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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week:

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Anonymous

Congratulations to Mrs Solman for organising a successful Readers Cup for our school. Not only does Mrs Solman read all the books and creates questions for these books, she organises the prizes for the competition. The teams competed against each other to remember information from the various books that they read. Thank you to Mrs Saunders who helped with the scoring during the competition. All children who participated did a great job of working as a team to answer the questions. Thank you to the parents that came along to encourage the children during the competition.

The results for the 4/5 Readers Cup Competition were:

First: Silver Stars	45 points
Connan, Megan, Cody and Sarah	
Second: Dragon Slayers	28 points
Naomi, Cassie, Baxter	
Third: Westside Champs	27 points
Samara, Ashleigh, Ethan	
Fourth: Raging Readers	26 points
Kristin, Rory, Taneesha	

The results for the 6/7 Readers Cup Competition were:

First: Flaming Wolves	43 points
Glenn, Christian, Cheneya	
Second: Golden Superstars	40 points
Danni-elle, Ryan, Jason, Blake	
Third: Fantastic Readers	39 points
Marlee, Ben, Callum	
Fourth: Dragon Riders	37 points
Joel, Lauren, Shakira.	

Interschool Sports

This Friday we are hosting Clarendon for Interschool sport. Please come along and cheer for our sporting teams.

Skills Development – ARL – Rugby League

On Wednesday 2nd April we have been invited along with the other GOSSSTE cluster schools to participate in a free skills development session for Rugby League. The session is open to all children from years 4 – 7. This activity is taking place at Lockrose State School from 9 – 12. We will need parents to help with transportation on this day. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter to indicate if your child is able to participate and if you are able to provide transportation. This is the first of a number of initiatives that we will be participating in with our cluster schools, both sporting and academic.

P and C Annual General Meeting

TONIGHT, Wednesday 26th of March, the P and C Annual General Meeting is being held starting at 6pm. During this meeting all Executive positions are appointed for this year. Also during this meeting the budget is decided for how your fundraising money will be spent.

Year 6/7 Canberra Camp

On Monday 31st March we will be holding an information afternoon for the parents of the students attending this camp. The Principals from Ashwell and Marburg will also be in attendance for the meeting. We have decided that the meeting will be from 3:15 – 4pm this day. I will also be attending meetings at the other schools as well so that the parents can meet the teachers attending the camp. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date Claimer: Prep- Year 5 Camp

This year we have decided to have a camp at Under Water World. It will be held on Thursday 20th November 2008. The children will sleep in the tunnel, have their own seal show, tours, dinner and breakfast. The cost of the entry to Underwater World (including all food) is \$57/ child. However the total cost of the camp may change as we are still awaiting prices for buses etc. More information will follow in the future.

Parking

Just a reminder about parking in the school grounds. It is really important that short-term parking is kept to along the safety fence in front of the play shed. The parking area near the boundary fence is for all-day parking. Thank you to parents for observing the no-parking policy in the roundabout area – this is for delivery vehicles only.

Student Leader News



Hello, we hope everyone had a great Easter. Thank you to all the children who participated in our colouring in competition. Today on parade we announced the winners. They were: Prep: Cooper Jones, Year 1: Harrison Klee, Year 2: Taleah McMullen, Year 3: Kelsey Hill, Year 4: Cody-Lee Voss, Year 5: Megan Francis, Year 6: Cheney Freese, Year 7: Jason Brewster. Congratulations to these children.

This Week's Awards were presented to:

Cooper Jones for working well on sounds.
Caitlyn Crawley for listening well in group activities.
Taneesha Beattie for being a reliable and helpful student.
Kristen Zahnow for working hard in reading groups.
Danni-elle McMullen for always working to the best of her ability.



Prep Photo

Check out today's edition of the 'Old Times' for a beautiful photo of our Prep class.

Joke of the Week:
'Why did the little biscuit cry?'
Because his mother had been a *wafer* so long.

2008 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

As in past years, we will be offering students from Years 3-7 the opportunity to sit the University of NSW competitions in Science, English and Maths. The cost per entry is \$6 and each child who sits the tests will receive a certificate and an assessment as compared to other students across many countries of the world. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Happy Birthday! To Glenn Retschlag who celebrates his special day this week.

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.
March specials: Streaks \$32 (short hair), ear piercing with studs \$18, men's hair cuts \$10.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

This Week

Wed 26 March Prep photo published in QT
Wed 26 March P and C AGM 6pm
Fri 28 March Disco 630pm at Hall
Mon 31 March Year 6/7 Canberra Camp
Parent Information afternoon
3:15 – 4:00

Next Week

Fri 4 April Last Day of Term

Coming Soon

Wed 16 April Year One photo published in QT
Fri 18 April GVSS Cross Country race
Sat 19 April P and C Bunnings BBQ
Wed 23 April Year 3 – 7 Trip to Anzac Ceremony in Brisbane.
Thurs 24 April Anzac Day Ceremony 10am

