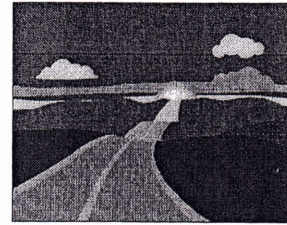


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



Issue 61 December, 2008.

A community and school newsletter.

Phone: 49341132

Fax: 49 34 5565

Email: aroundtheridges@eq.edu.au

Please Note: Cut off date for contributions **15th** of every month.

The Meaning of Christmas

What is the meaning of Christmas to you? What are your memories of Christmas?

The meaning of Christmas is different for everyone. The true meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but to some, it is a time for families to come together and enjoy a wonderful meal and exchange presents.

Christmas is a time of peace and goodwill towards our fellow man, but I ask myself the question – why is it that we don't always practice this all year round? Take the time now to remember past Christmases and what your favourite memory is. How far back can you remember?

Jill's special Christmas was finding a Bride doll at the end of her bed when she was 5 year old. In those days we only received one present from Santa. The best part of her Christmas was the gathering of family and friends with laughter and eating and relaxation with all the family together.

Diane's special Christmas was the year that they announced their engagement to their families. There was great excitement with lots of plans and thoughts of the future.

Jenny's special Christmas was the year she and Philip went to Brisbane from Sydney for a holiday, visiting rarely seen relatives and exploring the Eastern coast on the way home. She treasures the memories of this time as they were newlywed and sharing their first Christmas together.

Margaret remembers the first Christmas she and Ken spent together as a married couple. The year was 1958. They were on their honeymoon travelling home from Sydney. Christmas dinner was picnic style on the side of the road near Musswellbrook in New South Wales. It would not be so quiet and peaceful these days.

Ena remembers Christmas as a child in Scotland. Each Christmas Eve she and her siblings would fill their stockings with coal ashes from the fire and on Christmas morning would rake through the ashes in the stocking. They would always find an orange and sixpence. When Ena was eight she found, to her delight a little doll in her stocking.

Kay remembers going as a child to visit her Grandparents at Bajool for Christmas. She and her family travelled by rail motor from Rockhampton to Bajool and were picked up by her Grandparents in a horse and sulky for the trip to their home. She thought that was pretty good.

Rhondda's family always spent Christmas at the beach either camping or a caravan or sometimes in a holiday house. When she was eight, Rhondda remembers the holiday house at Beachmere, near Caboolture had a fireplace and a chimney, which was unusual for a holiday house near the beach. The Christmas presents were placed round the fireplace – Santa really did come down the chimney that year!

From all us at Around the Ridges, we wish you a Very Happy, Holy and memorable Christmas and hope your New Year is healthy and full of good will.



Christmas Carols

at

Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club

Saturday, 13th December, 6pm start.

Meals available. Come and sing along.

Santa 8pm



Amalgamated Pest Control – 49214255

Jerome Jackson
2b Arthur Street

PJ's Pet Barn
49280299

399 Yaamba Rd
Open 7 days.

These Are The Days
Photography

Sharon Mahoney
49334950
0409 273 812

Wandal Post Office

49272101 Gifts,
photocopying, office
supplies, Faxing.

Real Estate &
Livestock Marketing

Geoff McNamara
49317315
0429 317 345

Real Estate &
Livestock Marketing

Suzy McNamara
49317315
0427 250 208

**Adnought - Sheet
Metal Fabrication**

McLaughlin Street
49361688

Sisleys Office Choice

50 Denham Street
Ph 49276177
Fax 49273741

S.W.Kele & Co

Tanks, Troughs, Grids2
Canoona Road
Ph 4927 4505
A/Hrs 4922 1597

Robo's Tyre Works

4 Wandal Road
Ph 49 222 702
Fax 49 222 511

Strop's Upholstery

Canvas, Horse Rugs,
Furniture, Motor
125A Stanley Street
Ph 4927213

**The Valuer - Rural,
Residential, Industrial
Commercial.**

110 Alma Street
Ph 1300 868 258
Michael Murphy

CSV Capricorn Vet

Surgery Ph 4927 3688
22 Gladstone Road
Dr Richard Olsen &
Dr Sallyvanne Olsen

Ridgelands School News

Prep Enrolments

We are currently looking at numbers for our Prep class in 2009. At the moment we have unofficially about five students. If you know of any eligible children in the area who have not yet enrolled, please ask their parents to contact the school.

Dalma State School

We would like to thank the Dalma State School Community for donating their resources from their library. Thank you to Margo and Joel Estrieck, Judy, Luke and Tayla Stanke, and Julie Connor for helping move the resources to the school on the weekend.

P & C Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to those who came down to Super Cheap Auto on Sunday to lend a hand with our Sausage Sizzle. The P&C will be hosting another Sausage Sizzle on the 30th November at the same Venue.

6/7 Camp

Our Year 6/7 spent a week down in Brisbane visiting sites such as the Science Centre and Museum. Parliament House and Suncorp Stadium. It was a great trip with all centres praising how well behaved our students were.

Principal for 2009

I will be finishing my tenure as Acting Principal at the end of this term. The new Principal will be Mr Brad Carlson. I would like to congratulate Mr Carlson on his appointment to the School and wish him all the best in the future. I would like to thank the staff, students and community for making me feel welcome at the School. I have enjoyed my stay here and have gained a lot of experience in my role.

So to everyone a happy and safe holiday

Les Berryman, Acting Principal

Ridgelands Show News.

