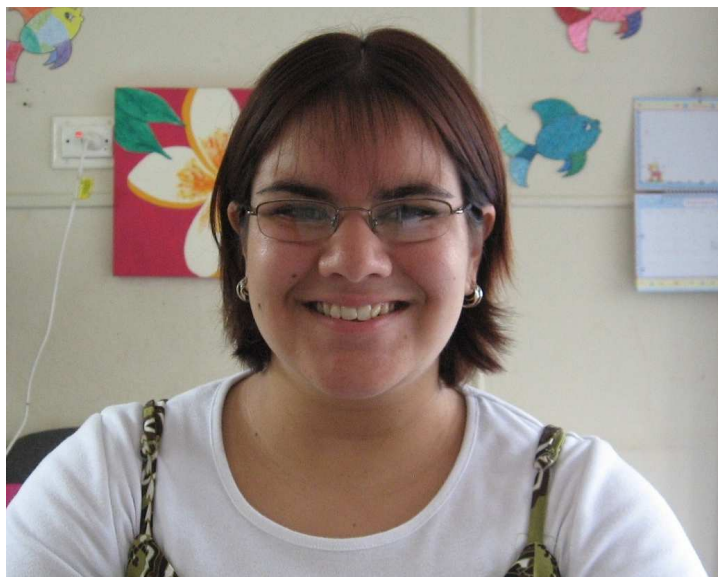




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21st May 2009



CHAPLAINCY WEEK

This week is Chaplaincy week, and to help celebrate we are having a 'Chappies Brekky' tomorrow (Fri, 22nd May). It is free and will be held at school from 7.30am. I'm sure it will be a great morning. A big thank-you in advance to everyone who will be helping out and to Nguyen's Moggy's Bakery who so kindly donated all the bread for the brekky.

As this schools Chaplain I am here to support and care for the school community. I do this through one-on-one support with students, building relationships, attending school camps and events, have the Chappies Corner open at lunch breaks, holding Chappies Brekkies and running specialised programs that benefit the kids not only now but for their future.

However, some of the services I offer as a school Chaplain are reliant on money. Although the Chaplaincy service in this school is funded by the government, the federal funding does not cover things like Chaplaincy resources, programs, events like 'Chappies Brekkies' and camp subsidies (the Chaplain will help subsidise camp fees to specialist camps they invite students to). Unfortunately the reality is that without these funds these Chaplaincy services cannot exist.

If you would like to financially support this Chaplaincy service by means of a one off donation or monthly support please contact me or see the attached Chaplaincy brochure.



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From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Hello Everyone

Thankyou for your understanding on Tuesday. We will keep you informed as to any future activities/ disruptions.

The District Cross-country was cancelled yesterday and has been rescheduled to Monday 25 May.

Our water tanks are full, and we are discovering all the new leaks in the school!

The National School Pride money is due to start flowing. We are having meetings to discuss the timetable for the three items which are electronic white boards in each classroom, a new path to the shed and new classroom furniture.

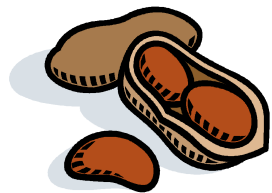
ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION – reminder to all children who are taking part in the Computer Skills competition this year – next Wednesday 27th May is the big day!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

Parents, please be aware that we have a few students in the school with **severe peanut allergies**. Please consider how difficult it is for these students to avoid contact with any peanut products when packing your child's lunchbox. Things like peanut butter sandwiches, muesli bars etc.

I know we can't avoid **all** peanut substances but we would love to minimise the threat as any contact could trigger an anaphylaxis reaction. We would love to make it as stress free and safe as possible for all of our students.

Thank you for your consideration....Deanna Gee.

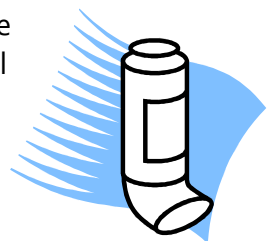


Asthma Sufferers!!!

