

RAPP No 31

**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

6 October 2009

*COMING EVENTS*

October	
9	Immunisations Yr 8
12	Choral Fest – K'roy SET Plan A/tea
19	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
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**PREP**

Have you enrolled?

Prep is the first year of school. It develops children's independence and prepares them for Year 1.

Children will do lots of fun things to help them learn – play, draw, paint, build with blocks and story tell.

Prep is five days a week and not compulsory.

Children need to be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep.

To learn more about Prep at  
WONDAI STATE SCHOOL P-10  
contact Ruth Miller on 4169 2333.

**PLEASE NOTE:  
PUPIL FREE  
DAYS  
19 & 20  
OCTOBER**

**Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year**

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.

To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

- download an application form from [www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm)
- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don't leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at:  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/prep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/prep/)

# News from Year 1/2

This term we studied countries and cultures from around the world. The children then chose a country to study and they had to write an information report. These are some of the good ones.

## MEXICO – BRAYDON ANDERSEN

Mexico is a country in North America. They eat beef, raw chicken and beans. Their New Year is the first of January. They have a carnival at the start of Lent. The Day of the Dead is November the second. They have a day were they wear the national costume. The people are colourful, happy and like to dance.

## NATIVE AMERICANS – OLIVIA ERIKSEN

Native Americans are called Native Indians.

### FOOD:

Native Americans eat roots, fish and meat.

### CELEBRATIONS:

Native Americans celebrate when people get married. The second celebration is when they win a battle.

### DRESS:

Native people wear skirts, leggings and dresses.

Native Americans live in North West Coast which is right up the top of America.

## INUIT – BREANNA OGDEN

Inuit people live in Greenland, Alaska and Canada. Inuits are Eskimos.

Inuits eat seal, fish and Narwhales.

Every year they climb the mountain on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

They wear socks, jeans and seal skin mittens.

Inuits have their own culture but live in different countries.

## MASAI – CAMERON KUHRT

Masai live in Africa.

They eat meat. They drink blood.

They wear togas.

They celebrate community events.

Masai live together in tribes.

## ABORIGINALS – KY'EISHA MURRAY

Aboriginals make boomerangs and didgeridoos.

Aboriginals eat food like emus, seeds, fruit, witchetty grubs and vegetables.

They wear old clothes.

They have a Murray Flag. The Murray Flag is black and red and yellow.

Aboriginal people were the first people in Australia.

## Reading With Your Child

### Hot tips to share with parents.

*Leave happy memories of your reading together.*

*Your relationship with your child is more important than any book or reading session.*

Remember that your relationship with your child is ultimately more important than any book, work or reading session. The thing your child will remember in twenty years time is that you spent precious time reading together on a regular basis. Do not underestimate the importance of the quality time you share because when your child is an adult he or she will well remember the name of the book that you both loved.



## Sports News

### End of term 3 Football Results

We had a Year 4/5 boys team and a Year 6/7 boys team compete in a 10 a side competition at Taabinga State School. Both teams had some excellent results and were very competitive on the day. Well done to Ryan Bath, Ethan Fisher, Patrick Noakes, Dean Radke, Jesse Hedges, Noel Blair, Wade Radke, Terry Mooney, Josh Brown, Jordan Gilbert, James Hedges, Tristan Parry, Lachlan Huntley, Azariah Tamwoy.

We also entered a girls team for their first ever game of football! They were great, and deserve a special mention. The girls had 2 wins and a draw out of 4 games. The girls had a great time and showed that girls can enjoy Rugby League as much as the boys. Well done to Khloe Rassmussen, Chantelle and Autumn Law, Bella Neil, Maddie Weber and Brittany Heit for your excellent efforts.

Mr McKinnon and Mrs Williams were proud of the efforts of all players and their excellent behaviour.

There were several students who missed opportunities to compete at this carnival due to poor behaviour. Remember, work hard, listen to your teachers and you might get another chance this term!

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

There will be NO tuckshop this Friday.



Thanks

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Do you ever think about the future?

Most people do! It may be a Year ten student thinking about where he/she may go to school next year. It may be someone in Year 12 thinking about whether they start a working career or going to university. At the other end of the scale it may be someone facing retirement and trying to work out what they will do with all their "spare" time.

Increasingly within the work force it can be someone whose career has come to an end before retirement age and who faces training for a new career. I knew a watch maker back in the 1980's who suddenly found out that digital watches meant there was no work for an old fashion watch maker/repairer. He had to look at a change in what he did.

When we face the future there are a few qualities we need to carry to take with us:-

- 1) We need to be positive. It is easy to be negative and events around us may make it hard for us (e.g. The economy) but we need to focus on looking for the best we can make of life.
- 2) We may need to change directions. Back in time there used to be a trade for wheel wrights and wagon makers. With increasing technology and the advent of the motor car a number of these people changed their trades and became car makers or worked in allied trades.
- 3) We need to keep on learning. My daughter grew up learning computers at school. We didn't even have typewriters in my schooling days (and I did business subjects). Now I am learning how to operate in a world of technology with computers and with mobile phones that do more than just ring up.

There is a future out there for us to grasp. Let's be positive about it; let's make the changes we need to make; and let's learn all we can to be ready for this future which is ours.



"Chappy"  
School Chaplain

## Community Announcements

### Reclaim the Night. 30 October 2009.

This is an annual event to raise awareness and stop violence against women around the globe, first held in Australia in 1978. Particularly during October please challenge all forms of violence against women and the culture that permits this violence. Remember "Positive relationships build positive communities".

### TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

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## FREE COACHING COURSE ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Community Coaching Program

Monday 19 Oct

5.00pm-9.00pm at Taabinga State School

To book or for more information please contact Jay

Wehlow on 0428200021 or

[jay.wehlow@ausport.gov.au](mailto:jay.wehlow@ausport.gov.au)

## Murgon & District Cricket Club

Junior Sign On

Saturday 10 October

Murgon Showgrounds from 9am

Contact details: 4169 5930

## Sports Connect Workshop

Disability service providers, coaches, teachers, trainers and interested others:

You are invited to attend one or both of the following free workshops.

Date: Wednesday 14 October

Where: Kingaroy State High School

Workshop 1: Sports CONNECT Education

1.00pm – 3.00pm

High School Library

Workshop 2: Inclusive Coaching

4.00pm – 7.00pm

High School Sports Hall