

## RAPP No 15

12 May 2009

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **May**

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**

School Photo  
Payment  
envelopes  
home today



### **NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

## **Arrangements for teacher strike – Tuesday 19 May**

I wish to inform all parents and carers that the Queensland Teachers' Union announced on Monday 11 May that a statewide, 24-hour strike will take place in Queensland state schools on Tuesday 19 May.

This affects our school because some teachers are likely to take part in this industrial action, along with their colleagues across the state.

I want to assure our school community that despite the strike, which runs all day on Tuesday 19 May, our school will be open to students on this day.

We will put in place special supervisory arrangements during the normal school hours on Tuesday 19 May to ensure the safety of all students, as this is our highest priority. It is likely that regular classroom activity will be disrupted.

Strike action is being taken in pursuit of a new salary package for teachers.

Please contact my office with any queries that you may have regarding the strike and the impact it may have for your family.

### **JUDGING OF QLD HEALTHIEST SCHOOL!**

It was a pleasure to be involved in last week's judging. So much effort from so many goes into our school's programs and practices. "Healthy" refers to a diverse range of activities across our school, all of which are planned for holistically. We are obliged to meet Education Queensland's guidelines for Smart Choices (tuckshop and events), Smart Moves (physical education) as well as the delivering the intended outcomes of the HPE syllabus. In addition, our school has a comprehensive Sustainability Action Plan which encompasses school practices, not just in the classroom, but with facilities and administrative procedures. Thanks to the Green Team's leadership of our "healthy school" and to people like our school nurse and Jen Hill, from Rhealth, who have been key players in the past, and currently, in ensuring we model the way with best practice in terms of healthy choices.

### **NATIONAL TESTING**

Thanks to Miss Heiniger for her leadership of this week's testing program. Our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 teachers need to be acknowledged for their efforts in preparing our students for the test, both through regular classroom programs and more specific "test wiseness" practices.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

The morning was crisp and brisk, my wife would say it was cold. The dogs were frisky as we prepared for the morning walk. The air was clear and the stars stood out in their brightness in the morning sky. Soon they would be gone from sight.

But my attention shifted from the Southern Cross to two other bright lights. My focus was fixed on these planets, even as the stars faded in the dawning light. I don't know what planets they are but they have been in the morning sky for a while now – and they grab my attention.

“What gets your attention?”

Do you focus on your school work? Have you begun to think about life after school? Some are thinking about what university or what job they want to follow. Others just focus on the day to day stuff of living and surviving.

There is an old saying: “As a man thinks so is he,” having a focus in life shapes us as a person; as a character. It shapes our value system and our morals.

What is your focus?



“Chappy”  
School Chaplain

## School Photos

School photo payment envelopes are being sent home today with your child. The cost of each photo is \$13.00 and should be returned to the office by 29 May. Copies of the photos are on display on the front door of the office for you to view. Pop in and take a look.



## Healthy Lunchbox Sessions

Students have been participating in Healthy Lunchbox Sessions with Jenn Hill from RHealth. There will be a parent's session on Wednesday at 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm in the music room. Parents are given new and exciting ideas for healthy lunchboxes.



## Sports News

Selected Year 5, 6, & 7 boys and girls travelled to Cherbourg last Friday to play football and netball respectively. Although both our teams went down, all students played well and demonstrated great cheer and sportsmanship right to the final whistle. Well done teams.

A huge thank you also to our refs for netball, Shelly Alberts and Pascha Robbins and manager Brittany Walters from Year 10, without whom our teams and games would not have proceeded so smoothly. Emilia Heaney and Tahlia Weber also did a great job of refing last week.

Football and netball have a bye this week and our next game is against Murgon at Wondai Friday May 22 at 1.00 pm. Parents welcome.

Thanks  
Peter Gibson



## Student Banking Monday's



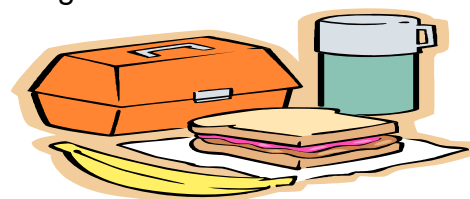
# P & C News

## CAR RAFFLE

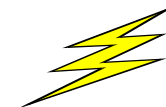
**Tickets due back now. Thank you to those families who have sold tickets. If you still haven't returned your tickets, they need to be back at the office now please.**

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is proving to be very popular with all students. Thank you for your support. Orders are to be in on Thursday mornings please to the classrooms. Don't forget to put your name and year level on the brown paper bag.



## Newsflash from Science!



*From Mrs Sue Gibson*

On Monday 25 May, we are very fortunate to be having a visit by Frank Manthey, co-founder of the Save the Bilby Fund, and one of his bilbies. Frank will be speaking to students about the bilbies and their distribution and habitat, and the need to take care of this native species. Students will have the opportunity to view a bilby close up as they learn about this remarkable creature. There is no cost for Frank's visit, however students will have the opportunity to purchase a bilby pin for \$2 or a small fluffy wearable bilby for \$4 if they wish. The proceeds of the sales will go towards Frank's travel and work in bilby conservation. Details of time and venue will be in next week's RAPP. More science news next week!

## Instrumental News

Congratulations to Bella Neil, Maddie Weber, Olivia Nicholson and Indigo Vanderberg-Dodt on their performances at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod last week. Bella and Maddie were placed fourth while Olivia and Indigo received a highly commended. These four girls represented the school very well and should be pleased with their efforts.

There have been some students working very well this year and those students have made some very good progress on their instrument. Can I remind parents that regular home practise is essential for students to improve at any skill, especially a musical instrument. Students should aim to practise at least three times a week for 15 minutes.

I look forward to continued improvement in our Instrumental Music students.

Mat Phillips  
Instrumental Music Teacher

## Community Announcements

### KIDS KAPERS

Sunday 17 May 9.30 am – 1.30 pm.  
Come in your play clothes and decorated hat. Competition for best decorated hat at 11.00 am. Lots of things to do and see, treasure hunt, arts and crafts, Old McDonalds Farm, merry go round, jumping castle, Little Squirt, Blazer the Bear, Moonbeam and Jinx show, Ping Pong ball drop with lots of prizes. Entry \$7.00 per child, adults free. See you at Murgon's Dairy and Heritage Museum Gayndah Road on Sunday 17 May.

**A poultry show and sale** will be held at the Kingaroy Show Grounds this Sunday 17 May at 9.00 am.  
There will be show birds, laying birds and breeding birds – bring a box.  
Admission is free. BBQ available.  
Phone 4168 5641.

### Wondai Hospital Auxiliary Annual Fete

Coronation Park 23 May, 8.00 am – 12 noon  
Special guests include; Mr Jeff Seeney, Carol Francis, Mayor David Carter, Councillor Cheryl Dalton, and Chris Suter.  
Stalls and entertainment  
Any questions please phone 4169 0754 or 4168 5290.