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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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.
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.

Please enter my child: ……………………………..

Year Level: ………… in the Australian Schools Competition in

Science:   $ 6.00  □
Writing:   $12.00  □
Spelling Assessment:   $ 8.00  □
Mathematics Assessment:          $ 6.00  □
English:                       $ 6.00  □

Total Cost: $……………………..

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

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.

“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.

From Mrs Sue Gibson

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.

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/