

3 March 2009

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

STAFFING CHANGES

Next week Mrs Holewa will be returning from long service leave and will be teaching the Year 1's. From next week, Mrs Jordan will be doing some intervention work for a few days per week before she starts at Taabinga State School. We wish Mrs Jordan all the best and thank her for doing a wonderful job with our Prep Year 1 class.

Mrs Penny Pennings will be commencing part time with us, also working in the intervention area in the upper primary. Mrs Pennings has excellent skills in the area of learning support and will be a great asset to our school. The remainder of her time is at Wondai.

Miss Williams is now providing one half day per week service to the Wheatlands State School, as part of our new role within the Proston/Wondai/small schools hub for students with disabilities.

MOBILE PHONES and MP3 PLAYERS (and SIMILAR EQUIPMENT)

Students are reminded that mobile phones must be handed in at the start of each day, at the office, and collected in the afternoon. No time will be spent investigating the loss or damage of any mobile phone, when students can't follow this basic rule.

MP3 PLAYERS (and other similar items)

A FULL BAN has been implemented on these items, and students were advised of this in WEEK 1. Sadly, too many students weren't following our value of RESPECT and were not taking out their ear pieces when teachers were teaching. Last year, we had a very disappointing incident where some students completely destroyed another person's MP3 with only ONE of the three involved giving the owner some money towards replacement. Students will be asked to hand their items in should they be found with them in their possession. Again, a simple rule.

GROUNDS

A big thanks to Avon Stumer and Mr McKinnon and the Sustainable Science students, as they have all been helping Alwyn by working hard towards tidying up our grounds. They are looking the best they've looked in ages! Well done!

STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE

All parents and community members are invited to attend this Friday's Investiture Ceremony, at 9.00 am. Our Regional Mayor, Mr David Carter, will be in attendance. School captains, house captains and student council members will receive their badges. Our monthly RAPP parade will follow. Full school uniform will be required for all students.

P & C News: Linda Routledge

Car Raffle

Don't forget raffle tickets are now available from the office. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for our school and have the chance to win a new car!

School Based Immunisation Clinics for 2009

During 2009 South Burnett Regional council will be offering the following School Based Immunisation clinics;

- 24 March 2009 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV1), Hepatitis B1, Chicken Pox.
- 3 June 2009 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV2), Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa) vaccination.
- 9 October 2009 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV3), Hepatitis B2.

You are reminded that the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Chicken Pox and Hepatitis B vaccinations are available to Year 8 students only and the Diphtheria, tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa) vaccination is available to year 10 students only.

Consent forms will be sent home later this week to all eligible students. Parents wishing their child to be immunised must read the consent form and sign the box marked Yes. The completed consent form is to be returned to your school by no later than **Friday 13 March 2009**.

Students Class Work

Check out the insert in Today's RAPP for class work from Year 3. Our students are certainly producing some great quality work.

News from Prep/1

Over the past week the Prep/1 class has been learning about how to write a recount. The following are some examples of a recount the students wrote about their week-end.

My Weekend

First I went to the trampoline. Then I went to play with the ball. Then I went to the swing. I had a good weekend.
By Christie Lorne

My Weekend

First I went to the work. Then I went to the shop. Then I went home. I liked my weekend.
By Joseph Whalen

My Weekend

First I played tennis. Then I played cricket. Then I played cricket with my family. I liked my weekend.
By Jordan Walters

Community Announcements

FOR SALE

Nintendo Wii – 3 months old
3 extra games + Wii fit
Recharge console
2 remotes
2 numb chucks
Paid \$650 – sell for \$550
Comes with 2 years insurance
Phone 4169 0319

JUNIOR LEAGUE TRAINING CANCELLED TODAY – TUESDAY 3 MARCH.

Kilkivan Great Horse Ride Inc would like to invite all children 12 years and under to enter in our 'Hobby Horse competition'.

You can decorate your favourite hobbyhorse or invent a new one, dress it up or just bring it in out of the 'bush' and enter.

**1st prize is a family pass on the Mary Valley Rattler, so please encourage them to enter and also enjoy the festivities of the Street stalls held at Kilkivan on Saturday 18 April.
Contact Dina Haines 0427 737 491**

Victorian Bush Fire Appeal Bowls Afternoon Kingaroy Bowls Club

Teams of Three mixed social triplets

Saturday March 7

Names in by 11am

Bowls start 1pm

Cost \$8.00

Sausage sizzle from 12pm

Contact: Mark Geiger 4169 0106

Marty Harmsworth 0417 607 563

Robert Westley 4163 6741

Kingaroy Bowls Club 4162 1404

Student Banking

If anyone still has forms to be sent away so that their student can begin Student Banking, please send them into the office as soon as possible. Once these have been processed and sent away, deposit books will be sent to your student and they can start their savings plan.

Banking day will be on Mondays and any student who already participates, can start sending their banking into their class teacher now.

COMING EVENTS

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

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

REHEARSAL THURSDAY 5 MARCH AT 2.45 PM FOR ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING BADGES.

BLACK HATS have now arrived. If students have lost theirs, a new one may be purchased. Year 7's will be provided with a free one, and we would encourage them to "trade" in their old maroon hat so that we have a supply of second hats for younger students.

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	

Please note that student participation in these competitions will assist them in developing 'test taking skills!' Please consider entering your child in at least one competition.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

I wonder what happens when someone hurts you? For example;

- Hits you on the nose with a good bunch of fives
- Says something horrible to you or about you
- Refers to someone in your family in a bad way

Most people have a tendency to seek revenge in some way. We want to get our own back – with interest. So we punch back or we say things that are spiteful and nasty and the relationships worsens and the malice grows.

I was brought up to treat others the way I would like to be treated. That meant that I showed goodness to others even when they were nasty to me. It means giving respect and honour in all cases (I have and continue to fail from time to time). But think! Would the world be a much more pleasant place to live in if we treated others, with the goodness and kindness we expect.

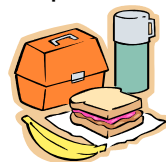


“Chappy”
School Chaplain

Tuckshop

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting and volunteered for Tuckshop. P & C were very happy to see so many parents – planning of the menu and roster is now under way – watch this space for starting details.

Ring Linda on 4169 0505 if you would like to help out.



WRITING WORKSHOPS

On 9 & 10 March, a number of teachers will be attending 'writing' workshops with Literacy consultant, Pat Hipwell. The workshops are designed to help teachers have all of our students improve their writing skills.

POETRY WORKSHOPS

John Major, a bush poet, will be conducting poetry workshop for students on Monday 9 March. This is a 'free' activity.

Learning about length and measurement

From an early age, your child is taught about length and measurement in the classroom. You can share experiences in your home to help improve their numeracy skills. Explain to your child that the length of something is the distance between two points.

You and your child can measure the length of objects using different items as measuring units e.g. hands, fingers, feet, straws, paperclips, ice cream sticks or even pencils. Here are a few ways you can explore length with your child:

- during daily activities, take the opportunity to ask your child to compare lengths of different objects, or line up objects, such as shoes, from longest to shortest
- remember to keep asking questions using language such as 'which object is shorter, longer, lower, wider or thicker ?'
- encourage your child to compare the heights of people in your family or objects in your home. You and your child could create a height chart and record the height of visitors and friends and discuss your findings
- provide experiences and opportunities for your child to estimate length and get them to verify their estimations
- as your child learns about metres and

other standard units of measuring such as centimetres, you can encourage discussion on estimating the lengths of various objects.

If you would like more information to assist your child in understanding length and measurement as well as improving his/her literacy and numeracy skills, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

Do you think you could cook a half a cup of rice using only renewable energy and materials readily available in a disaster zone? This is the design task facing the Year 10 science class at present. I have been really impressed with the deep thinking students are demonstrating as they tackle this challenge. Furthermore, the rice cooker has to break down into parts and be stored in a box 30cm x 30cm x 15cm. If you have a student in Year 10, ask to see their drawing of their design. Look out for photos and more information about this exciting task as it progresses. More news next week.

Mexican feather grass awareness program

The Department of Primary Industries is conducting an awareness program with schools in the regions where the Class 1 declared pest Mexican feather grass (*Nassella tenuissima*) is believed to be. This pest plant has been mislabelled and sold through Queensland nursery and landscape outlets as *Stipa capriccio*. The DPI&F has tracked down and recovered some of the plants, but others remain unaccounted for and are yet to be recovered. Mexican feather grass has the potential to spread over millions of hectares in Queensland, causing significant damage to grazing land and replacing native grasses. Early detection could prevent multi-million dollar losses and protect our native flora and fauna.