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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week:

All good things come to those who wait. English Proverb.

School Captain and School Prefects

Last week the students voted on the School Captains and School Prefects. Congratulations to our new School Captains Ryan Dawson and Cheney Freese. Our new School Prefects are Connan McIntyre and Samara Wendt. On assembly today, our P and C President Brett Freese came along to present these students with their badges to officially begin their roles.

Sport Captains speeches

Also on assembly today, the students who are interested in being a Sport House Captain or Vice Captain presented their speeches. The students then broke into Blue and Gold houses to vote for the students who they wanted to be their captains. Next week, the students who were voted in as Captain and Vice Captain will receive their badges on assembly.

P and C Meeting

This evening, the P and C will hold their first meeting in the staffroom starting at 6:30pm. Please come along and add your support.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in year 3, 5, 7 and 9 recently received a letter from Anna Bligh the Premier of Queensland regarding the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This letter outlined what actions schools and parents can take to ensure that Queensland as a whole can perform better. As part of the statewide strategy the students will be able to review the tests from last year. Parents are also able to access these tests from the Queensland Studies Authority at www.qsa.qld.edu.au if they wish to assist their children at home.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

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| 9-15 Feb | Random Acts of Kindness Week |
| Wed 18 Feb | Sport Captain badge ceremony |
| Tues 24 Feb | QT to take photos of Preps |
| Thurs 12 March | 'Power of One' anti-bullying presentation |
| Tues 17 March | School Photos |
| Fri 3 April | Grandparents Day |
| Wed 8 April | Readers' Cup |
| Thurs 9 April | Last Day of term. |
| Tues 21 April | Term 2 begins |
| 12 – 14 May | 3, 5, 7 National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy. |
| 22 – 24 June | 4 – 7 Camp at Currimundi with Cluster Schools |

Building the Education Revolution

As you would have heard in the news last week, The Commonwealth Government announced a 'Building the Education Revolution'. As part of the announcement, all Queensland schools will share in excess of \$2.6 billion in funding over three years, providing new facilities that will support learning and teaching. These can include new school halls and libraries for primary schools and science and language centres for high schools, as well as additional funding for school renewal and maintenance. Details regarding specific projects for all schools are still to be finalised.

Happy Birthday! to Cheney Freese, who celebrates her special day this week.

This Week's Awards were presented to:

Matthew Grant for working hard at all activities.
Georgia Spicer for following all instructions quickly & quietly.
Jordan Ravanelli for excellent effort in maths.
Owen Lea for excellent art work.
Naomi Freese for always being on task.
Samara Wendt for completing homework to a high standard.



Photos in the Media

As the local newspapers have contacted us about photographing and publishing our Prep students and School Leaders for 2009, it is necessary for you to give your permission for this to occur. We ask all families to please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return by the end of this week would be appreciated.

The date for Prep photos has been booked for 9am Tuesday, 24th Feb. Also in the case of the Student Leaders, the 'Gatton Star' newspaper wish to do a group photo of all school captains/prefects from the local area. This will occur in Gatton this Friday afternoon (13 February) at 3.30pm. The photo will be taken in Centenary Park behind the Council Chambers in Gatton.

Tennis Coaching We have been in contact with the tennis coaches from the Tall Gums Tennis Centre at Walloon and have been advised that before school coaching on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning at our school will be possible this term, provided that we have a minimum of 6 students. The cost is \$12 per student per week. It is not necessary for a child to own a tennis racquet, as the coaches can loan a racquet for the lesson. Tennis is great fun and also great exercise – especially good to start the day off energised. Lessons are open to children from Prep through to Year 7. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office by the end of this week.

Helping your child learn about shapes and objects

Your home is the perfect place for your child to practise the maths they learn in the classroom. It is important that your child develops strong images in their mind of shapes and objects and how best to describe them.

At a young age, children will learn the names of regular shapes such as 'triangle' and 'square'. The next step is making and drawing shapes – this will help them develop ideas about shapes and objects.

Here are a few ideas for activities you and your child can try:

- read to your child and talk about the shapes you see in the pictures, such as the roof, which could look like a triangle
- involve your child in craft activities, such as making your own gift wrapping and using different objects like corks or sponges to stamp colours and patterns onto the paper
- make shadows on the wall with your hands and objects and discuss the shapes you can make
- create your own jigsaw puzzle by cutting up a page from a magazine into four or five pieces and joining it together again. This will get your child thinking about the shapes of objects and how they fit together
- play *I Spy* games with your child and give clues such as 'I see something that looks like a big square'.