The Ridgelands Show held a successful, licensed barbecue, auction and multi-draw raffle of donated goods in aid of the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service on the 11th October.

The Show would like to thank everyone who made donations to a very worthy cause.

The presentation of auction and raffle items was a credit to the Ridgelands Show Ladies and helpers and a cheque of \$6000 will be presented to the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service.

Karaoke

The word Karaoke comes from two Japanese words – kara meaning 'absent' and oke meaning 'orchestra'.

Jokes

Q: Why do you always find things in the last place you look?

A: Because when you have found it you stop looking

Q: Why do you always walk with the right foot first?

A: Because when you put one foot forward the other is always left behind!

For unto us a child is born, unto
us a Son is given, and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God, the everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6



Marriage & Civil Celebrant

Jill C Fry

4934 1444

Rockhampton & Central
Queensland

RECIPE CORNER

Christmas gingerbread

makes about 20 preparation 30 minutes cooking 15 minutes

- 125g butter, chopped
- ½ cup caster sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups plain flour
- 3 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- ¼ cup golden syrup

ICING

- 1 egg-white
- 1¼ cups pure icing sugar, sifted
- few drops lemon juice
- silver cachous to decorate

1. Preheat oven to moderate, 180°C. Lightly grease and line 2 baking trays with baking paper.
2. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar together using an electric beater for 2-3 minutes, until creamy. Add egg yolk, beating well.
3. Sift flour, ginger and soda together. Warm syrup in the microwave on high (100%) power for 20 seconds. Fold flour mixture into creamed mixture with syrup.
4. Knead mixture gently on a lightly floured surface. Roll out between

2 sheets of baking paper until 0.5cm thick.

5. Cut out Christmas shapes using a floured cutter. Arrange on prepared trays. Bake for 10-15 minutes. Allow to cool on trays.

6. Meanwhile, prepare icing by beating egg-white with a wooden spoon until frothy. Add icing sugar one spoonful at a time, beating well after each addition. When icing reaches a piping consistency, mix in lemon juice. Colour and use to decorate cold gingerbread and to attach cachous.

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

Australia Day Celebrations

Three-Legged Races

Water Relay Races

Egg Throwing

Gum Boot and Thong throwing

Broom Throwing

& Fun Day

26 January 2008

4.00 pm till late

BBQ & Licensed Bar Operating

Bring the family for a great time!

Tug of War

ENGINE CENTRE
ROCKHAMPTON

Danny McNamara

Ph: 07 4934 1473 or

Mob: 0438 341 473

22 Sheehan Rd, Alton
Downs

**Servicing All Cars, 4WD,
Trucks and Tractors**

the Valuer

Residential | Rural | Commercial | Industrial

1300 TO VALU

1300 868258

Michael Murphy, 110 Alma Street Rockhampton

www.thevaluer.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Alton Downs Hall
Indoor bowls held 1st
Saturday of every
month at Alton Downs
Hall all welcome.

Date Claimer.
Ridgelands Hall Assoc.
Licensed Christmas
Karaoke
In aid of Ridgelands Hall
Funds.
Saturday 6th December
commencing 6.30pm at
the Ridgelands Hall.
Spit pig, roast beef and
vegetables.
All Welcome

Date Claimer
Sunday 1st February 2009
at 4.00pm
Alton Downs Polocrosse
and Sports Club AGM
Sausage sizzle after.

Alton Downs Hall
Committee
Sid Hoare is the booking
officer for Community
Hall. 49341147.
T Hoare Ph 4934 1493
J Chippendale 4934 5120

Congratulations
Margaret and Ken
Stewart
Celebrating their 50th
Wedding Anniversary
on 17th December.

NOTICES

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

Alton Downs Fire
Brigade.
Emergency Number is
000.
Fire permits must be
applied for **48 hours** prior
to burning off.
For permit contact your
fire warden.

For Sale
10ft Southern Cross
windmill Head mark
IZC
Ph: 4934 5135

For Sale
One Grey polled Pure
bred Brahman bull.
Very quiet
2 1/2 years \$2500
One red dehorned
purebred Brahman bull
Quiet, 2 years \$1500
Contact Roger & Miriam
Croser
'Bonanza Brahmans'
Ph:4934 5140
Mob: 0427 009 338

LOST

Glenmore/Morinish Rd
Sunday 19th October
1 set of accredited pig
hanging pins stainless
steel. Attached to pins
were three dog pins.
Phone Ben
Home: 4933 2534
Mobile: 0437 839 762

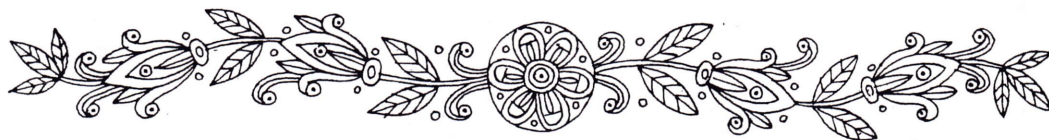
MEETINGS

QCWA
Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30 am 1st Wednesday of
month.

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

Show Meeting
Wednesday
3rd December, 2008.
7.30pm

Our sympathy and
prayers go to Jenny
Reeve and her family on
the sad loss of her father.



Housecleaning & Ironing

Brilliant housecleaner available in the
Alton Downs / Ridgelands district.
Available now for basic housecleaning and ironing.
Resume & References if required.

Ph: Glenda – 0428 180 451 nights

