

## COMING EVENTS

### March

31 4 way meet

### April

3 Full school RAPP parade  
9 Cross Country Last Day Term 1  
20 Pupil Free Day  
21 **Students return to school – Term 2**  
24 Yr 6/7 N/ball, RL Wondai vs Murgon

## RAPP AWARDS

Yr 7 Kasey Litfin  
Jack Christoffel  
Indigo  
Vandenberg-Dodt  
Yr 10 Ashley Bartlett-  
Kennedy  
Kacey Theuerkauf  
Brittany Walters

**DON'T MISS OUR  
WHOLE OF SCHOOL  
RAPP PARADE NEXT  
FRIDAY  
3 APRIL, 2.45 pm.**

31 March 2009

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

### Cross country – Thursday 9 April 2009

It would be great to see many parents at our cross country. Any helpers for the canteen would be appreciated.

### SNAPSHOTS – supporting Indigenous education

Next Wednesday and Thursday we are having consultants visit our school. They will be talking to groups of students, staff and parents, both Indigenous and non Indigenous. Their main focus will be to find out how we are going with supporting Indigenous education across our school. Please contact me if you'd like to be involved in this process.

### Reading to your child – hints for parents

Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child's reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom.

You can help your child with their reading by:

- reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it's a great way to set an example that reading is important
- asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner's readers, library books and picture books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier
- using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining
- letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn't matter if you read the same book several times
- joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children's librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit:  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

## NEXT P & C MEETING

MONDAY 20 APRIL

7.00 pm

This is a pupil free day, but we will still meet in the staffroom. Things on the agenda include:

\* The facilities project.

Eg; New Sports Complex for our school.

Hope to see you there.

## P & C News: Linda Routledge

### Car Raffle

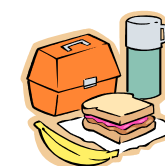
Don't forget to collect a book of tickets to sell for our car raffle. This is a great easy way to raise funds for our school. Time is running out.



### Tuckshop

Regular Tuckshop starts the first Friday back next term – April 24.

Cross Country Menu for Tuckshop is going home today. This is a special menu for Cross Country only – Thursday 9 April. Nyree is looking for helpers on the day. Please phone Nyree on 4169 0404 or Linda 4169 0505. If you can help out, even for a short time, all help would be appreciated. The kids love to see Mum or Dad at school supporting them.



### Easter Egg Raffle

Thanks to those parents who have donated eggs for our Easter raffle so far. Please keep them coming. Tickets are on sale from P & C and Brenda Brown and around town.



## Back to School Road Safety Packs

Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be receiving a school road safety kit. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that Queensland children know and practice safe road skills.

## DATE CLAIMER

### Healthy Lunchbox sessions - Parent/Carer session Tuesday 12 May

Beginning Week 3 of Term 2 Jen Hill from RHealth is coming to the school to do healthy Lunchbox sessions with students and parents. This will take place over a few weeks to fit all Prep-Yr7 classes in. An exact timetable of each time will be distributed closer to the dates. Parents and Carers are welcome to come to a session of one of their students.

Jenn will be running a session specific for parents/carers on Tuesday 12 May from 2-3pm. If anyone is interested in attending but would prefer an after 5pm option please contact the School Nurse (or leave a message for nurse at school). If there is enough interest we may be able to arrange another session at a later time.

Thanks, Jeanette Walters (School Health Nurse)

## Sports News

Congratulations to Joshua Brown and Isabella Neil who have been both selected for South Burnett teams in AFL and Soccer respectively.

The 4 Way meet is occurring today so hopefully it will be a great day. Large numbers of students have been slack in getting notes or money back to school. This makes planning for these events very difficult. Please try and have some consideration for the organisers of any school excursion, and get your paperwork back on time.

I have been unsuccessfully trying to take some students over to Kingaroy with a combined Tingoorra side. Unfortunately things haven't quite got off the ground, so those students who have paid their money, may collect a refund at the office.

Dancefever to Brisbane: At the time of printing two parents have indicated a willingness to carpool students. In addition, we have had very few boys interested in attending this mixed dance competition. Unfortunately we will not be able to proceed with this competition.

School Cross Country is occurring on Thursday April 9. If students would like some training advice, they should come and see me or Mr McKinnon. All students will be shown the course prior to the event.

Year 6/7 Rugby League and Netball is occurring in term 2. Students need to register their interest at my office. There will also be games scheduled for the senior students.

