

RAPP No 28

1 September 2009

<i>COMING EVENTS</i>	
September	
8	4-Way Meet - Murgon
11	Wondai's Got Talent Yr 5 Fun Day - Murgon
16	Robotics Challenge Taabinga Rugby
18	Secondary Rewards Trip

<i>RAPP AWARDS</i>	
Prep	Abigail Grimsley Jaiben O'Farrell
Prep/1	Casey Bath
Year 1/2	Breanna Ogden
Year 2/3	Lizzie Farley Cameron Rutledge
Year 4	Eleanor Nicholson Cody Regan
Year 5	Jesse-Lea Bath Ben Nicholson Chloe Scott
Year 6	Caitlyn Wecker

**PARENT OPINION
SURVEYS DUE
BACK TO THE
OFFICE NOW.**

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WONDAI'S GOT TALENT and DRAMA NIGHT!

Come along for a great night of entertainment on Friday 11 September, in the Town Hall. Miss Cowell and Miss Hughes are working hard to ensure that our students perform brilliantly on the night! We have some wonderful judges from Crow FM assisting us, and some great prizes for competitors.

6.30 pm - Wondai's Got Talent entries straight up!

7.30 pm - Year 6 short plays

8.00 pm - Interval

8.30 pm - Year 6 short plays

9.00 pm - Year 9/10 production

ENTRY FEES include one sitting of supper at interval and are as follows:

\$5 per adult

\$2 per child

MAXIMUM RATE PER FAMILY - **\$16**

Our Year 9/10 catering class is providing the supper. Entry tickets will need to be handed in at interval time, in exchange for a generous plate of yummy sweet and/or savoury treats.

CANTEEN - ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT (being managed by our Student Council)

- Tea and coffee - \$1
- Softdrinks, poppers and water -\$2
- Various varieties of chips - \$3
- Multitude of snack foods at various prices.

A GREAT **RAFFLE** IS BEING RUN BY THE P&C - TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR \$1 EACH, AND FAMILIES CAN TAKE BOOKS HOME TO SELL. (A display of the raffle items will be set up in the office foyer later in the week. It consists of a range of art and craft products, and other interesting products!)

SCHOOL AUDIT - This is currently occurring over 2 days. All aspects of our administrative processes will be audited. This is a very helpful process and ensures that we are meeting all departmental accountabilities. Sometimes you may get very tired of all the forms that you have to sign, but it is a requirement of our Department that we follow such procedures.

RAPPS parade this FRIDAY, 2.30 pm. I would urge parents to come along as we are having both the CHOIR and the BAND perform.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Our school values (which we now commonly refer to as RAPPS - Respect, Achievement, Participation, Pride and Safety) are being upheld through the implementation of our revised WHOLE SCHOOL RULES. As most people are aware, we have been focussed this whole term on our SAFETY RULES. It is timely to remind all students that as well as the **Be Safe** rule, we have THREE OTHERS:

- Be respectful
- Be responsible and
- Be a learner.

In term 4, we will continue our focus on direct teaching of rules to the whole school rule. Currently we are revising safety rules learnt so far. I am very impressed with the activities going on in classrooms around SAFETY.

SCHOOL FEES AND CAMPS

Can I please remind families that with camps and rewards' trips coming up, school fees are required to be paid first. We aren't able to allow students to attend extra-curricular activities like camps, which are quite expensive, if payment plans haven't been commenced for school fees. We would seek your co-operation in this matter. Unfortunately, we won't be making too many special arrangements this year, as in the past we have had promises of full payment after the camp, but the money has not been paid. However, if you have a genuine case, in terms of payment options for the Years 4-6 camp, please ask and your case will be considered. Contact Debbie at the office if you have any concerns.

We are subsidising the Years 7-10 rewards trip to assist in maximum participation. All students on Rungs 3 and above will be considered to attend this trip. Non submission of assessment and poor work ethic will exclude some students who unfortunately continue to make poor choices in this area.

Help Keep Watch on Our School

Look, listen, and report
Anything suspicious call 131788
Let's work together to create a safer school community.



ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities are on every Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm. Afternoon tea is provided free.

A parent feedback questionnaire will be given to all participants. Could parents please fill in and return to the school of our nearest AASC office which is 'RHealth' Haly Street, Kingaroy, (beside the Noodle Box). Those returned to school will be forwarded to AASC office Kingaroy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

This morning I drove to Goomeri, then Wondai School in the rain. It was beautiful!

After the heat of last week; after the dryness of the last few months; after watching my tank get lower and lower: after all of that it was beautiful.

To hear the rain upon my roof; to hear water dropping down the drain pipes; to see a garden getting wet; to look at dry paddock being watered: it was beautiful.

Years ago, I lived in Tully. The greenness of the north is something that stays in my memory. Yet I can also remember it being dry. Rain forest wilting; dust blowing every where; and everyone waiting for the wet to come. And when it came – it was beautiful.

