

# Newsletter

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## *From the Principal's Desk*

### **Reporting**

Teachers are currently working on reports. Report Cards will be completed over the holidays and posted very early next term. There will be a parent teachers interview afternoon on Tuesday 21 July 2009 starting at 3.15pm so results can be discussed with parents.

### **Rugby League**

I was well and truly entertained watching our boys play Rockhampton State High School last week. I thought the boys played well and it was good to see them get a win. I also liked the fact that they showed a sporting attitude and did not resort to abuse or dirty play. The team is a real credit to Lacey, Ross, Bill and families.

### **Rugby League Night**

On Friday night a large crowd was in attendance at the Bowls Club to support Lacey Townsend and our U15 Rugby League team. The night was very successful with over \$2000 raised from raffle tickets and the auction of some well sought after memorabilia. It was pleasing to see such support.

### **Student Council**

The Student Council recently decided to replace the broken photocopier in the library. This photocopier is for student use and they have agreed to pay it off through a series of fundraisers. To date they have had one free dress day. It's good to see students raising money to directly benefit themselves.

### **Staff Changes**

Chris Hills has recently been appointed as Principal of Moura State School. This means I have had to advertise for an acting HOD for Semester 2. This position will be advertised later in the year to select a person to become the permanent HOD as from the start of 2010.

Mary Anne Ahearn has resigned and three other teachers have signalled their intentions to leave at the end of this semester for a variety of reasons. I understand that this will mean teacher changes for some classes but we have to accept that changes can occur and in many cases it's through no-one's fault. At this stage the replacements are Mr Findley, Mr Cresswell, Mr Saayman and Mr Kadel.

### **Lesson Times – Trial**

At the start of this term I changed the bell times so that the school days now runs as two lessons, lunch, lesson, afternoon tea and finishing with one lesson.

I have to say I like it because maximum prime learning time in the morning is used for classes, not lunch like it used to be. I also believe it is quieter at the office, which means less behaviour issues throughout the day. I said I would give people the opportunity to express an opinion so have included a small return survey if you wish to express an opinion. If there are no strong opinions either way we will continue with the current arrangement until the end of the year.

### **Triennial School Review**

This year, starting next term we are required to conduct a Triennial School Review. This is a process that must be conducted every three years. The process firstly involves a review of all school results over the last three years. That is, we study all the information on the school and determine what has gone well and what could have been better. With that knowledge in mind we can then look to the future to determine our goals for the next three years. This process works best if all school interest groups, staff, parents, students and community members have an input. I would love assistance. If you would like to help determine the direction for the school for the next three years could you please contact me or advise the office to let me know on 49975888. Parents with students still going through school or still at primary school or those of you that have had long experience over the last few years are most welcome.

***Alan Campbell – PRINCIPAL***



## Assistants in Nursing

Looking at re-entering the workforce  
or a possible career change?

Lutheran Community Care

**Wahroonga Retirement Village** in Biloela is currently seeking permanent part time AINs to work in all areas.

AINs provide resident focused care as well as communicate effectively with residents & other staff. Previous experience not essential as onsite training will be provided.

Applicants will be required to complete a Police Check.

Our employees enjoy training, onsite car parking, a friendly & professional team environment & salary packaging.

For more information contact Dannie on 07 4992 8300.

## Moura SHS Rugby League

Congratulations to Moura State High School's under 15 team who were victorious over Rockhampton High School in their round 4 clash. Moura have played 3 games this season, 2 away and 1 home. Round 1 is yet to be played. In the first 2 games Moura have been narrowly defeated but with each game have quietly improved. All of their skills came together on Wednesday afternoon against Rockhampton to post a 5 tries to 2 win. Try scores were **Nathan Young, Nic Bromby, Adam Grabyn, Izakk Dowden** and **Hamish Davidson**. **Cody Grills** converted 1 try and **Izakk Dowden** converted 2.

