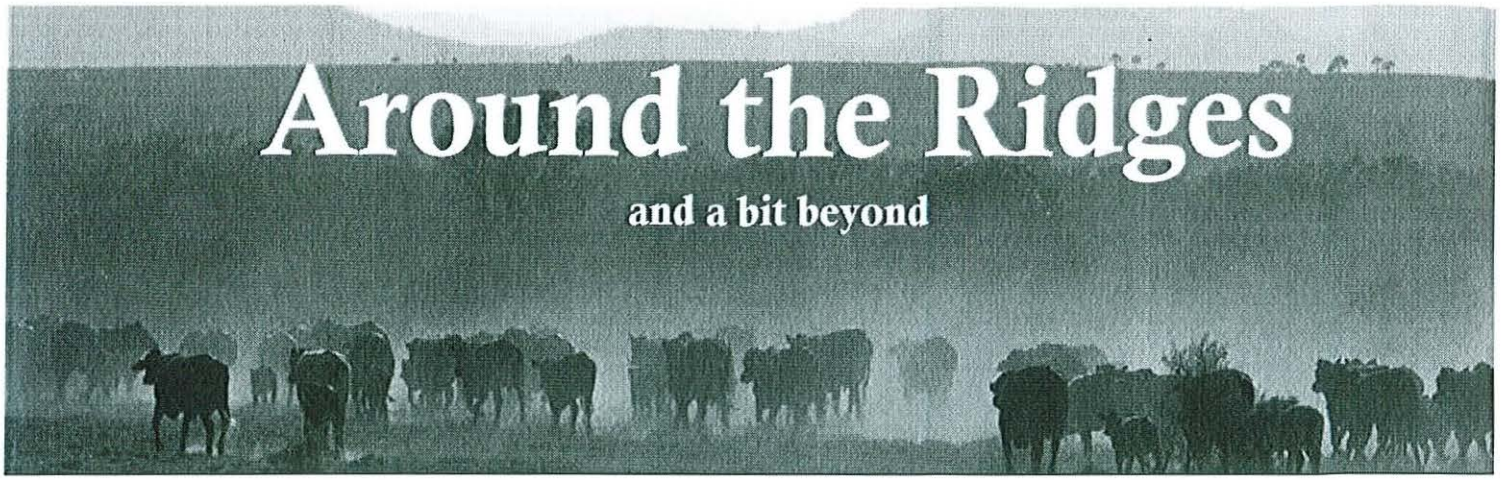

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The newsletter is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material in by the 15th of every month.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

Do you have an exciting story to tell? We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL COUNRY FAIR

It may be still winter (believe it or not) but spring is just around the corner and the Ridgelands State School will be holding their annual Spring Fair on the 25th August commencing at 2.30 p.m. - til late at the Ridgelands School.

The Spring Fair has been a community event for approximately 28 years and was previously held at Easter time and called the Easter fair. our past students will have many happy memories of the lolly drop from the plane onto the oval and the pig on a spit to name a couple. We have seen many changes over the years, but the most important part is that it has been a great revenue raiser for the School P & C. It has enabled them to contribute to such things as new computers, improvements in the playground, new mower, etc.

This year the Ridgelands P & C have an even bigger Country Fair planned and we would encourage the community to support this annual fund raiser. You don't need to have children at the school to go along and participate. Come along and meet up with friends, have a chat and enjoy the Licensed Bar, Entertainment and the Mechanical Bull competition. There is sure to be some laughs there. Maybe you would even like to enter the competition. There will also be a BBQ tea , Multi Draw Raffle, White Elephant stall, Sweet / Plant Stall, Rides, Fashion Parade, etc. Hope to see you at the fair.

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL NEWS

Premier's reading Challenge

This term the school has a target for all of our students achieving their reading goals for the Premier's reading challenge. A display section will be set up in the library to assist students in choosing books for the reading challenge.

Literacy

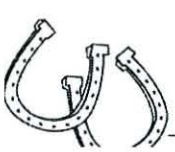
This semester the school is extending the whole school approach to reading and spelling improvement. Internal monitoring of student progress will continue for reading with a renewed focus on improving decoding and word recognition. The sequential spelling program that has proven successful in the 2/3/4 classes in the past, is being extended to the whole school.

School Grounds

The school grounds are looking a treat with the addition of some new plants and garden ornaments. Thank you to the helpers who provided their time and effort over the holidays to undertake the ground improvements.

Alton Downs District Sports

Well done to all the competitors who took part in the Alton Downs District Athletics carnival. The two days saw some exceptional performances with a number of Ridgelands students being selected to represent ADD at the Rockhampton district carnival on the 30th & 31st July.



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RECIPE CORNER

So Easy Orange Cake

1 orange, skin on, pith and seeds removed
210g butter, melted and cooled
1 cup caster sugar
2 eggs
¾ cup desiccated coconut
A few drops of lemon essence
1 ½ cups self-raising flour, sifted
Orange icing to serve

Preheat oven to moderate. Lightly grease and line 20cm round cake pan.
In a food processor combine orange, butter, sugar, eggs, coconut and essence. Process until orange is finely chopped.
Pour orange mixture into a large bowl. Fold in flour to just combine. Pour batter into pan.
Bake 30-35 minutes, until golden and cooked when tested.
Ice with orange icing when completely cool.