Parents, with the weather getting a little bit cooler, we would like to have any student, who is likely to get Asthma, to leave a spare puffer at school in the first aid room. (The puffer has to be labelled with the students name and details as per dosage on it.) Don't forget if your child does use a puffer at school, please make sure you have advised us and filled out the medication form.

Please feel free to pop into the Library and chat to me if you have any concerns

.....Thanks Deanna Gee.



Gail Singleton's News – Cross Country was cancelled yesterday due to the weather – new date will be Monday 25th May – next week!



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HOMESTAY FAMILY NEEDED - You don't need to send your kids overseas to learn other culture we bring our student to your home - 21 July to 15 August 2009. Flyer in next week's newsletter.

For more information, please contact Sue Ho info@imea.com.au or imea01@hotmail.com or leave your name and details at the school office.

Kerry's Corner – Brighton Learning Support Teacher

Preparing for, and Understanding the Adolescent in your house

Anyone who has a child will one day have an adolescent and for some parents with good memories this might be a little scary. The best advice for parents of adolescents, you will be surprised to know, is the same for parents of newborns:

Enjoy your child! Love your child!

This time in a child (and parent's) life is about change and discovery. The reality is that despite the challenges, most adolescents thrive and survive the teen years while managing to maintain a healthy relationship with their families. As kids grow they gradually demand more independence, and parents must **gradually** grant it. Even as adolescents pursue independence and want to spend more time with their peers they still want to know they have mum and/or dad there for them, as well as a safe home base to retreat to. When kids feel connected to their parent/s, they are less likely to partake in risky behaviours, and more likely to emerge healthier and more secure.

Here are 5 keys to raising teens:

- Love and connect with them – these 2 factors needs to be practised from birth, but while they change don't let your love for them change.
- Monitor and Observe – know where they are, what they are doing, who they are with (early practise of this makes it easier to perform)
- Guide but limit – loosen up when you know they are ready for it but don't let go
- Model and Consult – talk to them, ask their advice, include them, help them through tough times by showing them how to problem solve
- Provide assistance and Advocate – although they want to be independent in many respects they also need you to help them to reach their goals.



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A few things....

'**Performing Arts Concert**' will be held at our school hall on Thursday June 18th at 6.30pm and is expected to conclude by 7.30pm. The concert will feature children from –

- a) senior choir
- b) junior choir
- c) Concert band
- d) Yr 7 instrumental ensemble
- e) soloists

PREP ENROLMENT MORNING – Wednesday 5th August 2009

– parents are welcome to fill in their Prep 2010 enrolment form now – information packs will be given out on the Enrolment morning. See Judy or Jeanita at the Office for your forms.

P&C Secretary POSITION VACANT

if you are interested in joining the P&C this is the position for you! Meetings are held once per month, 2nd Tuesday at 6.30pm. Grab a friend and share the role. See Judy at the Office.

Uniform Shop NEWS

2.30 to 3.15 Wednesday and 8.30 to 9am Friday
or put your order into the BLACK P&C BOX.

WINTER Jackets are in - \$45 size 14-16, \$43 size 6-12

SPORTS T.SHIRTS have arrived - \$47

THE SCHOOL DENTAL VAN will be moving on soon – have you returned your child's form? If you're not sure pop in and see the girls at the Van.



JUSTYNE'S FRIDAY SPECIAL

Nacho's - \$5 - YUMMY!

TUCKSHOP DAYS - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Community News

Mother of Sons High Tea - Mothers with only boys - is all that testosterone driving you crazy? Why not take time out to have high tea with other daughterless mums? Details - Saturday 30 May, 2-4pm @ Bracken Ridge Baptist Church. Limited tickets - \$10/pp - so must pre-book. For more info - Rachel - 0412 161 482

BRACKEN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – EXPO 2009 – 26th May – from 5.30pm – ring 3869 7222 for more information.

FOR SALE: 1999 Toyota Corolla Seca Hatch Ultima. Gold. Excellent Condition. 85000kms. \$9990. More details phone Julie on 3314 0646 or 0448 452 446.