

RAPP No 23

28 July 2009

COMING EVENTS

August	
3	Parent consultation meeting – Yr 10
4	SB Primary athletics trials English Test
5	Teachers Strike Day
6	Career's Market – Kingaroy
6	SB Primary athletics trials

Industrial Action is planned for Wednesday 5 August. No structured classes will be offered on this day. A letter outlining details will be sent home later this week.

Primary RAPPS

Prep	Izayha Kelly West
Yr P/1	Xavier Royal Nicola Irwin Hannah Robertson
Yr 1/2	Donovan Bone
Yr 2/3	Jaydon Brown
Yr 4	Kobie Watts Sam Bridge
Yr 5/6	Bianca Wenck Cowan Walters
Yr 6	Elle-May Clarke

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 10 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS – WONDAI STATE SCHOOL

As advised in last week's letter to parents, our community is commencing a consultation process around the future of Year 10 at Wondai. Given the place of Year 10 in the senior phase of learning (ie. Senior phase is now years 10, 11 and 12), it is timely that we investigate what is in fact best for our students.

Mrs Andersen, Executive Director, briefed the P&C last night on the process involved. The first opportunity for parent and community input will be on **MONDAY 3 AUGUST**, with details as follows:

- 8.15 am – 9.15 am: Parent consultation meeting (all parents welcome)
- 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm: Community and parent consultation meeting (all parents welcome, as are community members)

During the day, Mrs Andersen, will be meeting with focus groups of staff. Also, between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm, Mrs Andersen will make herself available for any individual or small groups of parents who may have common concerns they'd like tabled. Please phone Debbie or Karen in the office should you want to make an appointment with Mrs Andersen during this time.

A night time meeting with Department of Transport officials will be scheduled in the coming weeks, so that all issues in this regard are able to be addressed.

SURVEYS for families and students will be available very soon. We would really appreciate as many families as possible providing us with their EMAIL addresses, as this will make it easier to distribute the surveys. Simply email the.principal@wondaiss.eq.edu.au and we will make up a distribution list.

In the meantime, parents are more than welcome to ring our P&C President, Mrs Linda Routledge on 4169 0505 if they'd like to have a chat. Also, the District Office number is 4162 9500, and parents and community are welcome to phone.

PRIMARY DISTRICT ATHLETICS – TUESDAY 4 AUGUST AND THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2009

I'd like parents to let us know who is driving their child to Kingaroy for the athletics. For the younger children, where they are only going for a few minutes for sprints, it isn't ideal that they stay all day, which is what will have to happen if they go on the bus.

Please contact the school by phone and advise if you'd drive other students and if so, how many can you fit in your car. Thanks for your help with this.

Sports news

Students in the primary school who were eligible to attend the South Burnett Primary Schools athletics, have been given a letter of invitation. These letters should be returned by this Friday, if you intend for your child to participate. Please note that students should indicate if they are travelling on the bus (if numbers permit) or if they are getting there by their own means. Due to the strike, the carnival will now be held next Tuesday and Thursday (4/8, 6/8) at Nanango State School. This information has only just come through, so I apologise with the confusion on the letter which states Tuesday and Wednesday as the carnival days.

I will advise students if I can organize a practice or two. I just need to get myself organized before I can confirm some times!

There are girls netball games to be held today (home) and this Thursday (South Burnett Catholic College). Thanks to Miss Cowell who continues to do great work with the team.

Mr McKinnon has continued to train the secondary boys in his own time after school. I would like to thank him for his great work and I am hoping to confirm another football game for them shortly.

Thanks
Danny Grimsley

SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN TODAY

Reinforce your child's maths lesson of the day with expert instruction and activities. Provide your child with free and effective maths tuition.
<http://www.mathsonline.com.au/>

Active After School Care

There will be no activities this Wednesday due to other commitments by staff. Also, due the strike action next Wednesday, activities will be brought forward to Tuesday 5 August. Activities will be held on Monday as usual from 3.00 pm – 4.15 pm.

Come along and join in with our ball games. Afternoon tea is supplied. Permission forms are valid for the whole year.

Reading With Your Child

Hot tips to share with parents.



Find ways to support your child to be a successful reader.

Before starting to read, support your child to be successful rather than set them up to fail. Browse through the book before reading begins and discuss the illustrations, any unfamiliar words (like the names of characters or places in the story), and the sequence of events in the story. This activity takes very little time but ensures that your child has the confidence to start.

Years 8 and 9 workshops this weekend

Year 8 and 9 students are invited to register for workshops at the Queensland Academy for Science, Maths and Technology this Saturday 1 August.

The workshops are called 'The mathematics of Logic' and an 'Introduction to Nanotechnology'

The cost to attend is \$30. These are part of a series of Workshops presented by the Queensland Academies in 2009.

For more information on how to register please visit the Queensland Academies' [website](http://www.qldacademies.eq.edu.au/workshops/);

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TUCKSHOP

Just a quick reminder to parents.

Tuckshop runs every Friday unless there is a message in the newsletter advising otherwise.

Pizza Pockets are no longer on the menu.

Please put orders in on Thursday mornings.

Food must be ordered no later than 1st break. No order no food.



"A-L-P-H-B-E-T kids"

This seminar will cover:

- The "who's who" of ADHD
- The 9 triggers of hyperactivity
- The Rotation Diet for food allergies
- Dealing with Candida – 70% of the problem
- Bovine Colostrum and other supplements
- The all-telling GRAPHS!
- An encouraging word of advice!

Where:

New Proston Town Hall
Rodney Street, Proston
Wednesday 22 July 2009
7.00 pm – 9.30 pm
Cost \$10.00
Any questions contact
Loi's Schultz 4168 5178

MURGON STATE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING FOR

YEAR 10 STUDENTS ENTERING YEAR 11 2010
WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2009; 6.00PM

Kingaroy State High School 50th Anniversary Reunion 8 & 9 August 2009

Calling ALL past and present
Students, Parents & Staff
Join Us to Celebrate

Register Saturday from 10 am

Food, drinks and entertainment all day
Concert celebrating the talents of KSHS
students
Art show

Sporting events School tours Bar and BBQ

Supervised U18 Dance
Over 18's Licensed Dance
Sunday from 7.30 am

Breakfast
Thanksgiving Service
Sporting Events

Changes to Independent Youth Allowance (IYA) & Impact on Regional Students

It is suggested that parents with students who are working or intending to work towards qualifying for IYA make themselves aware of the changes being made to the eligibility criteria. We encourage parents and students to contact the Centrelink Youth Allowance Helpline to become informed. More information can also be accessed on the internet "Inquiry into Rural and Regional Access to Secondary and Tertiary Education Opportunities"

Due to the financial load on regional families who support a student at University the IYA is often the only means by which a family can afford to send a student to study in a tertiary institution.

Those students who left school in 2008 in particular will find that the changes may now make it difficult for them to qualify.

If you find that these changes are going to affect your children's chances of attending university and you wish to take action you can go to <http://greensmps.org.au/content/petition/changes-youth-allowance> to sign the petition online.

Letters to your Federal Members of Parliament and to Julia Gillard, Minister for Education are also encouraged. A Senate Inquiry is being held and individuals and community groups are being encouraged to write **submissions which need to be received by August 7**. These can be sent to:

The Committee Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

or
online: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/rural_and_regional_education/index.htm