

Middle Ridge Register

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Wed 4	Intermediate Music Camp Yr 7 CHSHS program
Thur 5	Intermediate Music Camp
Mon 9	Year 4 & 4/5NY Amaroo
Tues 10	Year 4 Amaroo (2 classes) CHSHS Interface
Wed 11	Remembrance Day
Tues 17	Musical Evening at CHSHS
Wed 18	3D & 3W - Ravensbourne Trip
Thur 19	Prep Open Day for 2010
Thur 26	Book Launch

THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Prep Concert

Just a short note to say what a fantastic event last Thurs .The Preppies clearly enjoyed the night as did their parents . What a wonderful event the hall was full of relatives. Congratulations to the staff and students.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday 30th October, we celebrated world teachers to acknowledge the efforts of our staff for the wonderful job they do. Well done!

Hall and Library Update

The Library is approximately two weeks from completion. If you are interested in helping to move our resources to the new librry or with the packing please email Susan Callaghan (scall1@eq.edu.au). Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Hall is coming along nicely. The stage construction has commenced. Plans are available for viewing in the office.

Professional Development

We are working on upgrading our "Risk Assessment" to cover all activities our students engage in. The Admin team will also be attending a District Administrator's Day. A manual handling session will also be run on Wednesday to support appropriate lifting techniques and safe handling.

Have a Great Week!

Regards Paul

SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL TRIALS

The Senior Swimming Carnival (Years 4-7) will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December 2009. It consists of championship races (points go towards age champion and house total) and non-championship races (points go towards house total). Children must qualify for a place in the championship races. The fastest 6 students from each age / sex following the trials will qualify for the championship races.

ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SWIMMING IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACES ARE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE NON-CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Trials for the Championship events will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November 2009 at the school pool beginning at 1.20pm

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and concluding at 1.50pm. Trials will also be conducted on Thursday 12th November if extra time is required. Please see the table below for trial schedule.

Age Group	Monday	Tuesday
9 (born 2000)	Freestyle (25m) Breastroke (25m)	Backstroke (25m) Butterfly (25m)
10 (born 1999)	Freestyle (50m) Breastroke (50m)	Backstroke (50m) Butterfly (25m)
11 (born 1998)	Freestyle (50m) Breastroke (50m)	Backstroke (50m) Butterfly (50m)
12 (born 1997)	Freestyle (50m) Breastroke (50m)	Backstroke (50m) Butterfly (50m)
13 (born 1996)	Freestyle (50m) Breastroke (50m)	Backstroke (50m) Butterfly (50m)

Assistance with timekeeping during these trials would be greatly appreciated so if any parents can offer their help during these times then please send a note along with your child prior to the date advising that you can help. Thank you.

BILLETING ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR BOYS 12 YRS STATE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Middle Ridge SS has been asked to assist with providing billets during the upcoming 12 yrs Boys state Cricket Championships held here in Toowoomba. Billeting dates are Saturday 14 November – Wednesday 18 November. If you think you would be interested in assisting in this regard then please contact Mr Galvin at the school.

LUNCHTIME SWIMMING

Students in Years 3-7 have the opportunity to make use of the pool facility for a recreational swim during one lunch time per week. The roster is: Monday – Yr 5, Wednesday – Yr 3, Thursday – Yr 6&7, Friday – Yr 4. Students must bring their own swimming cap and sun shirt or they will not be permitted to swim. Parent help is not required with lunch swims.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

"There are still boxes of chocolates available to sell from the chocolate drive. If you would like to sell some please contact Jenny Hunt on 0428 595929."

SOCIAL NETWORKING USING THE INTERNET

Many families are now allowing their children to access some of the thousands of social networking sites available on the internet. These sites allow students to chat to each other 'live', share photos, etc from their home computers. Like any technology, the sites can be used as they were

designed to, as another form of communication, or for other more negative purposes. If you choose to allow your child to use one of these sites, it is important for you to monitor their usage of these sites (as you would do for other internet sites) to ensure your child's safety from possible cyber bullying or communication with others posing as other children.

Some ways you can minimise or avoid this include:

- When receiving a friend request, contact the parent of this friend to ensure it is a valid request.
- If your child is receiving offensive messages, delete or 'block' that person from communicating further.
- Negotiate a 'chat time' with your child. This might be an hour in the afternoon when they can use the site and chat with their friends.
- Contact the site moderator. Most reputable sites have a moderator that can be contacted if there are issues between users of the site.
- Check the chat history. Some sites allow you to check past 'chat' and identify possible or potential issues.
- Look for mainstream sites. These often are more maintained and have more protection options for users.

Social networking is a relatively new mode of communication for us as adults, but will be something our children will grow up with. Providing them with all the information both good and bad about this technology and supporting and monitoring their use of it will help educate them to become socially responsible users in the future.

MUSICAL EVENING

All students in vocal and instrumental ensembles should have received their letter regarding this event! Please mark it in your diaries:

Tuesday 17th November
Centenary Heights State High School

Please see Mrs Laird if you have any queries. All students are expected to perform as this is our final and most important event of the year. Ensembles have been rehearsing very hard and would appreciate as many in the audience as possible to cheer them on. If there are any parents who are able to help transport instruments to the venue on Tuesday please let Mrs Laird know – we would love to hear from you.

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP

We wish all participating students a great time at this event and know you will be excellent ambassadors for Middle Ridge State School.

SENIOR CONCERT BAND

There will be no rehearsal next week as Ms Nichols is at the Intermediate Music Camp. Keep up the good work independently!

"Life is one grand sweet song. So start the music."
- Ronald Reagan

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NEXT P&C MEETING
18 November 2009
Commencing at 7.00pm, H Block
All welcome!!

Uniform Shop

*****OPENING HOURS*****
Wednesday 2.15pm – 3.15pm
AND
Friday 8:00am – 9:30am
EFTPOS – Now Available
Both credit and debit cards accepted
Minimum \$10 Purchase – No Cash Out
Lay-by Also Available

Volunteers always needed. If you can assist please phone Karla on 0407174351.

Free Movie Night

The Community Information Directory will be launched with a free community movie night at 6.30pm November 7 at the Village Green behind Toowoomba's City Hall. The movie being screened is 'Bolt'. For more information, please phone 46 886 851