

## RAPP No 29

8 September 2009

<i>COMING EVENTS</i>	
<b>September</b>	
9	Green & Healthy awards
11	Wondai's Got Talent Yr 5 Fun Day - Murgon
16	Robotics Challenge Taabinga Rugby
18	Secondary Rewards Trip Last Day Term 3

<i>RAPP AWARDS</i>	
<b>Prep</b>	Rachael Evans
<b>Prep/1</b>	Joshua Garland
<b>Year 1/2</b>	Olivia Erikson Logan Potter
<b>Year 2/3</b>	Nathan Wood
<b>Year 4</b>	Cody Baldry Tyreece Simpson
<b>Year 5</b>	Ryan Nicoll Mason Farley
<b>Year 6</b>	Isabella Neil
<b>Year 7</b>	Indigo Vandenberg Olivia Nicholson Bree McMahon Alex Klibbe Autumn Law
<b>Year 8</b>	Andrew Scales Emily Pratt Connie Willmot Bryan Noakes

### Raffle Winners

#### Primary

Tahlya Tyson Pen  
Zephyr Heaney Voucher

#### Secondary

Shaun Brown Pen  
Josh Brown Voucher

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Wondai's Got Talent + Year 6 Dramarama + Commedia dell Amore (an Italian Comedy of Love)

It would be excellent to see our inaugural drama and talent night supported by as many families as possible. Please note that the entry fee for participants, including the Junior Choir is only \$1. Everyone receives free supper through their admission fees. Please encourage family and friends to join us for a fun filled night of entertainment.

### Regional Green and Healthy Judging – tomorrow at Wondai!

We are extremely proud to have 150 visitors in the school tomorrow for the prestigious event being hosted by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. Guests and officials are coming from the entire Wide Bay Burnett region and from Brisbane.

### Parent Opinion Surveys – excellent response!

70% of parents returned their surveys which is an excellent response. Normally we only have 50% returned so I am particularly pleased with this response.

### AFL clinics for Prep to Year 7's – next term

For \$55, the AFL Development group is coming to our school for an 8 week period next term. Students from Prep to Year 7 are eligible to attend on a Thursday afternoon after school. More details will come next week. The fee covers a backpack and a range of items promoting AFL.

### PREP enrolments for 2010

Based on the last 2 years' enrolments in Prep (currently 29 Prep students in our school), we are expecting to have in excess of 25 students again in 2010. Please can all families who have any potential Prep enrolments for next year, call at the office and collect an enrolment package. Early in term 4 we will be holding open days for Prep. We need to have our predictions as early as possible so we can ensure we have all the relevant staffing in place for 2010.

## An important message for parents and carers about bullying issues

In this time of heightened awareness of violence in schools, I would like to reassure all parents and carers that our school takes a tough stance on bullying.

We do not tolerate any form of violence or harassment.

As principal, it is my number one priority that every student feels safe in our supportive school environment.

I have reminded all students that bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. I ask that parents and carers take some time this week to speak with their children about bullying and to remind them of the importance of treating others with fairness, dignity and respect.

If you believe your child is being bullied or may be involved in bullying another student, I also urge you to contact me to discuss the ways we can help to address this behaviour.

Our school community has a number of programs to combat bullying and harassment, including those being run in term 4 by CTC, and those run within our Program Achieve (which is from Prep to Year 10).

For more information on these programs, please contact the school office.

Wondai State School takes very seriously its responsibility to keep our students safe and to ensure our school community is free from bullying, harassment and violence.

I urge any parents and carers who are concerned about bullying to contact me directly.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

It's dry isn't it! Seems to be that every time we think things are getting a bit better, things go belly up again!

Do you find study a bit dry? Boring? A bit of a drudge? Welcome to a long line of students over many years who have browned off by study and some would say bored to death.. In my study habits I have developed some habits that seem to help me.

Firstly in my lectures/classes I take notes. This means I use both my ears and my eyes to learn. It also helps me to remember when I review my lessons. Even if there is a handout/note provided I still take notes, underline, and use other methods to stay alert in class.

At home I read: if the book is mine I underline and write notes in the margin. If the book is not mine I make copious notes in my study pad. If there is going to be a long session of study I take breaks every hour. This may be simply a drink or I may go out and spend ten minutes in the garden. In my current subject the lecturer recommends videos that are relaxing but also relate to the period of history I am studying. (in church history).

At the end of the year before exams I have class, notes, study notes, and text books that I can review and if I find

an area of my subject that has slipped my mind than I do a little bit more study.

I have found this helpful over many years and am still using it as I work towards a Master's Degree.

