

## RAPP No 14

5 May 2009

### COMING EVENTS

#### May

6	Healthy Lunchbox Session Yr 4
8	Yr 6/7 N/ball & RL
12	Naplan Testing Yr 3/5/7/9 Healthy Lunchbox
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14	Naplan Testing Yr 3/5/7/9
15	SB Cross Country - Murgon
18	P & C Meeting 7pm
21	Bravehearts P-3
22	Yr 6/7 N/ball & RL Wndi v Murgon SS

## STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 4169 2360

*We are very excited to have judges visiting our school tomorrow for the Green & Healthy Schools Awards and also for the Premiers Healthy Queensland Awards. Thanks to Linda Routledge, Brenda Brown, Josh and Jayden Brown, Rae Brown, Kim Cooper, Ruth, Greg and Oliver Miller for their hard work at the working bee last week. Well done!*

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### National Literacy and Numeracy testing in 2009 Preparing your child for school tests

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in four tests during this period – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

If your child is absent from school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. Please contact the school in this instance.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child's teacher.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map)

The Language Conventions test will incorporate spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy testing will incorporate number, space and measurement.

The Year 7 and 9 Numeracy tests will consist of a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

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A brochure with more information about NAPLAN 2009 is available for download from the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs at [www.naplan.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/NAPLAN09\\_WebsiteBrochure\\_v3.pdf](http://www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN09_WebsiteBrochure_v3.pdf)

If you have any questions about NAPLAN 2009 visit the Queensland Studies Authority website at [www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html) or contact your child's teacher.

# BRAVE HEARTS



## *"Making a difference in child protection"*

In the near future students in Prep – Year 3 will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program – **"The Ditto Show"**. We at Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to keep safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to keep safe and know what to do if anything does happen. It is important to bear in mind that this program is **not** sex education. We do not use the word 'sex' or 'sexual' assault. The teachings are transferable to prevention of bullying, violence and sexual assault.

The 'Ditto Show' is a 30-minute, live performance with *"Ditto"* being the star attraction.

The cost of this performance is being paid for by the school and as a parent/caregiver you are also welcome to attend.

A parent letter will be sent home with students prior to the show outlining details of the performance.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

I haven't seen them yet, but they tell me they have been here. I've spent time looking up into the tree, but I haven't seen them yet. I suppose I will have to keep looking until I see them.

It will be a delight to see them, I'm sure. I will have much pleasure when I spot them. You see, I am told that there have been some koalas in the trees at school. I'm just waiting to see them for myself!

To have koala's in our school grounds we must have the right environment, the right trees, clean grounds and no feral animals. This helps koalas survive and brings us joy.

To have a good school we have to protect our environment. Right attitudes are a great help. Getting rid of the rubbish into bins keeps the grounds clean (which is useful for koalas and other native animals) and getting rid of feral behaviour is a positive step.

Coming with positive attitudes and behaviour helps make an environment that we and others (and koalas) can enjoy and delight in.



"Chappy"  
School Chaplain

## Healthy Lunchbox Sessions

Healthy Lunchbox Sessions will begin tomorrow in the music room. Jenn Hill from RHealth will facilitate the sessions with information and activities for each class level. If you have any questions regarding these sessions please contact the office.



## Bookclub

Due 6 May



## Sports News

Last week the year 6/7's (and a few year 5) played against St Josephs in Netball and Rugby League. We ended up finishing with a win and a loss in Netball and a hard fought loss in Rugby League. Well done to all the students for their excellent efforts and behaviour. Our next game is this Friday against Cherbourg at Cherbourg.

The senior girls played netball last week at Yarraman. Unfortunately the drive must have taken its toll as the girls got outplayed by a strong Yarraman side. Well done for your efforts and a special thanks to Miss Hughes and Miss Cowell for driving the girls to the game. This week the girls are playing against Kingaroy at home on Thursday after school.

Friday 15 May is the South Burnett Cross Country. Students will be able to collect a permission note this week. Please note that all students will be required to get to the event by their own means.

Senior boys it looks as if we will have a League game for 10 June. I am awaiting confirmation of this one.

I will be absent for the next two weeks starting next Monday 11 May. You may direct your sport enquiries to either Mr McKinnon or Mrs Gscheidle, who will hopefully be able to help you.



Thanks  
Danny Grimsley

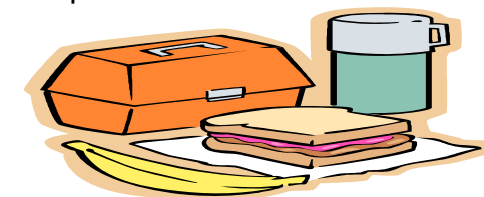
# P & C News

## CAR RAFFLE

Don't forget Car Raffle ticket books are now due back into the office. Thanks to all families who supported this fundraiser.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

This weeks Tuckshop Menu is going home today. The hot food special this month is Chicken Burgers. Orders in Thursday if possible please.



## Community Announcements

### FOR SALE

9kg Swap-n-Go Gas Cylinder full  
Never been used cost \$79 – will sell for \$50  
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### Becoming Teenwise 11 Week Parenting Program

Parenting your child through the Teen Years  
TOPICS INCLUDE: Thirteen The Teen Years Have Arrived, Starting Over With Credibility, The Power of Relationship, The Many Ways of Love, Communication, conflict Resolution, Principles of Moral Training, Encouragement, Discipline and Correction and Dating, Courtship and Readiness for Marriage.

**Where:** Lifeline Community Care, 1 Victoria St Kingaroy  
**When:** 9.30 am – 12 noon, starting Friday 22 May-14 August 2009  
**Cost:** \$20 registration (inc workbook). Plus \$2/person per week.  
**Enrol:** Lifeline office by Wednesday 20 May. Phone 4160 4600.

### Weight Watchers Expressions of Interest Nights

Tuesday 5 May 2009 Tuesday 12 May  
5.30 pm Wondai RSL  
Cassandra Walters 4169 0886