they were going.

What's green and goes camping?

Brussels Scouts.

Why do toadstools grow so close together? Because they don't need mushroom (much room)

How can you change a pumpkin into another vegetable?

Throw it into the air and it will come down squash.

## NOTICES

### For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgelands State School P&C.  
Phone: 49345518.

### Wanted

Handyman  
For small house repairs, painting and general work.  
Phone 4934 5594.

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4.27am  
Alton Downs Hall**

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## MEETINGS

**Ridgelands Show Meeting**  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May.  
7.30pm  
**Steward's Meeting**  
21<sup>st</sup> May, 2008.

### QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets 9.30 am 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

### PROVERB

Let love and faithfulness never leave you:  
Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Proverbs 3:3

# RECIPE CORNER

## PLUM and APPLE ANZAC CRUMBLE

½ cup rolled oats  
½ cup plain flour, sifted  
½ cup caster sugar  
60g butter, chopped  
2 teaspoons golden syrup  
1 tablespoon boiling water  
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
825g can plums, drained, seeded and chopped  
400g can apple pie filling  
ice-cream, to serve

Preheat oven to moderate, 180°C. Lightly grease a 4-5 cup oven dish.

In a medium bowl, combine oats, flour, sugar and coconut.

In a small pan, combine butter and golden syrup. Stir over low heat for 2-3 minutes, until melted. Dissolve bicarbonate of soda in hot water, add to butter mixture. Pour into dry ingredients and mix well.

Place apples and plums in prepared oven dish. Stir to mix together. Sprinkle evenly with crumbed mixture. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden. Serve with ice-cream.



**camp quality.**  
laughter is the best medicine.

**MARKET DATES FOR 2008  
8AM TO 12 NOON  
CONAGHAN PARK GRACEMERE**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April  
3<sup>rd</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> June  
5<sup>th</sup> July**

**No Markets August (ROCKY SWAP)  
6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER  
6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

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## Some Council Details

Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Brad Carter:

Our Division 5 representative is Cherie Rutherford.

- Her contact details are: home: 4936 3090

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Email: [cherie.rutherford@rcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:cherie.rutherford@rcc.qld.gov.au)

Please contact Cherie if you have any issues you need to take up with the council. Cherie also asked that you contact her with any suggestions for the new council.

- Council contact details **1300 22 55 77** and you will be transferred to the appropriate area through this number. (please be patient if there a bit of a delay, Council is working on improving the service)
- Main office is the previous Rockhampton City Hall office in Bolsover St Rockhampton.
- Rates will remain the same as present but will be reviewed by Council for the 08/09 Budget. Existing payment methods will continue e.g. at Australia Post, B pay etc.
- Landfill fees remain same as before until a Council Review is completed.
- You can now join the library in Rockhampton.