It sure beats trying to do the lot in the last week! Happy studying!



"Chappy"  
School Chaplain

## Reading With Your Child

### Hot tips to share with parents.



**Reading and writing go hand in hand. Start with their interests and give them real reasons to write.**

Reading and writing go hand in hand. When it comes to writing, again it is not a test. Children need real reasons to write. Start with their interests – if your child is an avid sports player, start with a camera and photo album. Labelling the photos or writing stories could be suggested. Make the suggestion but do not take it personally if your child does not like your idea. The idea is to keep making suggestions.

## Year 4,5 and 6 Camp

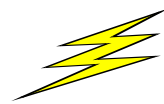
The Year 4, 5 and 6 Camp is fast approaching! Our camp will be on the 7 – 9 October. If you have not already returned your consent and medical forms, please sign and return them this week.

The program of activities for camp is currently being finalised. Some of the activities the students will be participating in include:

- Investigating food webs, bush foods and medicine, and historical artifacts
- Orienteering
- Hut building
- Low ropes course
- Astronomy

If you would like your child to attend, consent and medical forms are required by Thursday 10 September. Payment is due by Friday 18 September.

## Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

I am excited to announce that our Global Communities for Sustainability (GCS) project is going well and we now have our partner Indian school, the Zydus School of Excellence. Our two schools have already exchanged information about our local areas. Below is some information provided by our sister school.

Zydus School for Excellence is located in the Vejalpur area of Ahmedabad, Gujarat in India. The 10 children involved in this project have surveyed the area of Vejalpur. By communicating with the local authorities they got to know more about the problems and common social issues in this area.

The area of Vejalpur is situated in the southern west region of Ahmedabad.

The latitude is 23.03 north longitude is 72.37 east. The height above sea level is 55 meters.

The population of our city Ahmedabad is 4,525,013 whereas the population of our area Vejalpur is about 1,13,000. The city phone code is 272 and country phone code is 91. The average temperature in winters is 21.9 C and during summers is 31.9 C and during monsoons the rainfall is 31 cm.

It experiences hot climate, humidity is low here. It has three seasons that are summer, winter and monsoon. This year we are facing a situation of draught in the country. Vejalpur is located in an urban residential area, the city of Ahmedabad. The major population of Vejalpur consists of working class people. There are no industries in Vejalpur.

The Zydus project is based on the topic "Waste Disposal". They are trying to spread awareness on the same along the people of our locality. They are planning to organise and perform street plays about this topic. Our GCS team of Mrs Gibson, Grace Gibson (BIEDO), Pascha Robbins, Emilia Heaney, Hannah Clarke, Shelley Alberts and Raechel look forward to learning more about our sister school and encouraging them in their sustainability journey.

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This Wednesday will be the last Active After School Activities for this term. We will recommence after the school holidays. A note will be in the newsletter informing you when and what we will be doing next term.

Have a safe holiday.

## Community Announcements

**Murgon & District Cricket Club  
Junior Sign On  
Saturday 10 October  
Murgon Showgrounds from 9am  
Contact details: 4169 5930**

### Barambah Road Riders Group

- For any cycling enthusiast or anyone interested in cycling
- Groups rides normally on a weekend with some rides during the week
- Rides typically 30-60km in length mostly on quieter back roads
- Road bike or Mountain bike with "slick tyres" beneficial
- Friendly and safety conscious riders

Contact Chris on 0448 881 141 or  
Andy on 0401 360 491

## CTC Youth Services

Do you get bored through the school holidays and want something fun to do? CTC Youth Services is offering an exciting range of activities over the September and October school holidays. There are two big trips that include a family shopping tour to the warehouses in Brisbane on Wednesday 23 September and a trip to Dreamworld on Thursday 1 October.

Kingaroy will also be hosting the first "Junior Masterchef" competition on Tuesday 22 September. If you would like to enter this competition with some excellent judges, please send in your nomination form asap as an expression of interest. Without this, the competition cannot run.

CTC will also be running some action packed sessions of "Backyard Skirmish" on Monday 21 September in Wondai, Proston and Kingaroy.

The newly renovated and upgraded Drop In Centre will be open daily from 12pm – 4pm for playstation games, pool comps, rage cage for extreme sports and games plus plenty more fun.

If you would like more information, please phone CTC Youth Services on 4162 7788 or visit our website <http://youth.sbctc.com.au>

## School Age Children - Come and Play Squash

Wondai Squash Courts  
22 September

9.00 am – 11.00 am

Sausage sizzle after – parents welcome  
Free sessions for school age children  
Come and have a go. You might like it. Please contact Fran or Neil on 0418 762 563.