I find it beautiful because it refreshes. Refreshes man and beast; refreshes land and crops; refreshes flowers and shrubs. In the humidity of the north it brought relief from the stickiness of tropical living. In the dryness of the west it brought coolness to the heat of the day. For me rain is always welcome and refreshing. (And before you ask, yes I have been through a few floods in my time but rain is still refreshing)

There are times in life when we need inner refreshing. When oldies drive the kids mad. When kids drive the oldies around the bend. When friendship have a falling apart. When relationships are ended and the pain is keen. When death visits our family or friends. When study is like walking in a desert. Life certainly has a habit of bringing times when we need to refresh.

How do we refresh ourselves?

We can take time to be alone. I enjoy walking my dogs, looking at gardens, or the stars in the night sky. Even sitting watching the lightening brighten the sky.

Sometimes I need to talk out issues with a good friend. Someone who can challenge my thinking and take me out of being negative.

A good comedy to make me laugh. A good joke to make me chortle.

Of course for Chappy there are the religious devotions. If you know Psalm 23, you know that David knew the dark valleys, and yet he found ways of refreshment in those valleys.

All of us need to find how to refresh ourselves in this journey of life.

Enjoy the rain and drink well Chappy.



"Chappy"
School Chaplain

Sports News

We have a busy coming few weeks ahead.

Last week Isabella Neil, Maddie Weber and Caitlyn Clancy compete at the Wide Bay trials for athletics. All three girls did themselves and their families proud by putting in strong performances. Unfortunately we didn't gain a Wide Bay representative but the girls have shown that they could compete with the best in the Wide Bay. It was fantastic to see 3 girls from the same class, representing the South Burnett. Well done girls!

Andrew Scales has been selected to represent the South Burnett in long jump. He has the opportunity to compete at Maryborough on Thursday September 10th. Andrew has shown what determination can get you, by competing in almost every event at our recent interschool carnival, and having strong performances in all the jumps and some track events.

We have several other students at school who could have achieved higher honours if they put their best efforts into sports such as athletics. Unfortunately some students are more driven by a "shame" factor. The only shame is those talented students, wasting a gift that many of us would love to have. I would love to name names, but that would only shame them more! You know who you are!

Last Friday, the Secondary Boys played a football match at Goomeri. In warm conditions the boys came away with a hard fought win. It was pleasing to see boys keen and motivated for their sports. Thanks to Mr McKinnon, who has put huge amounts of time into the team this winter.

The 4 way meet for years 6-10 is on next **Tuesday 8 September**. Notes went out on Friday and if you have not yet got a note, please see the office or your child's form teacher. The sports are Basketball, Flags, Soccer and Rebound Volleyball. Permission notes and money are **due on Friday 4 September**. Due to problems arising from people who constantly bring money and notes back late, this cut-off date will apply. Students who do not attend the 4 way meet will be required to remain at school.

If your child has any new medical conditions that we should be aware of, please advise the school this week so we can cater for this.

On **Friday 11 September, year 5's** will be attending a sports fun day at Murgon. More information will be out shortly.

On **Wednesday 16 September**, students in years **4/5 and 6/7** will have the chance to participate in a **10 a side Rugby League gala day at Taabinga SS**. Notes went out on **Friday** and should be **returned as soon as possible**. Spare notes can be collected at the office.

A reminder that for all of these sporting events, students need to be behaving and doing their best at school. We cannot take students to sports days if they cannot manage their behaviour here.

Thanks
Danny Grimsley

Equestrian Challenge

Last week I had the pleasure of taking 7 students to the Equestrian Challenge at Maryborough. We had an enjoyable time together with all students participating to the max to achieve the following results.

Wade Radke
1st Camp draft (tied)
3rd Key hole
5th Stockman's Challenge

Ted Wenck
1st Rider Class Consulation
2nd Riverside Rumble
4th Bending
5th Barrel Race

Preston Maroske
3rd Camp draft
3rd Stockman's Challenge

Rachel Armstrong
3rd 40cm Jump

Rebekah Kratzmann
3rd Camp draft
3rd Stockman's Challenge

April Kratzmann
4th Camp draft
2nd Consulation

Cassie Kratzmann
2nd Bending Race
2nd Consulation
1st Riverside Rumble 2
4th Stockman's Challenge
Fastest time for the day in Riverside Rumble 2.

Ted Wenck also won an overall Sportsmanship Award. This was one of only four awarded for the whole time.

A big thank you to Dan and Helen Kratzmann for transporting horses and gear to Maryborough. Thanks also to Nicole Armstrong for her help over the two days.

Narelle Wenck



P & C News

Don't forget Wondai's Got Talent is coming up Friday 11 September at the Town Hall. Come along for a great night of fun and support our kids.

P & C are running a raffle to be drawn on the night. Prizes are some great art supplies. Tickets are \$1. Books of tickets can be picked up from the office. Thanks to all parents and caregivers for their support.