March 2009

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NEXT P & C MEETING
MONDAY 20 APRIL
7.00 pm
This is a pupil free day, but we will still meet in the staffroom. Things on the agenda include:
* The facilities project.
Eg: New Sports Complex for our school.
Hope to see you there.

P & C News: Linda Routledge

Car Raffle
Don’t forget to collect a book of tickets to sell for our car raffle. This is a great way to raise funds for our school. Time is running out.

Tuckshop
Regular Tuckshop starts the first Friday back next term – April 24.

Cross Country Menu for Tuckshop is going home today. This is a special menu for Cross Country only – Thursday 9 April. Nyree is looking for helpers on the day. Please phone Nyree on 4169 0404 or Linda 4169 0505. If you can help out, even for a short time, all help would be appreciated. The kids love to see Mum or Dad at school supporting them.

Easter Egg Raffle
Thanks to those parents who have donated eggs for our Easter raffle so far. Please keep them coming. Tickets are on sale from P & C and Brenda Brown and around town.

Back to School Road Safety Packs
Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be receiving a school road safety kit. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that Queensland children know and practice safe road skills.

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Healthy Lunchbox sessions - Parent/Carer session Tuesday 12 May
Beginning Week 3 of Term 2 Jen Hill from RHealth is coming to the school to do healthy Lunchbox sessions with students and parents. This will take place over a few weeks to fit all Prep-Yr7 classes in. An exact timetable of each time will be distributed closer to the dates. Parents and Carers are welcome to come to a session of one of their students.
Jenn will be running a session specific for parents/carers on Tuesday 12 May from 2-3pm. If anyone is interested in attending but would prefer an after 5pm option please contact the School Nurse (or leave a message for nurse at school). If there is enough interest we may be able to arrange another session at a later time.
Thanks, Jeannet Walters (School Health Nurse)

Sports News
Congratulations to Joshua Brown and Isabella Neil who have both been selected for South Burnett teams in AFL and Soccer respectively.

The 4 Way meet is occurring today so hopefully it will be a great day. Large numbers of students have been slack in getting notes or money back to school. This makes planning for these events very difficult. Please try and have some consideration for the organisers of any school excursion, and get your paperwork back on time.

I have been unsuccessfully trying to take some students over to Kingaroy with a combined Tingoora and ground, so those students who have paid their money, may collect a refund at the office. Dancefever to Brisbane: At the time of printing two parents have indicated a willingness to carpool for the canteen – Term 2. Students need to register their interest at my office. There will also be games scheduled for the senior students.

Mr Grimsley
Sports Co-ordinator

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

Cross country – Thursday 9 April 2009
It would be great to see many parents at our cross country. Any helpers for the canteen would be appreciated.

SNAPSHOTS – supporting Indigenous education
Next Wednesday and Thursday we are having consultants visit our school. They will be talking to groups of students, staff and parents, both Indigenous and non Indigenous. Their main focus will be to find out how we are going with supporting Indigenous education across our school. Please contact me if you’d like to be involved in this process.

Reading to your child – hints for parents
Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child’s reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom.

You can help your child with their reading by:

- reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it’s a great way to set an example that reading is important.
- asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner’s readers, library books and picture books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier.
- using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining.
- letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn’t matter if you read the same book several times.
- joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children’s librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/
The best Australian books for kids

Sometimes as a parent you may have trouble choosing a children’s book. One way to find the perfect book is to learn about what kinds of stories your child is interested in.

For younger children, there are a variety of audio books available to borrow at libraries and purchase at book stores. Your child can listen to the story as they learn to read.

This will not only keep them interested, but help them recognise important words and letters.

Here are some titles of Australian classics to share with your child:
- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I Can Jump Puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat* by Anna Fienberg
- *Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs.

Our school suggests the following stories and picture books for younger readers:
- *The Tashi series* by Anna Fienberg
- *Cool Bananas* by Christine Harris and Bettina Guthridge
- *Are You Hungry?* by Tina Burke
- *No Room for a Mouse* by Freya Blackwood and Moria Blackwood
- *Nim’s Island* by Wendy Orr
- *I Can Jump Puddles* by Pat Hutchins
- *Tashi* by Graham Robbins
- *Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I Can Jump Puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat* by Anna Fienberg
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For older children:
- *Daughter of the Regiment* by Jackie French
- *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein
- *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Pigs Might Fly* by Emily Rodda

Remember to talk to your child to discover if he or she likes mystery or adventure stories or humorous books. This will not only make choosing a book easier, it will also make reading more enjoyable.

### AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

**Entries Close Monday 6 April**

Please enter my child: ________________

Year Level: __________ in the Australian Schools Competition in

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**Tick if required**

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.

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**ICYCUPS**

**Friday at 3:00 pm**

**TUCKSHOP**

Red, Orange, Green

50 cents each

A Student Council activity