The Rugby League program is growing stronger and we are really impressed with the way all players are involved. This program would not be possible without the involvement of our volunteer coaches **Ross Clancy** and **Bill Dowden**. There are also many others who have given up their spare time to assist with the program and we are very grateful for the support we have received. Big thank you also to **Wayne Hetherington** who refereed our home game. Referees are always hard to find, but without them we would be unable to host any games. Also, thank you to the Moura Junior Tigers Rugby League Club who ran the canteen.

The winner of our meat tray raffle was K. Denning. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts. Funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of bus hire. Our team travels to Rockhampton on a regular basis so it becomes quite costly.

Congratulations to all players and all those involved. We are all very proud of their achievements. Well done Moura \_\_\_\_\_ (our name is yet to be decided, all ideas are welcome)!

## Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom!

Learn all about student exchange, WEP Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs available at WEP's upcoming information evenings.

**Don't miss out: 23 June & 28 July '09**

7.30 – 9.30pm

Metropolitan Motor Inn

106 Leichardt Street

Spring Hill

**A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!** Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a loving host family, school and community.

**Requesting your information pack is easy!** Contact WEP's office for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733, email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au).

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments

## DATES TO REMEMBER

19 June	1500m
25 June (Session 3 & 4)	Discus & Javelin
26 June	Track & Field
26 June	Last day of Term 2
13 July	Pupil Free Day
14 July	First day of Term 3



## Smoke alarm subsidy scheme for the deaf and hearing-impaired

## Youth and Family Health Project

### About the Project

As part of a state-wide research project, a survey is currently being conducted in your child's school under the direction of Assoc Professor Ken Pakenham from the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland. This project focuses on the effects of family health issues on children and adolescents and their families. Children from families with and without health issues are invited to participate.

### Who Can Participate?

Participation in this project is entirely voluntary. With parental consent, any child between the ages of 10 and 18 years can participate. The survey takes 30 minutes to complete. There is no penalty to your child if they choose not to participate in this study. The information provided by your child in this survey will be **completely confidential** and **anonymous**. At the conclusion of the project your child's school will be provided with a summary report of the findings.

Further information or questions?

**Natalie Doyle 0428 974 976**

[n.doyle@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:n.doyle@psy.uq.edu.au)

If you would prefer to speak to an independent person you may contact the Ethics Officer on 07 3365 3924.

If you agree to your son or daughter taking part, please sign the attached consent form and return it to the Administration office by next Wednesday 24 June 2009.

Since July 2007, smoke alarms have been compulsory in all Queensland homes and units.

Conventional smoke alarms are not effective to alert people with hearing-impairments.

There are a number of specialised alarm systems on the market available for people who are deaf or have a hearing-impairment. These systems include alarms with flashing strobe lights or vibrating pads.

The Queensland Government is offering a new subsidy scheme to assist people with hearing-impairments to install specialised smoke alarm systems in their homes.

Eligible applicants will be able to claim up to \$400 to install an approved system in a single-storey home or up to \$800 in a multi-storey home.

For more information on the subsidy scheme, application process and approved retailers and suppliers visit the Department of Emergency Services website at <http://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/freesafetydownloads/rebate.asp> or phone (07) 3635 1952.

Congratulations to **Hamish Davidson** who has been selected to play for the Queensland Country AFL team. Hamish will play on the Gold Coast against some of the top metropolitan teams in the State. Well done Hamish!

## Rugby League Night

The Auction night to raise much needed funds for our school rugby league team was a great success. The total raised from the night was approximately \$2500.

The night was made possible by the P & C of Moura State High School and the Moura Bowls Club. Thank you very much to Tom Cuskelly who ran the auction and The Beauty Lodge for donating a raffle prize and to the band Rafikki who played for us. Thank you also to those who came along and supported the night.

Item #1 – St George Plaque	\$100.00
Item #2 – NSW Jersey	\$460.00
Item #3 – Broncos Jersey	\$460.00
Item #4 – Australian Jersey	\$620.00
Item #5 – Broncos Jersey	\$500.00
Item #6 – Titans Boots	\$260.00

Thank you to everyone involved in the night. All money raised will go towards transportation to Rockhampton for games.

