

COMING EVENTS

March
 11 Engineering Challenge Nanango State High School
 13 SB AFL trials U/12
 17 Sec Winter Trials u/15 Rugby League u/15 netball, u/15 soccer, 15 yrs basketball
 17-19 Sec Camp Emu Gully
 20 SB U/12 trials – n/ball, tennis, soccer
 30 School Photos

RAPP AWARDS

Prep Lachlan Moore
 Sophie Riley
Prep/1 Xavier Royle
Yr 2/3 Belinda Heit
 Donovan Bone
Yr 4 James Burgess
 Codie Baldry
Yr 5/6 Terry Mooney
 Larissa Litfin
Yr 6 Caitlyn Wecker
 James Farley
Yr 7 Maddison Watts
 Chris Mooney
 Bree McMahon
Yr 8 Andrew Scales
 Elliot Hart
Yr 9 Hedley Bell
 Ben Pratt
 Zak Bieberitz
 Ted Wenck
 Tahlia Weber
 Bede Stapleton
 Katie Scherger
 Harrison Miller
Yr 10 Shelly Alberts
 Steven Ahrens
 Rachael Nicoll

10 March 2009

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

Raffle Winners

Primary - \$20 Gift voucher Jenai Purcell
 - Pen William Burrows-Lacey

Secondary - \$20 Gift voucher Tamara Rowsell
 - Pen Scott Curtis

NAPLAN PREPARATIONS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 classes are very focussed on being totally prepared for the national testing program in May. Please encourage your students at home to HAVE A GO at everything and to DO THE BEST THEY CAN! You would have received a letter written by Anna Bligh some weeks back. This signifies the importance being placed on the testing. Please be assured that the school has a very co-ordinated approach to making sure our students are fully prepared. This Thursday we have a visit from a Principal who has been taken off line for the months leading up to NAPLAN. The purpose of this visit is to analyse our practice test data and provide further advice on how we can fine tune our explicit teaching to address any deficit areas.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY LAST WEEK

Thanks for the great parent support for last week's ceremony. I was very proud of all students, and particularly our captains. Our Mayor was very impressed with the students' behaviour and overall with the school's presentation and pride. I'd like to thank Mrs Ross for co-ordinating this year's service. Miss Cowell is also gearing up to make sure our Student Council is very effective this year.

UNIFORMS

A full range of sizes for both Primary and Secondary are available now at Kingaroy Clothing. This is good news given that our school photos are coming up at the end of this month.

Week 6 March	2	3	4	5 Year 10 Maths Test 1	6 Year 8 English - Activity 3 Khmer Rouge Report
Week 7 March	9	10	11 Year 8 Maths Test 1	12 Year 10 Science test – Our Energy Future Year 9G Maths Test1 Year 9B Maths Test1	13 Year 8 English - Activity 4 Emotive Writing Analysis
Week 8 March	16 Year 9/10 SOSE – Response to Stimulus	17 CAMP	18 CAMP	19 CAMP	20 Year 8 English - Activity 5 Crossword
Week 9 March	23 Year 9/10 SOSE - Essay	24	25	26	27 Year 8 English - Activity 6 – Writing Poem/Newspaper Report
Week 10 March	30 Year 9 Science – Web PowerPoint Assignment	31	1 Year 10 Maths Test 2 Year 8 Maths Test 2	2 Year 10 Science – solar cooker design task Year 9G Maths Test2 Year 9B Maths Test2 Year 8 Energy Toy	3 Year 8 English – Internet Research on Alan Baillie Year 8 SOSE Test
Week 11 April	6 Year 9/10 SOSE – Presentation	7 Year 9 Science Test	8 Year 8 Science Test	9 Year 8 English – Spelling Test	10 Good Friday

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR TERM 1 2009

You Can Do It! Education Queensland

We are please to let you know that students at our school will be participating in a program called You Can Do It! Education (YCDI!) is to provide today's children with the Foundations for achievement in school, work and the world of tomorrow. We shall be focusing on five important Foundations that will help your child do the best he or she can on homework and in classwork:

1. Organisation
2. Persistence
3. Getting Along
4. Confidence
5. Emotional Resilience

In You Can Do It! Education, teachers and parents work together to help children learn these important Foundations. We will be sending home notes asking you to talk to your child about a topic or idea that can help him/her develop these foundations.

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

It was a dark, dark, dirty night. I was travelling roads I had never travelled before. I was trying to get around flood water to get home, and because I was on a new road I didn't know if this road was subject to flooding. To say I was a little uneasy was perhaps an understatement.

A little down the road I became aware that there was another car in front of me. He braked at each gully before proceeding through. His tail lights gave me a clue to slow down and when I saw them come out of the gully I knew I could get through. His tail lights gave leadership to me.

We can all carry lights of leadership in our school.

The honour of honesty. The reliability of trustworthiness. The mateship of true friendship. The silence of sympathy.

I wonder what sort of leadership lights we are giving to others.



"Chappy"
School Chaplain

News From Classrooms

Year 5 Sentences, Sentences, Sentences

The colourful, box kite dipped in the sunset sky.

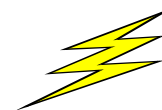
In the morning a cold, frightened, red cat walked slowly to the burrow.

In the park, a sparkly, diamond kite fluttered loudly in the sunset sky.

At the beach the black and brown, fluffy rabbit dashed along the sand to get a carrot. In the morning the scared, fluffy, black rabbit dashed over the grass.

Throughout the storm last night the white, fluffy, scared rabbit slept soundly in the barn on the hay.

Newsflash from Science!



From Mrs Sue Gibson

Here are some interesting facts about cyclones to keep you in the loop during our current windy weather. Information taken from the Bureau of Meteorology website <http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/cyclone/about/about-tropical-cyclones.shtml>

Tropical Cyclones are low pressure systems that form over warm tropical waters and have gale force winds (sustained winds of 63 km/h or greater and gusts in excess of 90 km/h) near the centre.

The severity of a tropical cyclone is described in terms of categories ranging from 1 to 5 related to the zone of maximum winds. Cyclone Hamish is a category 4 cyclone at the time of writing, and is classified as a severe tropical cyclone.

	225 - 279	Significant roofing and structural damage. Many caravans destroyed and blown away. Dangerous airborne debris.
Severe Tropical Cyclone	km/h	Very destructive winds
		Widespread power failures.

Research has shown that cyclones in the Australian region exhibit more erratic paths than cyclones in other parts of the world. A tropical cyclone can last for a few days or up to two or three weeks. Movement in any direction is possible including sharp turns and even loops. You can produce your own cyclone tracking map by reading the instructions and printing a background map from the website above. More news next week.



REMEMBER – NO HAT NO PLAY! THIS MEANS AT SCHOOL AND ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

Flick the switch for Earth Hour

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org/ It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at: www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

School Based Immunisation Clinics for 2009 – please remember that all forms are due back to the office now.

P & C News: Linda Routledge

Car Raffle

Please come into the office and pick up a raffle book to sell. This is a great and easy way to raise money for our school. So far only five families have taken a book. Please support our school with this fundraiser. Who knows, you might be the lucky winner of a new car.

