

RAPP No 24

4 August 2009

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

<i>COMING EVENTS</i>	
August	
6	Career's Market – Kingaroy
6	SB Primary athletics trials
10	Public Holiday
17	P & C Meeting
18	Transition Day KSHS
19	Maths Test
21	SB Secondary athletics

RAPPs - BE SAFE

Our whole school approach to teaching the BE SAFE rule is well underway. Because teachers and aides are putting so much time into developing lesson plans which are being consistently taught across the whole school, it is EXPECTED that students understand and comply with the rules that are being taught. Two students have been suspended in the past 5 days for not following through with the expectations around BEING SAFE. I am pleased that the majority of students are doing their very best to BE SAFE.

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL RULE is - I line up safely! Students are learning WHY this is so important. Sadly, bullying may occur when students are lining up to go into class. Students are learning ALL of the expectations around this rule. In secondary, it is absolutely critical that this rule is applied, as there are many safety risks when lining up *upstairs*. Foolish behaviour such as pushing and shoving in any "line up" will not be tolerated. It is too late after an accident to say "sorry" or "I forgot". The expectation is that all children will LINE UP SAFELY.

There will be NO Industrial Action tomorrow.

YEAR 10 CONSULTATION PROCESS

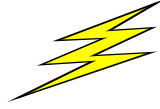
Surveys have been included in this newsletter for parents of students in Years 7 to 9. If you have younger children, and wish to have a say, please phone Debbie at the office (4169 2333) and she will email you one, or send one home with your child. I'd like all surveys back in by Tuesday 11 August.

PUBLIC
HOLIDAY
MONDAY
10 AUGUST

HATS - Well done to all students, and particularly Years 7 to 10 for their uniforms and wearing of hats!



Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

National Science Week (August 15-23 2009)

National Science Week is coming and the schools theme for 2009 is "Astronomy: Science Without Limits". We will again be hosting an after school science workshop in partnership with the Col Morris Public Library to celebrate this event. As usual there will be hands on activities, noise mess and lots of fun! The workshop will be held on Wednesday 19th of August from 3.15pm – 4pm. Look out for registration forms in next week's RAPP or pick one up from Janelle at the Col Morris Public Library next week.

Australian Student Mineral Venture

The Australian Student Mineral Venture (ASMV) is a series of vacation programs held annually throughout Australia. The ASMV is an initiative of The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund (EEF) and is open to high school students in years 10, 11 and 12. These vacation programs allow students to find out about careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the minerals industry and investigate university courses that would suit their abilities and preferences in terms of subjects such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, geology and biology. We have had two students attend these camps previously and both found them to be very beneficial. I currently have application information about this exciting opportunity; interested year 10 students are invited to pick up a brochure. Costs will need to be met by families.

Can You Help?

The science department is currently in need of clean ice cream containers – 2L, 4L or 8L. Please leave at the school office or deliver to the science lab.

Sustainable Science is in need of the following items:

- Black poly pipe (approx 5cm diameter)
- Leftover house paint in the colours of the rainbow (bright red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)
- Straw and hay
- Egg cartons

Please let Mrs Gibson or Mr McKinnon know if you are able to donate any of these items, or leave a message at the school office. Thank you! More science news next week!

Guerilla Gardeners

Wondai School has formed a group of gardeners called "The Guerilla Gardeners". The students are: Michael Purcell and Jordan Gilbert year 7, and from Year 8 we have William Munro, Shaun Brown and Mathew Miller.

Just like on the TV show our gardeners find a spot that needs some attention and they "strike" by digging, mulching and planting new plants. So far they have created

- a drought resistant garden at the front of the school,
- helped fertilise, mulch and plant the Prep garden
- renovated Peter Nicoll's Memorial Garden
- planted flowers and vegies
- prepared a garden beside the Manual Arts building which is ready to plant.

We would love to hear from you if you have any spare gardening tools that you would like to donate: shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, picks, forks etc. We would also like any cuttings that we could grow in our new gardens. We thank you in anticipation and you will be hearing from us on a regular basis.