### Youth and Family Health Project Parent Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name)

give permission for my child,

\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name),

class \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the youth and family health project (School of Psychology, UQ). I have read the project summary and I understand that my child's participation in the project is entirely voluntary, that he/she is free to withdraw from the study at any time without explanation and penalty, and that confidentiality is assured.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3000m Race Results

Below are the results from the 3000m race held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Based on these results it appears Bindaree heads into the main carnival with a slight lead.

#### **13 years girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Skye Calvert	Bindaree	15.21.22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Quinn	Gibihi	16.44.06
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emily Warren	Bindaree	17.15.75



#### **13 years boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Meyers	Gibihi	13.19.37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jonah Clancy	Bindaree	13.29.09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Ronnfeldt	Bindaree	14.21.41

#### **14 years girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Redshaw	Bindaree	19.37.78
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#### **14 years boys**

No 14 year old boys competed in this event

#### **15 years girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Holly Tucker	Bindaree	17.45.48
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#### **15 years boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Izakk Dowden	Bindaree	13.08.65
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathan Young	Bindaree	13.50.87
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tristan Durkin-Seeney	Bindaree	18.35.57

#### **16 years girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brittany Sheaffe	Gibihi	21.03.53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shaye Price	Bindaree	24.33.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Natasha Feltham	Bindaree	24.33.47

#### **16 years boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mat Keene	Gibihi	12.16.40
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#### **Open girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Audrey Tovera	Bindaree	17.08.74
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stevie Tucker	Bindaree	17.45.48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Courtney Semple	Gibihi	27.32.74

#### **Open boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jake Hafner	Bindaree	12.16.40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mitchell Keene	Gibihi	14.14.77
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reuben Dunk	Bindaree	17.05.50

## 2009 Track and Field Carnival

Our athletics carnival for 2009 is fast approaching. Students have nominated for the events they wish to participate in and participation rates are shaping up to very high this year. Please see below for the schedule of events. Parents and friends are more than welcome to come along and watch or assist with duties. There are also relay events at the end of the day from 1.45pm onwards. Parents and friends are encouraged to enter a team into the senior students, parents and staff relay. A BBQ lunch is being supplied by the P and C.

I would also like to remind parents and guardians that the carnival is a normal school day and students are expected to attend for the full day. If they are unable to attend, just like a normal school day, parents are advised to contact the office and explain their absence. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> break	11.25am-12.10pm	3000m
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> break	11.25am-12.10pm	1500m
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	S3 & 4	12.10am-3.00pm	Discus, Javelin
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	All day	8.50am-3.00pm	All other events

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Order of Events

- Please note that we will not have a break in between session 3 and 4. However, each age group has been allocated a time slot for a lunch break. The canteen will be open during this time

Time	Javelin #1	Javelin #2	Discus #1	Discus #2	Lunch Break
12.20-1.10pm	13yr girls	13yr boys	14 & 15yr girls	14 & 15 yr boys	16 & open boys & girls
1.10-2.00pm	16 & open girls	16 & open boys	13 yr girls	13 yr boys	14 & 15 open boys & girls
2.00-2.50pm	14 & 15 open girls	14 & 15 open boys	16 & open girls	16 & open boys	13 boys & girls

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Order of Events

Age Group	9:15-10:15	10:15-11:15	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:45	12:45-1:45	1:45-2:45
13	Shot Put 800m	High Jump 400m	<b>LUNCH</b>	Long Jump 200m	Triple Jump 100m	Relays
14	Triple Jump 800m	Shot Put 400m		High Jump 200m	Long Jump 100m	
15	Long Jump 800m	Triple Jump 400m		Shot Put 200m	High Jump 100m	
16 & Open	High Jump 800m	Long Jump 400m		Triple Jump 200m	Shot Put 100m	