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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

*Thought for the Week: If you don't like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time.*

As you have probably heard, the Queensland Teachers Union has called a strike for its members for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. At the end of the newsletter is a letter regarding this industrial matter for you to consider.

### Lockyer District Cross Country.

Congratulations to Connor Lister who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in this competition last Thursday on behalf of the BVSSSA. He has qualified for the Met West Cross Country competition which will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May in Ipswich. We wish Connor good luck in this competition.

### National Assessment Program: Numeracy and Literacy

Yesterday, today and tomorrow the children in years 3, 5 and 7 have been sitting these tests. The test results will provide useful information about how the students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia. The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year. At Glamorgan Vale State School we made some changes in light of our results from last year's tests and from the previous state based testing.

### Under 8s Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, the children in the Prep/1 and 2/3/4 class will make their way to Minden State School for our cluster Under 8s Day celebration. Parents are asked to take their child or children over to Minden for a 9am start. There will be a number of activities for the children to participate in while there. The celebrations will finish around 11am. If you are unable to take your child to Minden on this day please speak to Mr Rickuss or Mr Ross. We will be able to arrange transportation for you.

### Updated school records

Thank you to the 19 parents that have returned their green form with their details updated. **Please return this form even if there are no changes to be made.** It is important for us to be able to contact you if your child becomes sick during the day especially considering we are coming into cold and flu season.

### Triennial School Review

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in their replies to the School Review. As part of the Review, I have added a survey for you to complete about areas we are doing well, areas to be improved and what should be our focus for the next three years. We are doing an early TSR to bring us into line with our cluster schools. **Can you please have these surveys back to the school by next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

### Dates to mark in your calendar:

<b><u>Wed 20 May</u></b>	Faith Lutheran Challenge Yr 7
<b><u>Fri 29 May</u></b>	Under 8s Day for P – 4 students at Minden State School.
<b><u>Wed 3 June</u></b>	Lowood High Expo
<b><u>Thurs 4 June</u></b>	CWA Morning Tea
<b><u>19 June</u></b>	School Sports Day
<b><u>22 – 24 June</u></b>	4 – 7 Camp at Currimundi with Cluster Schools
<b><u>Fri 26 June</u></b>	Last day of term 2
<b><u>Tues 14 July</u></b>	Term 3 begins
<b><u>Fri 17 July</u></b>	BVSSSA ½ day at Mt Tarampa: 800m, discus and 200m heats
<b><u>Fri 24 July</u></b>	BVSSSA whole day Athletics Carnival at Mt Tarampa
<b><u>Mon 24 Aug</u></b>	Opera Performance 1:45pm

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## School Leaders News



Thank you to everyone who came along and bought something from the Mother's Day stall. We hope that your Mum's all enjoyed their gift.

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**Lowood High School Expo** Year 7 students are invited to attend this year's Expo which will be held on Wednesday, June 3 at Lowood High. The Expo will showcase the wide range of educational opportunities / programs at Lowood High in the form of static, interactive and dynamic displays. As in past years, the high school will provide a bus to transport our students to and from Lowood. Parents are also most welcome to attend the expo with their children and travel on the bus as well if they wish to. Transport will be co-ordinated so that students arrive at Lowood High at 10am and will depart at 2pm. Students and parents will be given morning tea on arrival. Lowood High will provide a canteen for students to purchase lunch or they can simply bring their own lunch on the day. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to our school office by this Friday.

### **This Week's Award Winners**

Abbey Davis for working hard to complete all activities.  
Mitchell Hutchins for working hard to complete all activities.  
Cooper Jones for starting to use beginning sounds in his writing.  
Tayla Finn for doing a great job remembering her letters & sounds.  
Dion Gimm for trying hard to complete his homework.  
Megan Francis for consistently working hard on all tasks.



### **NRL Footy Tipping Competition**

Name	Round 9	TOTAL
Bad Boy	2	40
Bow Boy	1	38
Illegal Eagles	3	39
Jim Bob	2	38
Quikick	2	41
Ralph	1	36
Sideshifters	1	36
The Cruisers	1	42
The Pretenders	2	34
Thunderbirds	3	38
Tornado	1	35
Willy Willy	2	41
Wilson	2	35

*Happy Birthday! To Wade Voss and Talisha Hinrichs, who celebrate their special day this week.*

*Joke of the Week:  
'Why did the mother call both of her sons Ed?'  
She thought two Eds were better than one!*

*Fun fact: Did you know that humans are not the only ones who like to imitate catchy tunes. Recently it has been discovered that birds are starting to imitate ring tones. A large variety of city-dwelling birds are picking up the sounds of ring tones from mobile phones. When they hear the ring tones, male birds mistake them for female birds and try to mimic their sounds in hopes of meeting them. Next time you hear the 'Crazy Frog' it might not be a phone – it could be a bird looking for a date!*

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**Lowood Hairstylists & Barber Shop** May specials: Short hair perm \$50, Ear Piercing \$18. Phone: 54 261434 – 75 Main Street, Lowood.

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

**Superhero & Villain Trivia Night** A great night of fun has been organised by 9 year old Silkstone State School student, Lachie Blaine, in aid of all cancer sufferers. Both his uncle and grandfather have recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. He wanted to do something to help, and so the idea for this fundraiser was born. It will be held on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 7pm at the Mihi Creek Hotel, Fernvale Road, Brassall. Come dressed as your favourite superhero or villain; prizes for best dressed; best theme table. Heaps of prizes and games. \$10 per person, minimum team of 4, maximum team of 10. Nibblies will be supplied. Phone 0422986426 or 38162126 or [lachieblaine@hotmail.com](mailto:lachieblaine@hotmail.com) for more info. Sponsored by the Mihi Creek Hotel.

**Old Cancer Challenge Garage Sale** In addition to the Trivia Night (above) we are holding a huge garage sale on May 20 and we are looking for donations of saleable items. All money raises goes to help find a cure for cancer. Pick up available. Please call Lachie Blaine on 0422 986426 or [lachieblaine@hotmail.com](mailto:lachieblaine@hotmail.com)

**National Simultaneous Storytime** Now in its ninth year, National Simultaneous Storytime 2009 aims to celebrate and acknowledge the vital work being done in libraries, schools and communities across Australia to develop young people's literacy and numeracy skills. The event has been organised by the Australian Library and Information Association, to promote the value of reading and literacy, the importance of Australia's book industry and the role of libraries. Please join us at Somerset Regional Council Library on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 10.45am for an 11.00am start, for a reading of *Pete the Sheep*, followed by more sheepish stories, sheepish songs and sheepish activities that children will love! The program will run for approx. 1 hour. Bookings are essential and numbers are limited. Phone 54 261528 or [lowoodlibrary@somerset.qld.gov.au](mailto:lowoodlibrary@somerset.qld.gov.au)

#### **Premier challenges students to discover books**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again and all students from Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to pick up a book and take part. The Premier has challenged all Queensland primary students to read 20 books in 15 weeks and discover the joy of reading. The challenge runs from 11 May until 21 August 2009. All students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier. Last year, over 60,000 students read more than one million books and the goal is to exceed this result in 2009. Guidelines, registration details and booklists are on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at [www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/) Individual readers, including home educated students, can register online from 27 April. Online registration closes on 22 May.

**Lowood High Expo – Invitation to community members** The staff and students of Lowood High School would like to extend an invitation to the Lowood and surrounding communities to attend the evening session of the Expo, being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, commencing at 5pm in the School Hall. The evening will provide an insight into secondary school life. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions and guided tours of the school will be conducted at the end of the evening. We look forward to meeting you on the night.

Program: 5pm Evening commences with Year 8 'Curriculum' address

6pm Dynamic Display

6.45pm School Tours

7.15pm Evening closes

**Fernvale Craft Celebration 2009** In the June/July school holidays 2009, opening Saturday 27 June and closing Friday 3 July, Fernvale Community Arts and Crafts Events will be holding their second exhibition and sale of the work of our local craftsmen and women at Fernvale Futures Complex, Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale.

If your hobby is any of the following, we would love to be able to exhibit your work, and if you wish, offer it for sale. Cake decorating, ceramics, china painting, collage, crochet, decoupage, doll making, embroidery, iron work, jewellery, knitting, leatherwork, model ships or aircraft, needlepoint and tapestry, pottery, quilting, scrapbooking, sculpture, spinning and weaving, woodwork / woodturning, woodcarving or anything that we haven't thought of? For further information and to be sent an entry form, phone Suzy at Fernvale Futures on 54270200.

**Fashion Sale** Shelly's Passion 4 Fashion (213 Ipswich Street, Esk) Ph: 54242544 is having 20% off storewide for the month of May. Fox, Fullzye, Mr K Formal Wear, Brigalow, Fashion Hats, Akubra, Jewellery, Shoes and Handbags. Gift vouchers available. Get in quick – stock is limited. 20% off absolutely everything!



Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools across Australia have united to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, siblings, parents and grandparents can get involved. Here's how...

- Click online for free registration and receive a very cool MS Readathon wristband
- Flick through books during the month of June (you can count books from other reading programs too)
- Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

**Bonus!** Once 20 students from our school have registered online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a book pack for the library – it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.

Our School's 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winning Display at the Marburg Show 2009:



**Book Sale** Scholastic Book Fairs are holding a huge mid-year children's book sale from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at their warehouse located at Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road, Morningside. Great books available at up to 90% off normal price. The sale will be on between 8.30am – 6pm on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June and from 8am – 12 noon on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Don't miss out! For more information phone 1800 024840 or [bookfairs@scholastic.com.au](mailto:bookfairs@scholastic.com.au)

*Please return to the GVSS office by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May*  
**Lowood High Expo – Wednesday, 3 June 2009**

I give permission for my child, ..... to attend this year's Expo for Year 7 students. I understand that there is no cost for the Expo or for the bus transport.

- I will be travelling on the bus also
- I will be attending the Expo, but I will have my own transport.

Signature of Parent: .....

# Triennial School Review

## Glamorgan Vale State School 2009

Return by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

1. What do you think is being done well at the school?

2. What do you think could be improved at the school?

3. What are your aspirations for your children?


4. At present we have Literacy, Numeracy and Values education as our three focus areas. Please select 3 areas you would like the school to focus on over the next three years.

Literacy (Reading and Writing)	Numeracy	Behaviour
Homework	Social Aspects	Science
The Art (Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Media, Music)		German
Technology	Physical Education	Fitness
Health Education	Values Education	
SOSE (Study of Society and Environment)	ICT ( Information Communication Technology)	
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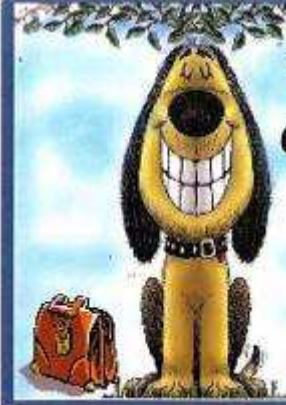
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## Community Billboard

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### Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Country Fair Meeting 7pm
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Working Bee
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Pie Drive
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Trivia Night at the Hall

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

I wish to advise that the members of the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) at this school have notified the Department of Education and Training that they will stop work for 24 hours on Tuesday, 19 May 2009.

This means some teachers will not attend school on Tuesday, 19 May 2009 as part of the 24-hour state-wide stoppage. This stop-work meeting is in relation to current enterprise bargaining negotiations between the Department and the QTU. The Department has sought further discussions with the QTU with a view to settling the current dispute as quickly as possible.

Please be clear that the school will remain open on 19 May however normal classes are likely to be disrupted.

The safety of students will continue to be the priority during this period and students will be adequately supervised on the day.

We regret any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Graham Rickuss  
Principal  
Glamorgan Vale State School

13 May 2009