Mr Grimsley  
Sports Co-ordinator

## AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Each year we invite and encourage our students from Years 3 to 10, to participate in the national academic competitions. As well as providing valuable information about student achievement to parents, the competitions offer students the opportunity of recognition for effort. This year we are offering students the chance to participate in competitions for Science, Writing, Spelling (Primary only Yr 3 to 6), Mathematics and English. The cost for each competition is \$6.00 except for the Writing competition, which is \$12.00, and Spelling which is \$8.00. Entries should be returned with the fee to the school office by **Monday 6 April**.

### AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS:

Entries Close Monday 6 April

Please enter my child: .....

Year Level: ..... in the Australian Schools Competition in

	Tick if required
Science:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Writing:	\$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling Assessment:	\$ 8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics Assessment:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
English:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Cost:** \$.....

I enclose ..... as payment for the student named above in the following competitions:

Signed .....

Please note that student participation in these competitions will assist them in developing 'test taking skills!' Please consider entering your child in at least one competition.



## The best Australian books for kids

Sometimes as a parent you may have trouble choosing a children's book. One way to find the perfect book is to learn about what kinds of stories your child is interested in.

For younger children, there are a variety of audio books available to borrow at libraries and purchase at book stores. Your child can listen to the story as they learn to read.

This will not only keep them interested, but help them recognise important words and letters.

Here are some titles of Australian classics to share with your child:

- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I Can Jump Puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat and Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs.

Our school suggests the following stories and picture books for younger readers:

- The *Tashi* series by Anna Fienberg
- *Cool Bananas* by Christine Harris and Bettina Guthridge
- *Are You Hungry?* by Tina Burke
- *No Room for a Mouse* by Kyle Mewburn and Freya Blackwood
- *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr
- *One Blue Sock* by Emily Ballou and Stephen Michael King.

For older children:

- *Daughter of the Regiment* by Jackie French
- *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein
- *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Pigs Might Fly* by Emily Rodda
- *Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo* by Tim Winton.

Remember to talk to your child to discover if he or she likes mystery or adventure stories or humorous books. This will not only make choosing a book easier, it will also make reading more enjoyable.

**ICYCUPS**  
**Friday at 3:00 pm**  
**TUCKSHOP**  
**Red, Orange, Green**  
**50 cents each**  
**A Student Council activity**

## NEWS FROM THE HOD: Helen Ross

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) will be held at the **Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July, 2009, 10am – 4pm both days, admission is free.**

The Expo is the ideal way for students to access the latest information on tertiary studies, further training, career options, employers, scholarships, and enrolment procedures. Students will have the opportunity to obtain important information from representatives of over 110 organisations from around Australia and New Zealand. Please find the attached progress list of the 2009 exhibitors.

Parents and Carers who are interested in their children attending, with Mrs Miller and Melinda from CTC, please contact the school. A cost of approximately \$60 will be set to cover cost of travel and accommodation.

### Nominate your Favourite Teacher

Students are now able to tell us all about what makes their teacher so special with the My Favourite Teacher program.

This year, students are asked to nominate a teacher who has inspired them to become more creative as part of the Year of Creativity.

My Favourite Teacher is an opportunity to recognise and reward the commitment of Queensland state school teachers. Last year, Queensland students cast more than 4000 votes.

State school students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher via the Department's website:  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/)

All students need to do is write in 25 words or less why their favourite teacher is so special. Of course, parents of younger children are encouraged to give them a hand.

Entries close on 8 May and the winning teachers will be announced during State Education Week, to be held from 1 – 5 June.

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Activities have finished for this term but will resume on Monday 27 April and Wednesday 29 April, which is after the Easter holidays. There are new activities planned for next term.

Hope to see you all enjoying these activities.

## Cross Country Menu Thursday 9 April

Please support our school's first tuckshop for the year! This menu is an 'events menu' and has special prices and items for your enjoyment.

### Hot Food

- Hamburger \$3.00
- Chicken burger \$3.00
- Hot dogs \$2.50
- Chicken and gravy \$3.00
- Mince rolls \$3.00
- Party pies \$1.00
- Mini sausage rolls \$1.00

### Sandwiches

- Basic sandwiches on request - \$1.50 - \$2.00
- Eg ham/cheese/vegemite/peanut paste

### Drinks

- Poppers \$1.00
- Flavoured milk \$1.00
- Water (600ml) \$1.00
- Cordial (fruit cup) .50

### Snacks

- Billabong iceblocks \$1.60
- Chips (small pkts) .50

Fresh Fruit – mixed selection .50 - \$1.00  
 Yogurt Tubs – mixed flavours .80  
 Fruit Straps \$1.00

