A Letter to the Community

Dates to Remember in 2011

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2012

May

12th & 13th – School Centenary

TUCKSHOP

31st AUGUST

HELPERS

Tracey Vayne

CAKES/Slice

Kaylene Wright

Junior News

This week the students are busy preparing their father’s day gifts. It has been an extremely busy time of year getting everything ready in time for the show. We are nearly there!! The students are very excited about the show visit next week where they get to see their beautiful artwork and projects on display. Their immense effort and hard work will be on show for the community to see. They all worked so well. Great job students!

In art the students have made colourful butterfly paintings that are mounted onto a leaf and then onto blue cardboard. They look absolutely amazing. The students are so proud of this piece of artwork. This will be on display at the show. They also made fish swimming in the ocean. The fishes look stunning with their patty cake tails, glittery fins and rhinestone bodies. The students really enjoyed making their fish craft. This will also be on display at the show.

For literacy this week the students have been putting final touches on their projects and working through their phonics booklets.

In maths the Preps have been looking at the formation of numbers. They have been practising
writing their numbers. They have also been experimenting with adding objects together. The students are really enjoying their maths. The Year 1 students have been looking at number boards and focusing on numbers from 0-100 as well as counting in 10’s. The Year 2 students have been working with time, exploring both digital and analogue clocks. The Year 3’s have been collecting data and plotting it onto graphs.

Kasey, Karin and Cathy

Year 6/7 News

We have been frantic in the year 6/7 classroom this week trying to finish off our show work. Today was the final day to complete artwork, posters, projects and writing ready for Mrs Watterson to drop it all of tomorrow. The children have learnt many skills producing the posters- the most useful skill was neatness and taking a pride in presentation. Well done to all the children for knuckling down in order to finish the work off.

Year 7 leaders have been organising their ‘get active’ skipping routines ready to show the parents next week. The routines are all looking spectacular!
That’s all from our classroom this week!
Maryann & Colleen

Thought for the Week
If the feeling in your head or your heart doesn’t feel right, Change it.
Anonymous

Dragon Awards

The Dragon Awards for August go to:-

Yr 4/5 – Jessica Jurd
Yr 6/7 – Erin Vayne

Congratulations to these students.

Beaudesert Show

On Friday of next week, 9th September, the whole school will be attending the Ag-Ed program at the Beaudesert Show. There is no cost for the students attending this day. All regular Friday teachers will be accompanying the students on this trip. The buses will leave from the school at 9am to arrive at the show by 9:30am. Students must bring their own water bottle as it is not easy to access water at the show. The students will need to be dressed in full school uniform with a school hat. The Ag-Ed program is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the different local primary industries as well as the land care and conservation issues that affect our local community. It also gives the students a chance to see their school work on display!!.

Students can bring their own lunches and morning tea, or bring some money to buy it from the various stalls. We ask that students bring no more than $10.00 with them to buy a treat from the show if parents wish. As most of the rides don’t start until later in the afternoon, we won’t visit side-show alley. We plan to leave the show at 2.15pm. Parents who would like to make arrangements to meet their children at the show will need to meet up with us at the school entry to the grounds (where the buses are parked) by 2.15 pm.

Please complete and return the green form that is attached to today’s newsletter. It is
most important that this form is returned to us preferably by **Monday September 5** if your child will be attending this excursion to the Beaudesert Show.

**P&C News**

The P&C would like to warmly thank everyone who provided baked goods and helped cater for Jonathan Benstead’s funeral last Friday. So many people made a huge effort to provide cakes and slices, even community members not involved in the school provided cakes to the P&C. Thanks to those that helped set up the hall, make sandwiches and clean up afterwards. Although it was a very sad occasion, we were able to cater for the 200 people at such short notice because of the kind donations from all the community.

**Rathdowney School Bicycle Queensland Fundraiser**

**Friday 16th September**

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

Cycle Qld is a nine day cycling adventure that attracts up to 1500 participants. This year the riders are cycling from Goondiwindi to Brisbane and will travel via Palen Creek to Boonah. This event arranges for community groups to provide refreshments as a means of fundraising at each town. The Rathdowney P&C have been offered this opportunity to provide a food stop at one of Cycle Queensland’s rest stops on the route. Below are all the details of our involvement. This is a **major fundraiser** for the P&C and requires the support of **everyone** who is involved in the school. Please check as many boxes as you can to provide a contribution to the Rathdowney School via the P&C Association.

The attachment must be returned to the school by Monday 5th September so we can do up rosters.

**Location** – Palen Creek Crossing #4 Mt Lindsay Road (clearing left from Woodenbong to Rathdowney)

**Time to open** - 7.50am

**Finish Time** – 11.20am

**Estimated number of riders to cater for** - 320 (out of 800 riders)

**What we require** - Home cooked biscuits, slices, cakes (cut into slices or as patty cakes) muffins are very popular. Some savoury and gluten free items are required.

**Special Event**

Parents are invited to come to school at 10am on Wednesday, 7 September, to see skipping demonstrations by the students. For daily PE this term, the students have been practising skipping and each of the three groups of students has choreographed a routine to music. Following the skipping demonstration, parents are invited to listen to a song that all the students have learned during music and then to join us for morning tea.

After the morning tea break, Mrs Oreovich, our support teacher for literacy and numeracy will be giving a talk for parents about how to help students of all ages with reading. She will also share the secrets of how to read to very young children, and explain how this helps your children become good readers when they start school. This may be especially helpful to parents who have children at home in the 0 to 5 age group.
Walkathon
The sponsor forms from last term’s Walkathon will now be finalised as the closing date for students to have money and forms returned to the school was yesterday.

Early Years Kindergarten
Beaudesert Early Years Kindergarten will be opening on Monday 3 October, 2011 (start of term 4), with spaces still available. There are fee reductions for health care card holders. If you would like more information or are interested in enrolling your child please contact the centre on 5540 1500.

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Call Kymberly Griffiths
5544 1230

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Host an International Exchange Student
Gain a new family member
Make a life long link to a family in another country
Learn about another language and culture
Share the beauty and culture of Australia
Contribute to international goodwill
By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia.

With new students arriving in January 2012 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends!
If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) basis as well on a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months).
To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call 1300 135 331 or visit our website:
www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Mum and Dads “little koalas” are invited to come camping under the gum trees and help save the native koalas.
September 7 is National Threatened Species Day, and the whole of September is the Australian Koala Foundations “save the koala” month.
Mt Barney Lodge is supporting the Australian Koala Foundations education and conservation actions by donating every child's camping fee to the Australian Koala Foundation from the 1st to 15th September. Each child will receive a sticker and koala tattoo for their efforts!
For camping bookings: 5544 3233 or info@mtbarneylodge.com.au
Thanks for spending a couple of nights outdoors this spring to help our koalas.