

**COMING
EVENTS**

24 Februarv 2009

- March
- 4 Primary Arts Council - free
- 6 Investiture Ceremony 9.00 am
- 10 Deadly Australians - free
- 11 Engineering Challenge NSHS
- 13 SB AFL trials U/12
- 17-19 Sec Camp Emu Gully
- 20 SB U/12 trials – n/ball, tennis, soccer
- 30 School Photos

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

CONGRATULATIONS - Shania Stewart

Shania recently competed in the inaugural "Letterbox" literacy competition for Indigenous students in Brisbane. Shania won and was ahead by hundreds of points! Letterbox will appear on the NITV channel on pay TV and we will advise when it is being shown! I know that Shania spent her holidays preparing – it is clear that hard work pays off!

COPING WITH DISASTERS - eg. Bushfires and floods

The following link provides a good overview of strategies for different age groups. Parents are to feel free to access this for themselves.

http://www.lifeline.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/7905/bushfires.pdf

P&C – SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO GET TUCKSHOP RUNNING!

Please come along to the meeting at 8.45 am on FRIDAY 27 February, in the staffroom. We really can't think about tuckshop being available again unless we have at least SIX parents who are prepared to be part of an organising group for a start. Contact Linda Rutledge on 4169 0505 for further information.

SCHOOL LEADERS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY – FRIDAY 6 MARCH

We are pleased to have the South Burnett Regional Mayor, David Carter in our school to present our 2009 leaders with their badges. The ceremony will take place 9.00 am on Friday 6 March. We would appreciate as many parents as possible attending the ceremony.

Our 2009 CAPTAINS: Amelia Heaney, Pascha Robbins, Kacey Theuerkauf



DATE CLAIMER!

Why not put every Friday afternoon in your calendar now! This is the weekly time for PRIMARY PARADES (2.45 pm is the usual starting time!)

The FIRST FRIDAY of the month is the whole school RAPP parade, where vouchers to local and Kingaroy businesses are some of the prizes for students!

WELL DONE – Autumn Law for being in the top 20 at the State Aquathlon.

**AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS
COMPETITIONS**

Each year we invite and encourage our students from years 3 to 10, to participate in the national academic competitions. As well as providing valuable information about student achievement to parents, the competitions offer students the opportunity of recognition for effort. This year we are offering students the chance to participate in competitions for Science, Writing, Spelling (Primary only Yr 3 to 6), Mathematics and English. The cost for each competition is \$6.00 except for the Writing competition, which is \$12.00, and Spelling which is \$8.00. Entries should be returned with the fee to the school office by **Monday 6 April**.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS:

Entries Close Thursday 24 April

Please enter my child:

Year Level: in the Australian Schools Competition in

	Tick if required
Science:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Writing:	\$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling Assessment:	\$ 8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics Assessment:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
English:	\$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Total Cost: \$.....

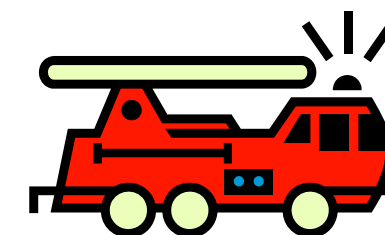
I enclose as payment for the student named above in the following competitions:

Signed

**Victorian Bush Fire
Fundraiser**

This Friday, we will remember those who have suffered in the **Victorian bush fire**. Please support this cause by dressing in **red, orange, or yellow** and bringing a gold coin donation. Money raised will go directly to those who need it the most.

At **2:40pm**, there will be a short presentation informing Wondai students and parents about the devastation the bush fires have caused. After the presentation, Students will move to the oval for a photo with the Wondai Fire Truck. Families are welcomed and encouraged to dress in the colours.



Why reading stories matters

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable a skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

If you would like more information about reading with your child visit:

www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/



Numeracy – how families and schools can work together

To support your child's efforts at school you can continue the lessons they learn in the classroom by helping them to develop their numeracy skills at home.

You may feel that the maths your children do at school is different to what you were taught, but you can help in many ways:

- help your child to enjoy the maths they do at school by offering encouragement and asking about the work they bring home from school
- when travelling, play games such as counting the cars by colour or if you are travelling by bus or train ask your child to read the timetable to decide what time you'll get home
- talk to your child about how numeracy is related to sports – to keep score, measure distance and indicate time
- involve your child when preparing a meal and help them decide how much food to prepare for the whole family and whether there will be enough ingredients
- when shopping, use the catalogue specials to talk about discounts and whether it is cheaper to buy larger-sized products or a few smaller products
- talk with your child's teacher about numeracy at home and at school and raise any concerns with them.

For more ideas on helping your child with their numeracy visit
www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Year 9 Science Space and the Universe

As a component of the 'Space and Universe' unit in Year 9 science, students will be watching some segments of associated movies, such as 'Apollo 13', 'October Sky' and 'E.T.'. All movies are rated G OR PG.

If you **do not** agree with your student viewing these movies please sign and return the form that the student took home yesterday.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

It has been good to see the response of Aussies towards those who have lost homes and belongings in the Victorian Bush Fires and the North Queensland Floods. Certainly folk have opened their hearts to others.

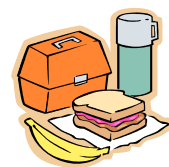
I also saw this at Richmond (QLD) on Ash Wednesday 1983. The community had gathered for a prayer service seeking rain in the midst of desperate drought. At the end of the service, one guy said something like, hey we need rain, but we still have homes and families, we should do something for the bush fire victims. The hat went around and several hundred dollars was raised.

That is how Aussies showed they could love their neighbour. I think the man from Galilee would say 'Well done'.



"Chappy"
School Chaplain

Tuckshop Meeting Reminder – this Friday 8.45 am



P & C have had a parent offer to try starting tuckshop again. We will need at least 6 helpers to get things running. If you feel you can help there is a meeting next Friday 27 February at 8.45 am in the music room. Any questions phone Linda 4169 0505.

BLACK HATS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT OFFICE



Sports News

It has been great to see the enthusiasm most students in years 4-7 have shown for Dancefever. Whilst dancing may not be everybody's "thing", it is a terrific skill to learn, in addition to the confidence and teamwork it brings.

The South Burnett trials in both secondary and primary are beginning to occur. The upcoming events include South Burnett U/12 AFL trials, Friday Mar 13, U/12 Rugby League, Netball, Soccer and Tennis at Kingaroy. U/15 Rugby League, U/15 Netball, U/15 Boys and Girls Soccer all happen on Mar 13.

Generally students need to be participating regularly in the above sports to be considered for these teams.

Well done to our small group of swimmers (Trent Spies, Shania Stewart, Andrew Scales, Zac Bone) who attended the South Burnett Swim Trials. It is a credit to you all that you were prepared to have a go against the much larger schools in the district. It would be nice to see more of our students attend the Cross Country trials in May.

Year 2 will start swimming on Wednesday Mar 4th. Students in Year 7 and in Prep will complete a 6 week block of swimming in term 4. All other primary classes have now completed their swimming component.

I have been asked about secondary student swimming, however due to the difficulties of achieving maximum participation in the water it is currently not feasible to run a successful aquatics program. I will review this in term 4.

A special thanks to Mr Geiger and Mrs Gscheidle who have been doing a marvellous job coordinating and running Active After School Sports. Our numbers attending have been great, so if your child needs to burn up some extra energy, send them along to our Monday or Wednesday afternoon programs.

Several of our local sports clubs are holding sign up days. It would be great to see lots of our kids becoming involved in local sport. Children learn to love sport if they can become good at it. In addition they make friends and have a great time. It is difficult for them to develop their skills and hence enjoyment for any sport, if PE is the only time they play sport. Consider making a commitment for your child, that will have lasting benefits for them.

For those who are too busy on weekends, AFL Auskick is being run at Kingaroy every Friday, 3.30pm-4.30pm. I have more information if your child is interested.

Yours in sport
Danny Grimsley

Newsflash from Science!

Burnett Science and Engineering Challenge 2009
On Wednesday March 11 a team of science students from year 9 and 10 will be attending the Burnett Science and Engineering Challenge at Nanango State High School. The Challenge is a set of fun and competitive activities involving principles of science, engineering and technology. The concept is to immediately engage students in the activity with a minimum of introduction and theory. Students will explore scientific principles for themselves rather than being guided to a predetermined answer. We wish the team well as they compete against other local schools at this event.

Australian Brain Bee 2009
Congratulations to Brittany Walters and Scott Curtis from year 10 as they have taken up the challenge and nominated for the Australian Brain Bee Quiz 2009. Scott and Brittany are busy studying a 60 page booklet about the structure and function of the brain and will complete an online quiz in March. It is great to see these students RAPPING on by "participating to the max"! More science news next week!

From Sue Gibson

P & C News: Linda Routledge

Once again P & C are joining in with the Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle.

1st prize A fantastic new car

Books of tickets are now available at the office and must be signed by a parent. Cost is \$2 a ticket. More than half of this amount is kept by our school. This is an excellent way for our school to raise money – which of course directly benefits your child.

If each family sells just one book, we could raise up to \$2000.00. The mainly who sells the most tickets will win a prize from P & C.

Don't forget to come along to P & C meetings to have a say on how the money could be spent.

Thanks for supporting your child's school.