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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week:

*I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.
Albert Einstein.*

Welcome back to school for 2009. We hope that everyone had a restful and exciting holiday. We are looking forward to a year of many highlights and it was good to see that the children were very keen to start working yesterday. If you are looking for me in the mornings, I have moved into Miss Sheppard's old room downstairs.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs Nicole Wheatley who is our new 5/6/7 teacher. Mrs Wheatley will be teaching in the upstairs room. We welcome Mrs Joan Manz who is our new Support Teacher: Learning Difficulties. Mrs Manz will be working on Thursdays. We welcome Mrs Bonnie Olyslaggers who is our new LOTE (German)teacher. Mrs Olyslaggers will be teaching on Mondays. We also welcome our new students in Prep: Clay, Erin, Georgia, Lachlan, Oliver, Tayla, Paige and Wade. We welcome our new student in Year 1: Rosh. We hope Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Manz, Mrs Olyslaggers and these children find that our school is a wonderful place to come to for learning and friendship.

Student Leaders selection.

We have decided to enhance our Student leader roles this year. Along with the School Captain and School Prefect roles we are adding sports house captains and vice captains. We have changed the process for student leaders as well. Firstly the students in years 6 and 7 need to fill in an application form stating why they would be a good leader. Those selected as best suited to the roles will then have the opportunity to give their speeches on Assembly. Next Wednesday (4th February), the student's speeches for school captain will occur. The badge ceremony will occur on the 11th February. Those students wishing to be sport captains will be presenting their speeches on February 11th and badge ceremony will be on the 18th February.

Office

Mrs Nielsen, our Administration Officer works Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday every week. Her work hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm on these days. On the other days, you are able to place information for Mrs Nielsen into the letterbox outside her office. If it is urgent, please see me or one of the staff and we may be able to help you out.

Reminders

Sesame Seeds: Please try to limit the use of sesame seeds in your child's lunches. We have children that attend this school with allergies to these types of seeds.

Parking: Remember that the turning circle out the front of the school is for emergency vehicles and deliveries. You are able to stop there if you are dropping off your children quickly. For extended stays please reverse park along the safety fences.

Text Books: Many thanks to our Prep – Year 1 parents for finalising the book pack/levy payments. It is much appreciated, and this system worked really well to ensure that all the children have everything they need in class. For Year 2 to 7 parents, your child required one maths text book and one spelling/phonics book which total \$30. These will be given out to the students. If you haven't already made payment for their book, it would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Contact Details: If you have had any changes to your phone, mobile, address or emergency contacts, can you please let Mrs Nielsen know of these changes. It is important that we keep these details up to date.

Arrival at School: We would appreciate if parents could drop their children at school between 8 and 9am. We understand that there will be times when you need to have your children at school before 8am. If you know this

will happen please contact the school the day before to ensure that a staff member is present at the school to monitor the safety of your children. If there is a last minute problem and you need to have the children to school early please call my mobile on 0449009135 – it will be on from 6:30am.

Materials for Prep/1 Class

We would appreciate if you drop in any empty cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and anything else you think that the children would enjoy using to construct things; please feel free to drop them into the classroom. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Bookclub All orders together with money will need to be returned to the school office by no later than Wednesday, 13 Feb.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

<u>Wed 4 Feb</u>	School Captain speeches on assembly
<u>Wed 11 Feb</u>	School Captain badge ceremony and Sport Captain speeches on assembly
	New Families Morning Tea: P and C
	P and C Meeting 6:30pm
<u>Wed 18 Feb</u>	Sport Captain badge ceremony
<u>Thurs 12 March</u>	'Power of One' anti-bullying presentation
<u>Tues 17 March</u>	School Photos
<u>Fri 3 April</u>	Grandparents Day
<u>Thurs 9 April</u>	Last Day of term.

Student Banking We offer a weekly student banking service with the Commonwealth Bank. Any deposits we make on behalf of students attracts commission paid directly to our school, which in turn helps to purchase resources for the children. Account application forms are always available at the school office. Banking day is every Friday and students just need to drop off their bank books to the school office, which will be returned to them the same day.

Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. This may include cultural knowledge, such as knowing the meaning of phrases like a task being 'a piece of cake'. To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

Literacy tips:

There are a number of ways you can help your child to develop their literacy skills. These include:

- Reading to your child as often as you can
- Having your child read to you
- Discussing favourite authors together and explaining why you like them
- Talking about the things you read for different purposes such as newspapers, magazines and books
- Encouraging your child to write letters to family members and friends
- Encouraging your child to keep a diary or journal
- Getting your child to write a play and perform it for you with their relatives and friends.

Numeracy tips:

There are a number of ways you can help your child to develop their numeracy skills. These include:

- Identifying and talking about the mathematics you use in daily situations such as cooking, reading maps and playing sport
- Organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes
- Observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks found in lots of different places for a variety of different purposes such as planning television watching times or study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
- Discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your daily life
- Cutting out items from junk mail with their prices attached for back-to-school items such as lunch boxes and pencils and letting your child add up the cost of the selected items
- Asking your child to weigh fruit and vegetable items and seeing if they can estimate the cost when you go to the supermarket
- Exploring situations like shopping and budgets which involve money.

Fun facts: Did you know that about 134 horses are born every minute. There are more than 350 different breeds of horses and ponies in the world. A horse cannot breathe through its mouth. A horse can see in two directions at the same time. During a race, a racehorse will lose 6 – 9kg.

Happy Birthday! To Ashleigh Dunbar who celebrated her special day this week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Lowood / Fernvale Hairstylist January specials: short hair perms \$50, ear piercing with studs \$18, men's haircuts \$10. 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:
'Doctor, Doctor help me, I'm shrinking!'
Well you'll just have to be a little patient.

Netball sign-on Laidley & Districts Netball Association are holding their 2009 sign-on day on Thursday 29th January between 3.30 – 5.30pm at the Laidley Netball Courts (Edward Street) Recreation Grounds. For players aged between 7 – 17 years, team nominations or players looking to join a team. Junior games are played on Thursday evenings, season commences 5th February. Cost for Netta (7-10 years), grass court modified \$70; Junior 1 & 2 (10-17 years) \$80. For more information please call Laurie on 54657141 or 0412 002330.

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.

Table Tennis Ipswich Table Tennis Association will be starting a new season of fixtures soon. Table Tennis is a fast and active sport and is simple to learn. If you would like to know more contact David McCosh on 3282 4708. Alternatively, you can simply drop in to see us and check us out! The club meets every Monday and Wednesday night from 7.30pm. (A Grade – Monday, B Grade – Wednesday). Our address is Riverview Community Centre, 138 Old Ipswich Road, (opposite Riverview State School). We are always looking for new players, so you are more than welcome to come in at any time during the season.

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. Joey's will start on Tuesday 3 February from 4.30 – 5.30pm with an information hour at the Scout Den 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.