Book Review – It is always interesting to learn of new authors and their books, so if anyone has read any good books lately please share with us. Just let us know by emailing the details to our email address and we will print the details in the next newsletter.

Ridgelands Show News

Once again we held another successful show even though it rained. Our numbers were down on last year but those of us who braved the weather certainly enjoyed ourselves. It is always rewarding to receive feedback and thank you to Patricia Dennis for sending us this card. Patricia, I hope you don't mind us printing your comments.

Just a quick note to offer my 'Congratulations' on staging such a wonderful show. This was my first time at the Ridgelands Show and I was very impressed especially when the rain had come down so heavy the night before.

Everything was well set out, easy to view, clean and tidy and the crowd was kept well informed by the announcer on the PA System. I was disappointed I had to leave early as here was still plenty I am sure I didn't get to see. Once again Congratulations on a job "well done" – keep up the good work.

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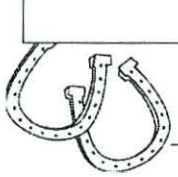

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GARDENING TIPS - Prune fruit trees to keep them healthy and improve the quality and size of fruit. After pruning, it's a good idea to spray with a copper-based fungicide to help control problems such as peach and nectarine leaf curl.

Are you proud to be an Australian, Are you proud to be a Queenslander, then let us all be proud of our own district and community.

It is hard not to notice the rubbish that is reappearing along Ridgelands road once again. If you were going to the dump or town, surely you missed a cupboard when you got there, apparently not, as there is one lying beside the road. We have all had the experience of things falling from our utes but please stop and pick them up. As for the cans and papers that are littering our road, this is easily overcome. Just place an empty shopping bag in your car and place all your rubbish it is. Once it is full, place it in a bin.
Let's keep our community clean and tidy.

Polocrosse Weekend 7th 8th July at Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Ground
'Zone of Origin'

This competition was a chance for players to return to their zone of origin and catch up and compete with riders they hadn't played with for 4 or 5 years. The social aspect of the weekend did not lessen the fierce competition on the field. Players came from many places e.g. Dalby, Taroom, St Lawrence and Calliope. Polocrosse has a 3 week exchange program with New Zealand. This year's hosts, are the Doyle family, and they brought their New Zealand exchange player Katie Wills along for the weekend. Some of the players who returned for the event had been Queensland representatives and National team representatives.

On Saturday the Capricornia women's team beat the men's team but this was reversed on Sunday despite the determination of the ladies. The finals on Sunday were great for the spectators to watch with enthusiastic and powerful horses and skilled riders. (My own visitor from South Australia wants to see Polocrosse next time she comes up)

In the past few months there has been a lot of work put in the upgrade the Sports Club and facilities and the presentation of both the club itself and the grounds are a credit to the workers. The Saturday night social activity was well attended and Luke Stanke provided the music and had lots of people up dancing and having a great time.

The ADPC would like to thank their sponsors (in no particular order): Events Qld, Bartlem Constructions, Australian Country Living, Rockhampton Regional Council, Westco Trucks and InsuRight Risk Management.

On 11th and 12Th August the normal ADPC Club Carnival will be held with everyone welcome to attend the social activities on Saturday night. The meal will be 'Reef and Beef' and dessert for $13 and the music will again be provided by Luke Stanke. (Jill Fry)

What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meetings held on the 1st Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 9:30am. QWCA room, all welcome Ph 49 345145

Northern District Rate Payers Asscn

Meetings are held quarterly, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Next meeting will be at the Alton Downs Hall on the 6th August. The Northern District rate payers asscn. Covers the areas of Pink Lilly, Alton Downs, Ridgelands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy and Garnant.

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House for Rent

Ridgelands area. Phone 4934 5135 after hours.

Events

Indoor Bowls

Held 2nd Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall. All welcome

Meetings

The Ridelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc monthly meeting will be held on the 15th August 7.30p.m. Ridgelands Showgrounds.

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.
Alternatively call,
T Hoare 49 34 1493
J Chippendale 49 34512

Chair Hire

Contact the Ridgelands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions.
Ph 4934 5518

Auction/Fundraiser

Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc will be holding a BBQ/Auction on the 15th September at 6.30p.m. A percentage of the money raised will be donated to Breast Cancer. Everyone welcome.

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DATE CLAIMER

Ridgelands Hall Christmas Karaoke, Saturday, November 24th 2012

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday.
Jack Sleaford
Blue Shepherd
Joel Estreich
Maurie McQuillan
Frank Dawson

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Condolences

Our sincere sympathy goes to Peter Craig and his family on the recent loss of Pam. Our thoughts are with you.

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Get Well Soon

We would like to wish Alwyn Iker a speedy recovery from her recent operation. All the best.

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Congratulations

Chantelle Nee Rosenberg and Alex on the safe arrival of Jake Jamie Litz 12/7/12

Congratulations go to Kaycee Hodgon and Brendan Bray on their marriage 7/7/12