If you would like more information about how you can help your child with shapes and objects, ask his/her classroom teacher or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Fun facts: Did you know that 118 metric tons of bananas are being harvested or eaten every minute. There are more than 500 varieties of bananas worldwide. The banana plant is not grown from seeds, but from cuttings from a mature banana plant. Banana plants are not considered trees, but herbs because of the structure of its stem.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Lowood / Fernvale Hairstylist February specials: 5 foils for \$25, 4 splices for \$25, eyebrow wax \$5, eyelash tint \$8. Phone: 54 261434 – 75 Main Street, Lowood or 54 270300 – 102 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale.

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

Joke of the Week:
'Why did the jellybean go to school?'
He wanted to grow up to be a smartie!

Junior Rugby League Do you want your kids to be part of a close knit team? Then come down to the Roosters club at Anzac Park in Rosewood on sign-on day, 7th February from 2pm – 5pm. Under 6's – Under 16's. We are always looking for new players, coaches, first aiders and volunteers. Go the Roosters! Enquiries 54609032.

Lowood Scouts Joey Scouts are starting in Lowood! Joey Scouts is the first section of Scouts, for boys and girls aged 6-8. The emphasis is on fun and friendship and a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting. The Scout Den is located in Haslingden Park Drive (off James Street) Lowood. Section times: Joey Scouts: Tuesday, 4.30 – 5.30pm Cub Scouts: Thursday, 4.30 – 6.30pm Scouts: Thursday, 6.45 – 8.45pm. For more information contact John Palmer on 54246345 or 0409 472780.

Gymnastics Rosewood Gymnastics Club offers recreational programs for girls and boys from beginners to levels. Morning and afternoon Kindergym groups for children 15mths to 5yrs. Afternoon groups for children 6yrs to teens, beginners to more advanced levels. For information phone Tracey (Coach) on 54 642450 or 0407 750544.

Host Families for Exchange Students World Education Program is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July. The Secondary school students are from France, Germany, Italy and Belgium and are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home. Contact Nikki Medwell for an information pack: (03) 9598 4733 or 1300 884733 or nikkimedwell@wep.org.au

Please return to the school office by Friday, 13th Feb 2009

Publication of student photos in the media

I, do / do not (please cross out which is not applicable) give permission for my child's / children's photos to be published in the local newspapers. (Names of the children will be listed alphabetically, not in the order in which they appear in the photos.)

Signature of parent: Date:

Please return to the school office by Friday, 13th Feb 2009

Tennis Coaching – 2009

My child, would like to participate in tennis coaching before school this year. I understand the cost of \$12 per student per week is paid directly to the coach.

Signature of Parent:

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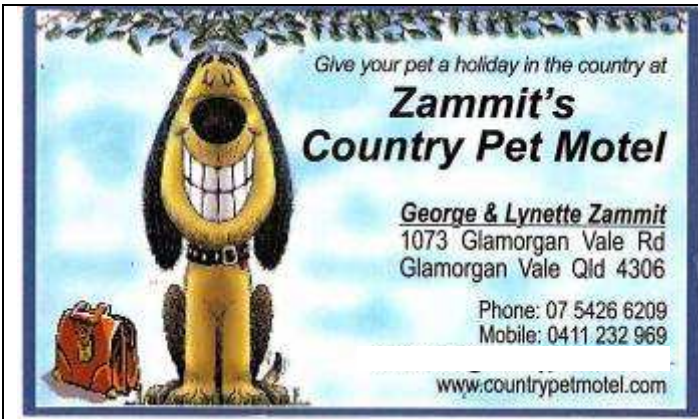
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Community Billboard

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 11th February – P&C Meeting at the School at 6:30pm.
- Friday 6th March – NRL Footy Tipping forms due back.

Congratulations to our 2009 School Leaders:





NRL COMPETITION 2009



Yes, it's that time of year again. The Glamorgan Vale State School Parents & Citizens Association is holding its annual **Footy Tipping Competition**.

Please join in the fun of this non-profit, social competition for all ages.

The competition is run on a weekly basis. The cost is still only \$25 for the season, with all the proceeds going towards prize money. The prize money split-up will depend on how many entries are received.

The P&C rules are:

- 1 point for a win (a draw constitutes a win)
- 2 bonus points for selecting a full round of winners
- Zero points if no entry received
- Entries must be in each FRIDAY – BEFORE KICKOFF
- Your \$25 is due with your entry form

If you are interested in joining us for some tipping fun, please complete the form below and place it in the P&C letterbox by **Friday 6 March**.

Let's see who has the most creative Entry Name. The full draw will be issued to tippers.

Round 1 tips are due by kick-off on **Friday 13 March**.

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NRL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

YES, I/WE WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE 2009 COMPETITION
AND THE \$25 ENTRY FEE IS ENCLOSED.

ENTRY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

P&C Use: Entry Fee rec'd ___/___/___