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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week:

Even a child is known by his doings. *Traditional Proverb*

Over the next couple of months you will be hearing about QCATs. This is an acronym for Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks. QCATs are a component of the QCAR Framework. They are authentic, performance-based assessments that involve solving a meaningful problem, emphasising critical thinking and reasoning, providing students with every opportunity to do their best work as well as producing evidence of what students know and can do in relation to a selection of Essential Learnings. This year is a trail year for all schools through Queensland. During this year the Moreton region will be completing a QCAT for year 4 students in English. All students at Glamorgan Vale State School will participate in the trial this year. The 5/6/7 class will have a different English task to complete. The trial also gives teachers support in gaining a consistency of judgment of student achievements aligned to the Standards.

Book Week

This year the theme for Book Week is 'Fuel Your Mind'. As part of our Book Week celebrations we held a dress up day. The children could dress up as a character from their favourite book (or movie). During assembly this morning the children paraded around in their costumes for everyone to guess who they were. The prizes for the best dressed were awarded to:

Prep/1/2: Harrison Klee (aka: Stuart Little)

3/4: Sarah Deakin (aka: Princess Leia from Star Wars)

5/6/7: Courtenay Rayner (aka: Hermione Granger from Harry Potter)

The school has purchased the short listed books for book week for the children to borrow.

*Only two weeks til
Country Fair! Tell
all your friends – and
keep Saturday 13th
September free.*

Local Government Certificate

On assembly this morning Kelsey Gray from the Somerset Region council visited our school to award the children with certificates for their participation in the Local Government Week competition that was held earlier in the year.

Interschool Sport

Last Friday's interschool sport competition was just the soccer team against Prenzlau. Unfortunately the soccer team lost 0 to 1. The sportsperson of the match was Andy Coulson. This week we are playing at Clarendon. The games start at 1:30 and finish at 2:30. We will once again need transportation to and from Clarendon this week.

Date	Glamorgan Vale Vs	Home / Away
29/8	Clarendon	Away
5/9	Coominya 1pm start	Home
12/9	Tarampa	Away

Library Stocktake

All library books must be returned by no later than Wednesday, 3rd September for stocktake to commence.

Metropolitan West Regional Athletics Carnival

Lauren Clark competed in the Met West Athletics carnival at QEII Stadium last Wednesday. She was selected to represent the Lockyer District in Discus. Lauren finished in the top 10 which is a great effort by her.

Tennis

Thank you to the parents who have allowed their children to commence tennis lessons last week. This has now brought numbers back up, ensuring that we will keep our tennis coach for the time being. Any newcomers are always welcome. Just come along on Friday morning for an 8 o'clock start. Lessons are for 45 mins and cost \$10.

Needed! The P-2 class are in need of empty CLEAR 2 litre plastic softdrink bottles for their science unit on ants. Thank you very much for the ones we have already been given. The bottles have to be see-through, so that the children can observe the ants, making milk bottles unsuitable for this project. The bottles can be dropped off to Miss Sheppard or Mrs Solman.

Year 3-4 Class Visit to Boronia Heights State School

A couple of weeks ago we had a special visit by a group of Year 1 students and their teachers from Boronia Heights State School, which is a much larger school than ours, in the Brisbane District. They had a great time experiencing a small school and have in turn extended an invitation for our class to visit them. We have organised to do this TOMORROW, Thursday, 28th August. Mr Ross, Mrs Solman and the class will travel by mini bus, departing GVSS around 9.15am and returning by about 2pm. There will be no cost for this excursion. Please sign the attached permission note and return to Mr Ross before next Thursday. All children will need to wear their school uniform (including a hat) and bring their normal packed lunch and drinks for the day, in a backpack.

Happy Birthday! To Lane Heynes and Taneesha Beattie who celebrate their special day this week.

Student Leader News



Next week is our Spider/Ice Cream day. We will be sending home a reminder early next week to let you know what we are doing.

Ball Games Carnival We have been invited to attend the Ball Games Carnival with the Rosewood Small Schools on the last day of the term (19 September). The carnival will be taking place at Haigslea State School from 9am until around 2pm. Parents are asked to assist by carpooling the children over and back from Haigslea. Our parents are the reigning ball games champions, so we will need to defend our title!

Black Snake Creek Festival We have been asked to participate in the parade part of the Black Snake Creek Festival on Saturday 11 October. The parade starts at 11:30 and the children will be finished their part of the parade before 12:00. The students will be doing a bush dance with the other schools participating

Every Minute on Earth (*facts that happen every 60 seconds*)

A fingernail grows 0.0000069cm every minute. A toenail grows at the rate of 0.0000023cm a minute. The middle fingernail grows the fastest, followed by the ring, index and pinky fingers. The thumbnails grow the slowest. Fingernails begin to grow before birth.

