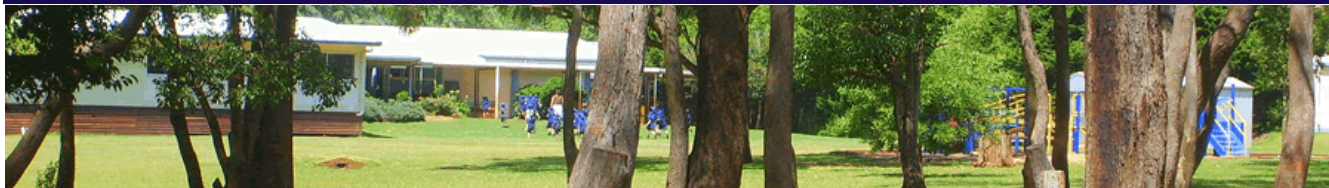


Middle Ridge Register

Where seeds of learning become forests of opportunity



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Wed 11	Remembrance Day
Tues 17	Musical Evening at CHSHS
Wed 18	3D & 3W - Ravensbourne Trip P&C Meeting
Thur 19	Prep Open Day for 2010 Last day Book Club orders
Tues 24	Booklist orders due
Thur 26	Book Launch

DECEMBER

Tues 1	Badging Ceremony
Wed 2	Junior Swimming Carnival
Thur 3 & Fri 4	Senior Swimming Carnival

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THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Reporting

Report Cards are due out Week 9 and we are currently assessing students in preparation for this.

Prep Orientation Day

Our Prep morning will be held next week, **Thursday 19 November, 9.00am -11.30am, in H Block.** The majority of those attending have already enrolled for 2010.

Code of Acceptable Behaviour

Please remind your children that their job in our school is to learn and behave. Unfortunately, there have been a few students who really have let themselves down regarding aligning their behaviour with our school values. Our 7 school values need to be upheld at all times. The vast majority of children do the right thing and honour and practice our school values. Please discuss with your child or children the necessity for them to exercise quality choices with their behaviour in order to maximise their potential.

Library

As the new library will be completed in the near future, we intend to close access to the old library in order to move to the new facility. Ms Susan Callaghan our Librarian and Mrs Jeanette Grimes would be very grateful for some assistance packing in preparation for the big move so if you can assist, please contact Susan. Thank you.

Facilities

Education Queensland Central Office employees visited our school today in regard to an extension to our junior school toilet block.

Chaplaincy Committee – L.C.

Our next Chaplaincy meeting will be this **Wednesday 11 November, H block, 3.15pm.**

Staff Absence

Our PE teacher Mr Galvin will be absent supporting the Cricket State Championships from 16 -19 November.

Individual Student Plans - formerly (IEP's)

For students with disabilities in our school, we will be holding the 6 month review of student's programs next week. Mrs Clayton will support this process along with Mr Chris Gilbert, our district head of special education, or myself.

Transfers

As we are analysing our staffing requirements for 2010, should you be requiring a transfer to another school, please inform the office so a transfer can be organised to your new school.

Regards, Paul.

Have a great week!

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.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to our chosen School Leaders, Music Captains and Sports Captains for 2010. Everyone who applied to become a leader did very well in both the application and the interview and I am just sorry that not everyone could be chosen. How lucky are we as a school to have such awesome students that we had so many that could do the job. It is a fact of life that we don't always get what we want but it is how you handle the set backs that count. So be proud. There will be a badging ceremony on Tuesday the 1st of December at 10.15am in the undercover area. I will formally announce our leaders for 2010 in the following week's newsletter.

HOME READING

This **Thursday 12th November** will be the last night for Home Reading for the year. This is a week earlier than we normally finish due to the need to recreate existing and new boxes to include the new books that were purchased from the P&C Priority List. Could volunteers please undertake a stock take of all boxes starting on Friday? **Stock take will need to be completed by Tuesday ready for collection.**

Parents please note: a **\$10 replacement fee will be incurred for missing home readers.**

On behalf of all the grateful class teachers, I would like to say a special thank you to our valued volunteers who have provided a valuable service throughout the year!

EMMA MCTAGGATT - WRITERS' PROJECT

Just a reminder about the book launch which will be held on **Thursday 26th November at 2pm in H Block**. The completed books are currently at the printers. The authors are eagerly awaiting their return after spending many hours fine tuning their books! We are fortunate to have had Emma's valuable volunteer services for 5 years now!

BOOKLISTS

The booklists for 2010 will be distributed this week. Once again we are going with Browns Office Choice. Booklists can be ordered either by returning the sheet to the school office by **Tuesday 24th November** or by ordering online.

Your order will be packed and delivered to the school for collection in **H Block on Friday 4th December 8am-9.30am**. Alternatively book packs can be collected from Brown's.

All orders placed by 4th December directly benefit the school. So please ensure you assist our school by completing and returning your booklists by this date.

You do not have to pay for the book packs until they are collected.

SWIMMING TRIALS FOR SENIOR CARNIVAL

Swimming trials for the Championship Events at the Senior Swimming carnival are being held during lunchtimes of this week. Students wishing to qualify for these events are to attend the following sessions (as published last week also).

Tuesday	1.20pm – Freestyle and Breastroke
Wednesday	1.20pm – Backstroke and Butterfly
Thursday	1.20pm – Any student who missed out on attending a previous qualifying session.

Any parents who would like to assist with timekeeping during this process are most welcome to attend.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Last week for student and parent borrowing for this year

This is the last week for borrowing for students and parents for 2009 and books should be returned by the end of next week (Week 7). This is a little earlier than other years, but we have ‘the big move to the new library’ this year!

Thank you for offers of help with ‘the move’

A huge thank you to the people who have offered to help with the move to the new library. I’d love to hear from a few more volunteers who are able to give up an hour or two in the next week or so. The tasks are packing boxes of books, sealing, and labelling them. No heavy lifting, carrying or wheeling involved! (The date for the hand-over of the new building to the school should be known this week.)

2009 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the students who successfully completed this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. This week, each student will receive a certificate signed by the Premier and a poster from Rugby League’s One Community congratulating them on successfully completing the challenge.

BOOK CLUB

Students have received leaflets for the last Book Club for this year. Orders are to be returned to the Library by Thursday November 19.

MUSIC NOTES

Musical Evening: IT’S CLOSE!!!!

Come along to Centenary Heights SHS to see our musical prodigies perform – TUESDAY 17th November.

INSTRUMENTALISTS ARRIVE at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

SINGERS ARRIVE at 6:45pm to be seated in their groups.

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 at 1:20pm please let Mrs Laird know – we would love to hear from you.

REHEARSAL TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Senior Vocal Ensemble:	MONDAY 16 th November, 8:15am
Senior/Junior Vocal Ensembles:	MONDAY 16 th November, 11:10am

Recorder Consort:	MONDAY 16 th November, 1:25pm
Senior Concert Band:	TUESDAY 17 th November, 8:00am
Junior Concert Band:	TUESDAY 17 th November, 9:00am
Stage Band:	TUESDAY 17 th November, 11:10am

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC ON THESE DAYS for rehearsals to be productive!!!

“Music is a manifestation of the human spirit, similar to language. Its greatest practitioners have conveyed to mankind things not possible to say in any other language. If we do not want these things to remain dead treasures, we must do our utmost to make the greatest possible number of people understand their idiom.” ~ Zoltan Kodaly

PARENTS and CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Volunteers always needed.

*****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

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

IMPORTANT-PLEASE NOTE: Chocolate Money was dropped into the office on Friday without a name. In order to receipt this money, we need to know who you are..... so please contact the office ASAP.

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

LOST

Dearly loved small green toy lizard, with pink flowers on its back that disappear when held in your hand: If found, please return it to the office where its owner will collect it.