If you have a donation for us please contact the office on: 4169 2333

Regards Miss Allen & Mrs Narelle Wenck

TUCKSHOP

A new fruity ice cream bar available at the tuckshop this Friday. Come and try Bulla Bliss Bars - \$2.00 each.



P & C News

Year 10 Consultation

Thank you to all parents and community members for their help in the school's current P – 10 consultation process. Please make sure you fill in the short survey in today's newsletter for parents with students in year 7 – 9. If you want a survey and your child is in a younger year level, please phone Debbie at the office and she'll either email you or send one home with your child. We'd like as many parent surveys as possible returned by Tuesday 11 August.

This is a very important process for our school. We appreciate everyone's input and value everyone's opinion.

Transport Meeting

Next Tuesday 11 August, 6.00 pm, in the school music room

**WONDAI YEAR 10 to 11 TRANSITION DAY
TUESDAY 18 AUGUST, 2009.
KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Continued Management of Human Swine Influenza in Education Queensland Schools

Under the PROTECT phase, Queensland Health is no longer routinely following up on all confirmed cases of Human Swine Influenza (HSI). Individuals with flu like symptoms who see a doctor are not being routinely tested for HSI unless they are in a vulnerable group or have moderate/severe disease. However some people beyond these groups may still be swabbed by their general practitioner for laboratory testing and have a clinical confirmation of HSI.

Schools may therefore still be advised that a student or teacher has been confirmed as having HSI and was infectious while at school.

The best way to stop the spread of influenza, and to protect people who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus, is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

What should I do if my child develops flu like symptoms?

- **Keep your child at home and limit contact with others until your child is well. Your child may return to school and other activities when they are completely well, or when at least 24 hours have passed since their fever has resolved, whichever is the longer.**
- **Mild flu like symptoms in those at low risk generally can be treated at home with simple measures including fluids, rest and paracetamol to reduce fevers.**
- **Seek medical advice or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) if symptoms are not relieved or worsen.**
- **Seek medical advice if your child is in a vulnerable group or has other underlying medical conditions. Antiviral treatment may be indicated and should be commenced as early as practicable and within the first 48 hours of illness.**
- **If your child's illness is moderate or severe, treatment is likely to be indicated and your child should be seen by a doctor.**

- **Please call ahead if seeing a doctor, advising of your child's symptoms.**
- **Ensure your child and those around them practice good hand hygiene, cover their nose and mouth when they cough and sneeze, and dispose of tissues promptly.**
- **Restrict close contact (within one metre) with others as much as possible, especially with any family members who are in a vulnerable group. If your child is in a vulnerable group, or their illness is moderate or severe, antiviral medications such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu) or zanamivir (Relenza) may be prescribed by your doctor.**

Year 9 Science

Students had the opportunity last week to examine pigs lungs, hearts, livers, oesophagus and attachments. This is to increase students understanding of our current unit 'Food for Life.' Many thanks to Nyree from Sunpork for organizing supply and transport, and to Dan and Chris at 'Dan's Diner' for overnight storage.

All students should have commences work on their assignment. This is to examine food intake and energy expenditure, via exercise, for a 24 hour period. Assignments due in 4 weeks.

Thanks
Peter Gibson

Bus Shelter Progress

A huge thank you to Tony Harm and Jeff Evans who worked all day Saturday to finish our school Arbour. Thanks does not seem enough for such a huge effort. The boys did their best to keep the teacher (me) out of the way so as not to muck things up. Thanks also to Josh Evans for helping out.

We also recognise Wondai Plumbing and Hardware for their generous discount on roofing materials.

Students will now have somewhere to wait for buses out of the sun and rain. Thanks to all involved. These include Tony Harm, Jeff Evans, Josh McKenzie, Dave Brocklesby, Keith Anderson, Steven Anderson, Gil Smith, Josh Evans, Brodie Litfin, Thomas Engle, and Codie Brown.

