NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

P&C MEETING

I wish the new executive all the best for the coming year. I look forward to working with all parents, and would really appreciate it if a few more families could be represented on the P&C at future meetings and events.

LEADERSHIP CAMP

Eleven of our student leaders left this morning for the Leadership camp at Barambah Environmental Education Centre. This is being co-ordinated by cluster schools and will be a great opportunity for our students to learn how to be a good leader and make a difference.

SUPPORT TO EASE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Last year we accessed the Federal government drought funds to subsidise transport costs to camps, as well as assist with the provision of sun safe hats for all students. This year, we are trying to stretch this one off grant as far as we can. We are funding the following events for students:

- Leadership camp
- Deadly Australians
- Primary arts council
- Dance Fever
- Bush poet workshops

Please note, that although some costs for Years 7 – 10 have increased, students now DON'T HAVE to bring any cooking ingredients for catering as the school is now bulk buying these, and this has been covered in the charge. (Many students weren't bringing ingredients and therefore were not able to cook. As a wide variety of cuisines are taught, it is not reasonable to expect every household to have these items in their fridges or pantries.) If there are any concerns, please let me know.
Supporting communities affected by flood and fire

We have all been shocked and stunned by the utter devastation and loss of life caused by the horrific fires in Victoria and the continuing rain and flooding in north Queensland. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been directly affected by these events. Many of us want to help and you can do this by making a financial donation. If you wish to donate to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund go to the Red Cross website or call the toll free number 1800 811 700. To support the victims of the north Queensland floods, please consider donating to the Premier’s Disaster Relief Appeal Fund. Donations for flood victims can be made at any of the following banks: Commonwealth, Westpac, NAB, ANZ, Suncorp Metway or the Bank of Queensland or by phoning the Smart Services Queensland Call Centre on 1800 173 349. Your contribution, however large or small, can make a difference to those affected.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Dealing with Bushfires (and other crisis situations)
1. **Encourage** your children to talk about their concerns
2. **Discuss** the issues openly within your family circle.
3. **Accept** that some people and children can be deeply concerned and upset about losses in bush fires.
4. **Let children** talk to others if they can’t answer all their questions (eg Guidance Officer, School Nurse, Chaplain)
5. **Realise** that sometime we do not know all the answers.
6. **Know** that for some people and children the issue may remain in their minds for some time and questions may be asked time and time again.

“Chappy”
School Chaplain

Sports News

If students are interested in trying out for South Burnett U/12’s Softball Trials or for South Burnett U/12’s Touch Football Trials please see Mr Grimsley as soon as possible.

**P & C News:** Linda Routledge

Thanks to those parents who attended the AGM last night. All executive positions are now filled.

**President** Linda Routledge  **Vice** Miranda Nicholson  **Secretary** Emily Grimsley  **Treasurer** Debbie Rutledge

Next meeting will be Monday 16 March at 7 pm in the staff room. Items on the agenda will include:
- Breakfast Club
- Tuckshop
- Fundraising Group – Easter ideas
- School Opinion Surveys

Hope to see you there.

Tuckshop Meeting

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.

Community Announcements

Wheatlands State School P & C Association is holding a Golf and Bowls Fun Day on Saturday 7 March 2009.

The games will be played at the Murgon Golf course and the Murgon Bowls Club. This event is being organized with support from the local Police.

**GOLF:**
- 12 noon - 1 pm sausage sizzle
- Starts 1pm sharp
- 3 person ambrose
- $15 per person or $40 per team if registered by 2 March
- 4pm presentation with snacks

**BOWLS:**
- 5PM sausage sizzle
- barefoot bowls starts 6pm
- $10 adult and $5 child
- Presentation with snacks at end of bowls

There will be many prizes for novelty events and a lot of fun for all ages.

We will be having a multi-draw raffle with prizes being drawn throughout the day. The proceeds will go towards a library building for the students.

For information or registrations: Ring Meg Hansen 41684945 or Theresa Jensen 41684967

Admin News

From Karen Sheather and Debbie Weber

Ventolin Puffers

Students who need to use puffers at school are required to leave them at the office. Due to safety reasons, they are not to be left in school bags.

Student Information Sheets

These sheets were posted home this week. If there are any changes to be made, please make the necessary changes and return them to the office. It is most important that correct details and emergency contacts are listed at the school in case on any emergencies that may arise during the day. Every family must provide at least one emergency contact with phone details.