

RAPP No 16

26 May 2009

COMING EVENTS

May

29 Under 8's Fun Day
12.20 pm – 2.30 pm

June

2 WB Primary Cross
Country

3 Immunisations
Yr 8 - 10

5 Whole of School
parade 2.30 pm

8 **Public Holiday**

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Have your say on the Queensland Education Performance Review

Parents, caregivers and other members of our school community are reminded that there is still time to provide feedback to Professor Geoff Masters' recommendations for lifting education standards in Queensland's primary schools.

Professor Masters' report, *A Shared Challenge: Improving Literacy, Numeracy and Science Learning in Queensland Primary Schools*, was presented to Premier Anna Bligh and Education and Training Minister Geoff Wilson on 1 May.

It contains five key recommendations to improve the performance of Queensland primary schools in literacy, numeracy and science.

You can have your say on the recommendations by visiting the Queensland Education Performance Review website at www.education.qld.gov.au/mastersreview

Submissions on the findings and recommendations will be considered in the development of the Queensland Government's response to the report.

The consultation period closes on Friday 29 May.

Deep breathing gives you health benefits similar to aerobics.

**STUDENT
ABSENCE LINE
4169 2360**

School Photo
Payment
envelopes due
back this week



Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are overflowing. It will be on display on the undercover walkway outside the staffroom each afternoon for the rest of this week. Anything left there on Friday afternoon will be donated to charity.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Last week I wrote with a focus on study, work, and life. But sometimes it is hard to stay in focus. It can take a bit of effort.

I was again walking frisky dogs. It was still a crisp morning, but I could not focus on the Southern Cross or the planets. It was cloudy and no star, moon or planets could be observed.

Yet, I remained focused on the heavens. The hope for a break in the clouds remained, but what kept me looking skyward was the sound of an airliner Brisbane bound. I could not see it but the drone of the jet engines could be traced across the sky.

Sometimes in study and work, events and upsets may make it hard for us to focus. At such time we need to get our mind set on our long term goals (uni or job) and chart a course despite the clouds which block our vision.

We continue to think on our destination, we continue to work to get there, despite the circumstances.

Get in focus and stay in focus.



“Chappy”
School Chaplain

Sports News

Congratulations to those students who attended Cross Country in Murgon. Isabella Neil came 1st in the 11 years girls and Autumn Law was 6th in the 12 years girls. Also competing strongly were Ben Nicholson, April Kratzmann, Caitlin Handford, Madison Weber, Josh Law, Cassie Kratzmann, Chloe Bird, Elliot Hart and Steven Ahrens.

Congratulations on your great effort. Isabella now goes on to Wide Bay Cross Country Trials at Hervey Bay on 22 June. Good luck Bella.



A State of Origin curtain raiser was played at the Viv Goodhew Oval last Friday when Wondai State School played Murgon State School.

The oval looked a picture after recent rains and right from the kick off the large spectator base of parents, teachers and students knew that the Wondai Under 12's were ready to play.

It was difficult to pick a man of the match from Wondai. Blistering runs from Jack Fulloon, Josh Brown, Brendon Swift, Tristan Parry, Wade Radke and Cowan Walters and a try to Jordan Gilbert in the corner helped Wondai to a crushing win. Well done boys.

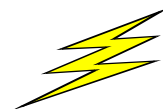
A huge thankyou also to the Year 9 and 10 students who ran lines, carried water and assisted setting up.

An extra special thankyou to Mr Peter Holt who did an excellent job, refereeing the game. Thankyou.

The girls netball was played at the same time and although the girls played hard they went down narrowly to Murgon State School. Thankyou again to the Year 9 and 10 students who assisted refereeing, coaching and team management.

Peter Gibson

Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

Save the Bilby Presentation

Yesterday we had a wonderful presentation from Frank Manthey, co-founder of the Save the Bilby Fund, and Lester, the male bilby. Frank was able to share a huge amount of information about the endangered bilbies with students and his passion and commitment to their conservation is inspiring. Lester was a big hit as well, and it was the first time many of those who attended had seen a live bilby.

Students need to be commended on their excellent behaviour throughout the presentation, and we were able to contribute a considerable amount of money to the fund through the proceeds of the free dress day and sale of bilby pins.

There is a limited number of bilby pins for sale in the office, and students and parents are welcome to purchase these from Mrs

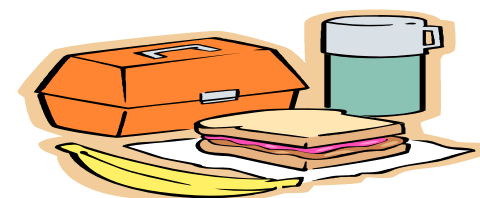
Weber at 3pm any afternoon this week. It will be first in best dressed, and once they are gone we won't be getting any more.

Walk to School Day

We had a good roll up of students and staff for Walk to School Day on Friday 15/5/09. It was good to see people protecting the environment and getting some exercise at the same time, this including pushing her baby sister in a pram for one student. Many thanks to our year ten students who came and helped on the day by supervising street crossings for younger students. More news next week!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please note that **pizza pockets** have now been discontinued from the menu.



Assessment Calendar

May

27	Yr 8	Science Test
28	Yr 10	Science research task
	Yr 9	Maths Investigation
29	Yr 9/10	ITD theory test
	Yr 7	HPE Family Investigation task
	Yr 8	HPE Smoking research

June

3	Yr 10	Maths Investigation
	Yr 8	English Writing task
4	Yr 10	Science test
5	Yr 9/10	Drama: Physical Comedy Routine due
	Yr 9/10	Visual Arts assignment
	Yr 8	Drama: Performances due



Blacksmithing Day

There were heat, sweat and tears last Thursday when all Year 10 students participated in a ½ day Blacksmithing workshop, directed by Mr Evan Horne from Downs Group Training and sponsored by Education Queensland and many other businesses. Students had a lot of fun and many overcame fears and self confidence issues working with tools and hot forges.

The day was also about identifying students strengths, likes and aptitudes for certain jobs. Hopefully now, students may have some understanding if they are suited to manual dexterity skills jobs, office jobs, public relations jobs or others.

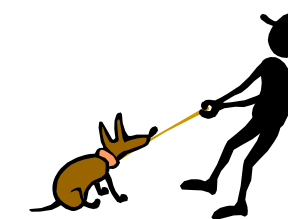
A huge thankyou also to Zac Bone, Scott Curtis and Steven Ahrens who stayed behind to assist pack up the huge amount of year. Several tonnes of anvils, forges, generators etc can take over 2 hours to pack. Well done students, doing the job in under 50 minutes. Possibly a job in the future as a 'roady'. A great time had by all students. Thanks again Evan.

Peter Gibson

Community Announcements

Microchipping Day

Sunday 7 June 2009
Memorial Park, Dog off leash area
Haly St Kingaroy
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
For more information contact:
South Burnett Regional Council
07 4162 6249



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