Later On

Mon 28 Apr Arts Council
Fri 2 May BVSSSA Cross Country at Clarendon SS
Fri 9 May Lockyer District Cross Country
Jump Rope for Heart (World Record Attempt)
Mon 26 May Life Education Van
May 14-16 National Literacy and Numeracy Testing
Wed May 28 Lowood High EXPO
Fri May 29 UNSW Science Test
Fri May 29 Moreton Region Cross Country
Thurs 5 June CWA Morning Tea
Thurs 12 June GVSS Sports Day
June 16 – 20 Year 6/7 Camp to Canberra
Mon 23 June BVSSSA ½ Sports Day (Discus, 800m, 200m)
Thur 26 June BVSSSA Sports Day at Mt Tarampa
Fri 25 July Lockyer District Athletics Carnival
Tues 29 July UNSW Mathematics Test
Tues 12 August UNSW English Test
Sat 13 Sept Country Fair
Thurs 20 Nov Prep-Yr 5 Underwater World Camp

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

NRL Footy Tipping Competition

Results for Rounds 3, 4 & 5 will appear in the Newsletter on 16 April - due to holidays.

Name	Round 2	TOTAL
Bad Boy	0	3
Bee Knees	6	11
Chenomies	4	9
Jim Bob	2	5
Quikick	4	9
Slippery Eels	2	7
The Cruisers	2	9
The Magic Men	2	9
The Pretenders	3	6
Tornado	2	6

Everybody needs good neighbours

Parents and students are being encouraged to act neighbourly this Neighbour Day, Sunday 30 March. Neighbour Day, formerly called Get to Know Your Neighbour Day, started in Melbourne in 2003 after an elderly woman, Ms Elsie Brown, passed away in her home and was not discovered for more than two years. A national uproar occurred and communities were encouraged to drop in on their single-dwelling neighbours. In 2008, Neighbour Day is about encouraging people to get out and meet the people next door or across the street to help create a safer, more caring community. The event is a day for all Australians to make a difference and it is so easy to take part. Remember, the community you want starts at your front door. Wondering what you can do to make a difference?

Start by saying g'day to your neighbours.

Make a special effort to introduce yourself to older residents in your street and anyone who lives alone.

Leave your mobile and home number for their use in an emergency.

Agree to keep in contact.

For more information about Neighbour Day visit www.neighbourday.org

Turn off your lights and help save the planet

Parents across Queensland are being asked to join their children in supporting this year's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Earth Hour on Saturday 29 March 2008. People across the globe will be united in turning off their lights and any non-essential electrical appliances in their homes and offices between 8pm and 9pm. The hour-long campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions shows how each one of us, by making small changes, can create big changes for our planet. Schools across Queensland are already celebrating Earth Hour on the Friday 28 March. Students and staff will be switching off lights, fans and air-conditioners during breaks and at the end of the day, as well as turning off equipment such as computers, printers, scanners and hot water urns when not in use. On Saturday 29 March, it's the turn of Queensland parents to do the same at home and help combat the alarming problem of global warming. If all Australian households turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point, Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum. That's the equivalent of taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year. Remember – be involved but do not turn off lights that affect safety or essential electrical appliances such as refrigerators. The Minister for Education, Training and the Arts, Rod Welford, recently announced a statement on sustainability for all Queensland schools which will serve as a guide for schools to meet their environmental obligations. If you would like to know more the Statement on Sustainability for All Queensland Schools visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/ For more information on Earth Hour, go to: www.earthhour.org

(Please return to Mr Rickuss by this Friday, 28th March)

Skills Development – Rugby League (Years 4-7 only)

I allow my child _____ to participate in the ARL skills development session on April 2nd at Lockrose State School from 9am to 12 noon. I understand that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts can not be held liable for any injuries caused during this activity.

I am able to transport _____ children to and from Lockrose on this day.

Signed: _____

(Please return to the school office by Friday, 4th April)

2008 International Competitions & Assessments (Years 3-7)

My child / children would like to sit for the following University of NSW tests this year:

Name	Science	Maths	English
Total amount enclosed @ \$6 per child per test			

Signature of Parent:

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What's going on ... Our 2008 Readers Cup Competition



The winning 4/5 Team: Connan, Megan, Cody-Lee and Sarah



The winning 6/7 Team: Cheney, Christian and Glenn

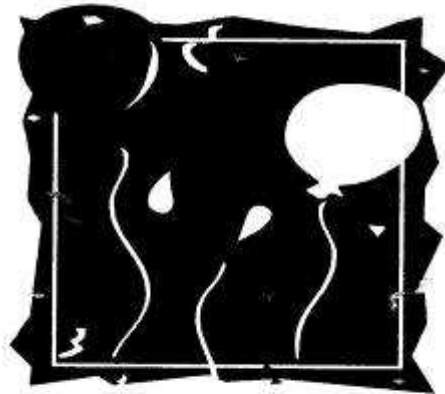


Head Lice Alert!! Please ensure that you check your child / children's hair on a daily basis as we have had another report of head lice. If you do find signs of live lice or eggs, you need to treat them with a preparation available from the chemist, before sending your child back to school. This is very important, in breaking the breeding cycle of the lice.

What's Going On ... Easter Colouring Competition Winners



School Disco



6:30-8:30pm Friday the 28th
of March at the Glamorgan
Vale Hall.

Drinks and Snacks will be on
sale

Parents are responsible for
supervising their children.