This Weeks Awards were presented to:

Talisha Hinrichs for consistent work effort at all times.
Lane Heynes for working well in English.
Jessica Sagers for working well in reading groups.
Garrett Voss for working well with Mrs Nielsen.
Isaac MacDonald for excellent javelin throwing.
Talon Blackwood for keeping Mr Rickuss amused with his sense of humour.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lowood Hairstylists & Barber Shop 75 Main Street, Lowood.

Phone: 54261434. Family hairdressing, hair extensions, ear piercing, body waxing, make-up, fashion and casual hats and bags. August specials: Colour your hair (short hair) \$43, Eyebrow wax \$5, Eyelash tint \$8.

Bike Repairs Selling second hand bikes and parts. All bike repairs done promptly. Phone Eric on 54262470 or call at 8 Park Street, LOWOOD.

Operation Christmas Child - Countdown 6 weeks

A sincere thank you to the families who have been busy putting together their Christmas boxes. In particular, a huge thank you to the Francis family and the Clark family.

Don't forget there are pre-printed boxes available from the school office. You can choose to do one per family, or even more.

With each gift of a shoe box, it is asked that you include an \$8 donation to cover delivery and freight to some of the most remote places in the world. If you do not wish to donate a gift box, then we would be most grateful for donations of money to cover freight. Remember, all monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued. This annual project delivers special Christmas boxes to some of the poorest children in the world (last year included the Solomon Islands and Cambodia). If you don't feel you can fill a shoe-box, we would be very grateful for one (or a few) items which can go towards filling a box. These gifts bring immense joy to some of the world's poorest children, as they have very few possessions, or even basic necessities. Please help if you can. If you need any further details, please ask Mrs Nielsen.

Glenwood Hostel Spring Fair The Glenwood Hostel in Lowood will be holding its Annual Spring Fair **this Saturday 30th August 2008**. The Auxiliary will be holding a giant Garage Sale and are looking for donations of items that people no longer need (not clothing!). Please call Audrey Canning on 0408624991 to arrange drop off details.

Dates to mark in your calendar:	
This Week	
<u>Thurs 28 Aug</u>	Year 3-4 class excursion to Boronia Heights SS
Next Week	
<u>Thurs 4 Sept</u>	Spider/Ice Cream day run by project club.
Coming Soon	
<u>Sat 13 Sept</u>	Country Fair
<u>Fri 19 Sept</u>	Crazy Dress Up Day organised by the Project Club.
<u>Fri 19 Sept</u>	Last day of Term 3
Later On	
<u>Mon 6 Oct</u>	First Day of Term 4
<u>Mon 13 Oct</u>	Arts Council 9am
<u>Mon 20 Oct</u>	Pupil Free Day
<u>Thurs 20 Nov</u>	Prep-Yr 5 Underwater World Camp

NRL Footy Tipping Competition

What a close competition - we have only 2 rounds left and 3 teams on 111.

Name	Round 24	TOTAL
Bad Boy	7	111
Bee Knees	5	97
Chenomies	3	86
Jim Bob	4	92
Quikick	6	111
The Cruisers	6	104
The Magic Men	4	102
The Pretenders	7	107
Tornado	7	111

<p><i>Joke of the Week:</i> What do you call a crazy insect living on the moon? A lunar-tick?</p>

<p><i>Mrs Ness is planning an exciting art project with the children and is on the lookout for some old nuts (the type that generally go with bolts!). She would be very grateful for any quantity that you may have spare. The size that she needs is around about the size of a 10c piece They can be sent along and left at the office. Many thanks!</i></p>

Little Athletics

Mt. Tarampa Little Athletics will be having their first sign on day on Friday 12th September at the Little Athletics Oval, Mt. Tarampa from 4.30pm. All children who like to run, throw and jump can register regardless of their ability. It's a great way to meet new friends and keep fit at the same time. Competition and training will be every Friday from 4.30pm to about 7pm. Children can still register on any Friday. We have 2 major competitions each season where we compete against the other centres in this region. For more information ring 54621498.

Cricket Cricket season will be starting soon. If you are looking to join a club you will have two opportunities to join. The first one will be on 31st August from 9am – 12 noon at Len Johnson Oval, North Ipswich. Meet Qld Bulls and Qld Fire players. Marburg Cricket Club will have a stand for boys and girls wanting to sign on. Alternatively, we are holding a sign on day at the Marburg Showgrounds on the 6th September from 10am – 2pm. Players needed for under 10, 12, 14 and 16. Enquiries please phone Sue on 0407 651941.

Softball Lowood Softball Club are holding their sign-on for this season on Wednesday, 10th September from 4pm at the Lowood State School Oval. Mixed teams in U12's, U14's and U16's. For more information contact Judy on 54279128 or 0414 820419; Elaine on 54279 347 or Debbie on 0409 494237.

What's going on ... Book Week



Please return to Mr Rickuss by Friday morning

Friday Interschool sport – 29th August 2008

I give permission for my child, to travel by private vehicle to Clarendon this Friday to participate in interschool sport.

- I can help with car-pooling and can transport a total of children in my car.
- I am unable to help with car-pooling this week.

Signature of parent: