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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week:

One never sees what has been done. One can only see what still needs to be done. Marie Curie.

Today I attended a meeting of the GOSSSTE cluster principals. This meeting is for us to work on how we will collaborate on a variety of areas relevant to all our schools. We will be discussing how to create a cluster curriculum framework. This will assist us with creating cluster wide units that will be moderated by teachers from cluster schools.

Lowood High Expo

This year's Expo will be happening next Wednesday, 28 May and all Year 7 students and their parents are invited to attend for the day. The Expo will showcase the wide range of educational opportunities / programs at Lowood High in the form of static, interactive and dynamic displays. Lowood High will provide transport via bus, arriving at Lowood High at 10am and departing at 2pm. Students, parents and staff will be given morning tea on arrival. Canteen will be available for students to purchase lunch or students may bring their own.

An invitation is also extended to the wider community to attend the evening session of the Expo, commencing at 5pm in the School Hall. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions and guided tours of the school will be conducted at the end of the evening. The German classes will be running a German Café on the evening. They will have on sale delicious German cakes for you to sample. The evening will close at 7.15pm.

Faith Lutheran College – Year 7 Academic Challenge

Last Friday our Year 7 students participated in the Academic Challenge at Faith Lutheran College. The children participated in a variety of activities such as science experience, Korean culture and cuisine and learnt about historical events. They also did some tech as well. All the children had a great time and thank you to Faith Lutheran for inviting us to this event.

CWA International Day

Each year Glamorgan Vale State School participates in the Country Women's Association's International Day. The children are working on projects or activities to do with Mongolia. These activities are due soon. The CWA then puts on a morning tea for us in a couple of weeks where we learn more about Mongolia and find out who did outstanding research work.

Power of One

On Friday 6th June, our school as well as Prenzlau, Ashwell and Marburg are participating in a presentation called 'The Power of One'. This presentation has been recommended by other schools in the area. The presentation covers three bullying topics:

1. The three "Actors" necessary for the bullying cycle will be introduced (Bully, Target & Bystander)
2. Three "Scenarios" will be acted out and analysed. (Physical, Exclusion (i.e. Social/Verbal), Note-Passing/Cyber)
3. The "Solution" to breaking the cycle will be revealed: the secret identity of ...The Power of One making a choice: "breaking the bully cycle" by "breaking the silence & reporting".

Class Units As we approach the halfway mark of the term the students are busily working on their units in the class. The students are learning about Water, in particular the recycled water pipeline in 3/4 and 5/6/7. In P/1/2

the children are working on a unit around 'Wombat Stew'. The children are producing some great work in their classes and I congratulate them on their efforts.

Student Leader News



We have decided to have a Movie Night next Friday, 30th May. This will be a fundraiser for the Year 6/7 camp and we will ask the 6/7's to help out on this night. It will be held in the P-2 and 3-4 classrooms. A flyer will be sent home early next week. Last Friday, the Year 7's went to Faith Lutheran College for an Academic Challenge. All of the Year 7's had a great day. The 6/7's are looking forward to their camp, only 26 days to go!!

This Week's Awards were presented to:

Blake Hingst for showing responsibility.
Jacob Beattie for showing responsibility.
Jessica Sagggers for working well in maths.
Matthew Grant for participating well in classroom discussions.

Bookclub All orders need to be returned to the school office by no later than Wednesday, 4 June.

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

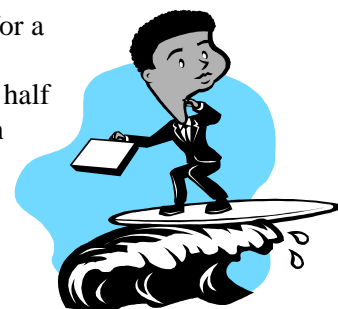
Gone fishing! That's how 15 to 20 million people begin their day in the fishing industry around the world. They catch 171 tons of oceanic fish every minute of every day.

Help for overseas children Our school would like to participate in a very special initiative, being run to assist children who have lost limbs from land mine explosions in overseas countries. We will be collecting the ring-pull tops from aluminium cans. These will be sent through the Lowood Post Office to an overseas man who uses these tops to manufacture artificial legs for the children. I'm sure you will agree, this is an amazing act of charity and kindness. Please collect as many of these tops as you can and bring them along to school. They will then be bundled up and given to Megan Francis to ensure that they are sent where they are needed urgently.

A sample of story writing from our Year 3-4 class

Once upon a time there was a river. One day I went to the river with my surfboard to go for a paddle. When I got there, there was no water left but there were dead fish everywhere. I couldn't work out what happened to the water. I went for a walk up the dry river bed for half a day. Then I saw the most amazing thing. There were about 1000 frogs all filled up with water. They were blocking the river with their bodies. I got out my slingshot and hit one of the frogs. All of the other frogs jumped away. When the frogs got out of the water a huge wave came straight towards me. I jumped on my surfboard and rode the wave all the way home. It was fun shooting the frog and riding the wave.

By Josh



Dates to mark in your calendar:

This Week

Wed May 28 Lowood High EXPO

Next Week

Fri May 29 UNSW Science Test

Coming Soon

Thurs 5 June CWA Morning Tea

Fri 6 June 'Power of One' Presentation

Later On

Thurs 12 June GVSS Sports Day

June 16 – 20 Year 6/7 Camp to Canberra

Mon 23 June BVSSSA ½ Sports Day

Thur 26 June BVSSSA Sports Day at Mt Tarampa

Thurs 17 July Year 6 Academic Challenge at Faith Lutheran College

Fri 25 July Lockyer District Athletics Carnival

Tues 29 July UNSW Mathematics Test

Fri 1 August Under 8's Day 9am – 11am

Mon 4 August Arts Council 9.50am

Tues 12 August UNSW English Test

Sat 13 Sept Country Fair

Mon 13 Oct Arts Council 9am

Thurs 20 Nov Prep-Yr 5 Underwater World Camp

Student art on show Don't miss the work of Queensland's most talented young artists which will be on display in a gallery near you. The artwork is part of the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design 2008 Central and Touring Exhibitions. The exhibition showcases the work of 50 students who last year received Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art. The central exhibition opened at the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) in Brisbane last month and continues until 19 June. From July, the exhibition will tour regional galleries throughout Queensland for the next 12 months. A full list of regional venues and touring dates is available online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/creativegeneration/artawards/visualart/touringdates.html For more information about the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design, please contact the Project Manager on 07 3225 5129.

Keep active and win! Share your tips on getting active and win prizes for yourself and our school! As part of the *Year of Physical Activity*, the Department of Education, Training and the Arts is inviting all schools, parents and students to send in ideas on how to stay active each day. This month, winning entries win a \$150 voucher from the Educational Experience supplies shop and a \$400 Hart Sport voucher for our school. Every entry also receives a *Year of Physical Activity* water bottle or Frisbee. Each month, the competition features a different activity as a theme. In May, the theme is how you can use ropes to stay fit. From skipping to climbing ropes or even a tug of war, everybody has a good tip on how to get up and going. Why not share your idea and win? For more information visit the Year of Physical Activity website and check the Department's competitions page: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/physicalactivity/competitions.html>

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. May specials: Short hair wash & wear perms \$50, ear piercing with studs \$18, men's haircut \$10.

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

Home Ice Cream Visit

Terry Boland the Home Ice Cream Man has retired. We wish him all the best for the future and hope his retirement is full of big fish. The new man on the block is Mark and he will be visiting this Friday 23 May from around 8.30am until 8.50am and then fortnightly thereafter. Please make Mark feel welcome as we did Terry many years ago.

NRL Footy Tipping Competition

Name	Round 9	Round 10	TOTAL
Bad Boy	3	6	42
Bee Knees	3	3	43
Chenomies	3	2	38
Jim Bob	3	2	39
Quikick	3	4	44
The Cruisers	4	4	46
The Magic Men	5	4	48
The Pretenders	5	7	45
Tornado	4	4	43

Joke of the Week:
How do you surf and still stay dry?
Keep your laptop above sea level!

Glamorgan Vale Playtime Tupperware Lunchbox Drive & New Catalogues

Just a reminder that Tupperware orders are due in this FRIDAY 23 May with delivery on Friday 6 June. New Catalogues are available to look at in the staff room. If you wish to order from the catalogue, please write the items on a piece of paper and include them in an envelope with payment and place it in the P&C letterbox. Playtime will be donating Tupperware items to the P&C for use in the Tuckshop.

Coominya Heritage Group You are invited to the unveiling of the second heritage mural “The Coominya Cut – 1920’s”, celebrating the historic timber industry of Coominya & District. Saturday 24th May at 10am at Edith Maud Park, beside the Bellevue Homestead, 1 West Road, Coominya (opposite Coominya Hotel) and afterwards in the grounds of the homestead for heavy horse demonstrations, camels, sulky rides, coach rides, art, crafts, jewellery/lapidary, patchwork/winter gear, cow milking, butter churning, local produce, farmhouse cheese & gelato, BBQ food, damper, billy tea, coffee, cold drinks. Scheduled tours of the homestead - \$5 adult – children free. Further information phone Beth Anderson 54264559. Many thanks to Western Corridor Recycled Water Community Grants.

Haigslea ‘Back to School’ Day Past students and community members are invited to attend Education Week Celebrations and Open Day on Friday 30th May from 9am – 11am.

Job’s Daughters is a community organisation for young women aged 10-20 that teaches citizenship, leadership, self confidence, social, business and public speaking skills in a fun, inclusive and safe environment. We do both charity and community work and organise fun activities, as well as holding two formal meetings per month, all planned and run by the members, under the guidance of adult family, past members and volunteers. We are non-denominational and welcome members from all backgrounds. You can find more information about us at our website www.jdiqld.org We will be holding our first annual sign on day on June 14. Phone enquiries to Jane Harris on 0412832484.

What's going on ... P - 4 Theatre Excursion.

Congratulations to the Prep, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 children on their excellent behaviour during our excursion. Our bus driver and also a parent from another school congratulated them on their great representation of their school.



We had a very enjoyable time on our Theatre excursion – and got to meet the Story Land characters!



Our P-4 class learnt a lot about Fire Safety when the officers from the Fire Brigade visited recently.

