

RAPP No 26

18 August 2009

COMING EVENTS

Aug.	
19	UNSW Maths comp.
21	SB Secondary athletics
27	WB Track 'n field Trials
28	Prep visit Town Library
September	
11	Wondai's Got Talent Yr 5 Fun Day - Murgon
16	Robotics Challenge
18	Last Day Term 3

**SCHOOL PHOTOS
ARE BEING SENT
HOME TODAY.**



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Surveys for PARENTS have been posted today. These surveys go to random selection of parents, based on criteria supplied to us from Central Office. We have supplied stamped, self addressed envelopes and would encourage all parents to return their surveys. The results of these surveys inform various decision making processes for the school.

Surveys for STUDENTS in Years 5, 7 and 9 will be conducted this week. STAFF surveys are being completed currently.

YEAR 10 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Thank you to parents who have completed surveys and attended the meetings for this process. I'm including another survey in this week's newsletter for anyone else who would like the opportunity to comment. Please write the year level/s of your children on the survey (no names required). Parents of students in any year levels are welcome to complete this form.

R.I.T.E. TRAINING FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINEESHIP

Two of our students have returned from their training block in Charters Towers. Brodie Litfin and Preston Maroske are undertaking their traineeships with RITE, and are employed locally one day per week. On completion, these boys will have received a Certificate II (Agriculture). They are to be commended on their excellent progress.

POSITIVE SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

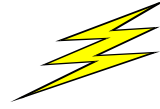
We are currently revising SAFETY RULES learnt so far this term. Classes are doing posters which highlight the rules we are learning. We are going to have a number of signs made professionally to help everyone remember the rules!! It is pleasing to see that in secondary there were NO red slips recorded for negative behaviour during last week.

"WORLD CAFÉ" – CTC CONSULTS WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

I was impressed with the serious responses the Years 8, 9 and 10 provided at yesterday's Forum which CTC Youth workers held at our school. I also enjoyed the "humour" in the responses to "if you had \$5000, what would you spend it on?". At least the response of "bigger and better sporting facilities" will be a reality as we are to receive our new covered sports' centre from the Federal Government in the near future.



Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

Happy National Science Week 2009

National Science Week has arrived and our workshop "Science is a Blast!" for primary students in partnership with the Col Morris Public Library is on tomorrow at 3.15pm. A flyer about this exciting event was in last week's Weekly RAPP. Registration forms must be returned to Janelle Kratzmann at the town library (not to the school). If you missed out on a flyer please see Mrs Gibson at the science lab. There will be rockets, noise, countdowns, lift-off and great prizes to be won so don't miss out!

Other National Science Week activities you may like to check out online include (taken from ABC Science Updates):

BIG AUSSIE STAR HUNT: HOW THE SKY WORKS
Finding constellations and planets in the ever-moving night sky can be challenging. But with these tips, a few handy diagrams and your imagination, it's easier than you think!

<http://abcmail.net.au/t/593330/676415/11682/0/>

BIG AUSSIE STAR HUNT STARTS THIS WEEKEND
See your night sky in action and you could WIN. Join the Big Aussie Star Hunt:

<http://abcmail.net.au/t/593330/676415/11221/0/> during National Science Week and you could win \$2000 worth of ABC Shop goodies! Competition opens 15 August and closes 23 August.

SURFING SCIENTIST: NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK FLIGHT SPECIAL

Celebrate National Science Week with these fun experiments focusing on the science of flight. Try them in your classroom and watch Elliot and the Surfing Scientist tackle them on RollerCoaster.

<http://abcmail.net.au/t/593330/676415/11690/0/>

TUCKSHOP

No pizza pockets available

Sausage rolls are \$1.40.



Admin News

Oh my goodness. Are we already half way through term 3? During this week families should have received statements with Year 9 & 10 electives for semester 2. With end of year celebrations like rewards trips and Year 10 Graduation next term, parents are reminded that students will not be able to attend unless fees have been paid in full. If you are having difficulties meeting payments, please come into the office and speak to Karen or Debbie.

Thank you

Karen and Debbie

**WONDAI'S GOT TALENT
11 SEPTEMBER
TOWN HALL
Nominations extended to
21 August**

Sports News

This week we have secondary students competing at the South Burnett Athletics Trials to be held in Kingaroy on Friday. Some students have been training with me and there will be another training opportunity this Thursday after school for interested students.

We also have our students Isabella Neil, Caitlyn Handford, Maddie Weber and Brendan Swift preparing for the Wide Bay Athletic Trials for primary school students. Of particular note was that the girls finished 1st, 2nd and 4th at the recent South Burnett trials, which must be some kind of record as this means that they are in the fastest 4 girls in the district and they are all in the same class!

September 8, sees our second and final 4 way meet for the year. It will be held in Murgon at the Pulse.

Some football games will be announced again shortly.

Thankyou

Danny Grimsley



Road safety for students

Ensuring your child has basic road safety skills goes a long way to making sure they get to school safely.

You are your child's best road safety teacher. By setting a good example when you are out and about, your child will feel more confident when walking to school.

There are some simple things to remember when walking to school:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents walking with primary school aged children should point out the dangers and discuss important road safety actions such as crossing roads, watching for traffic and other safe pedestrian behaviour.
- Show your child the safest route to and from school – this is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross.
- Encourage your child to cross roads where there are traffic lights or a school crossing supervisor.
- Teach your child the 'stop, look, listen and think' principle – stop at the kerb, look right, look left, look right again, listen for any oncoming cars and think "is it safe to cross?" before crossing.

For more information about keeping your children safe on the roads, visit the Queensland Transport website at: www.transport.qld.gov.au/home/safety/road/school/



GREEN CLEAN ENVIRO MACHINE

We need more members to help our machine get moving!! Green Team activities are held each Thursday 2nd break in the science room.

There are many areas to 'serve' with both inside and outside activities, such as the scrap paper initiative, gardening, rubbish collection, newsletter write ups, and much more. Joining this group will also help fulfil your community service which is needed to move up a rung.

A special congratulations to the year 6 class for achieving the award for the most outstanding 'paper recycling' so far this term.

Yours Truly

THE GREEN CLEAN ENVIRO MACHINE

Year 9 Science

Students should be working on their 'FOOD FOR ENERGY' assignment which is due next week. PARENTS are asked to assist students in bringing Text books and essential items to class. It is extremely difficult to manage lessons when less than 1/4 of class can bring a textbook but most can seem to remember a nikko marker to graffiti in books. SCIENCE is only 3 days a week - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to be ready for classes.

Peter Gibson

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

If you can paint, or would even like to have a go, our front of school ARBOUR requires painting. Call me or tell Deb or Karen in the office.



Thanks

Peter Gibson

From the Year 2/3 Class

Being Safe

As part of our Positive School Wide Behaviour the whole school is talking, thinking and writing about being safe. Here are some thoughts about being safe.

Be safe when lining up and keep your hands and feet to yourself. Play safe games and share. I will be safe at home and at school and everywhere.
Jenai

We have to be safe so we can have fun and enjoy things and nobody gets hurt. I keep my hands and feet to myself to be safe. I play safe games to have fun.
Dion

What Could Happen if You are Not Safe

Walk on the cement because if you run you could fall over and hurt yourself. If you are walking backwards you could run into somebody and knock them over. If you tackle another person you might hurt them.

Cameron.