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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week: The man who does things makes mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all – doing nothing. B. Franklin

We were delighted to learn last week that our Marburg Show School's exhibit was selected as best from the five schools that put in a display. This is a great credit to Mrs Wheatley's vision and the 5/6/7 children who worked on the display at school as well as Mr Ross and the 2/3/4 children who helped out. Thank you to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Solman who put the display together at the show. We also have a number of children that did well in the individual sections of the show. Congratulations to:

First: Cheneya Freese: Original Story – Year 7

Second: Rosh Lenahan: Poster Advertising Marburg Show – Year 1

Third: Taleah McMullen: Original Story – Year 3

Mitchell Howard: Original Story – Year 4

Shakira Besgrove: Original Story – Year 6

Highly Commended:

Erin Humphreys: Poster Advertising Marburg Show – Prep

Danyela Beattie: Original Story – Year 3

Taleah McMullen: Modern Cursive Writing – Year 3

Nadine Schiefelbein: Poster Advertising Marburg Show – Year 4

Brisbane Valley Small Schools Sports Association Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who participated at the Cluster cross country at Lockrose State School last Thursday. Well done to the following children who excelled in the competition: 1st: Cooper Jones – Yr 1; 2nd: Damon Wendt – Yr 3; 2nd: Connor Lister – Yr 4; 4th: Cheyenne Rayner – Yr 3.

National Assessment Program: Numeracy and Literacy

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students across Queensland will take part in the NAPLAN tests. The tests see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts. The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia. Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview. No doubt you would have heard a lot of reports in the media about how Queensland schools fared in tests last year.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

<u>12 – 14 May</u>	3, 5, 7 National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy.
<u>20 May</u>	Faith Lutheran Challenge Yr 7
<u>Fri 29 May</u>	Under 8s Day for P – 4 students at Marburg State School.
<u>Wed 3 June</u>	Lowood High Expo
<u>Thurs 4 June</u>	CWA Morning Tea
<u>Friday 19 June</u>	School Sports Day
<u>22 – 24 June</u>	4 – 7 Camp at Currimundi with Cluster Schools
<u>Fri 26 June</u>	Last day of term 2
<u>Tues 14 July</u>	Term 3 begins
<u>Fri 17 July</u>	BVSSSA ½ day at Mt Tarampa: 800m, discus and 200m heats
<u>Fri 24 July</u>	BVSSSA whole day Athletics Carnival at Mt Tarampa
<u>Mon 24 Aug</u>	Opera Performance 1:45pm

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.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

- Get at least eight hours sleep
- Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- Develop a time management plan for studying
- Ask an older sibling or friend who has been through tests to give some tips on how to study
- If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

For more information on the national testing, visit www.qsa.qld.edu.au

Updated school records Attached to this newsletter is a print out of the information we currently hold for your children, in particular contact phone numbers in case of illness or emergency. Please take a few minutes to review this information. If it is all still correct, please return with your signature so that we know everything is all still up to date. If you have any changes, please make corrections on the sheet, sign, and return the Student Card to the school office **by no later than this FRIDAY**. It is absolutely vital that we have current contact details, especially as we are entering the winter season when there is a lot of illness about. Thank you for your attention to this very important request

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 Friday 23rd May.

School Leaders News



This week the Student Council are running a Mother's Day Stall in Mr Rickuss' classroom each day from 8:30am – 9.00am. All profits will go to the Student Council. All gifts cost no more than \$5. Get in quickly to buy something nice for your Mum.

Bookclub All orders will need to be returned by no later than this Friday, 8th May.

This Week's Award Winners

Clay Whalley for doing a great job remembering his letters and sounds.

Paighe Newton for doing a great job recognising two digit numbers.

Dean Ashbrook for trying hard to stay on task & making the right choices.

Courtenay Rayner for always being on task & working hard to complete all set work to the best of her ability.

Mitchell Howard for working hard in Mathematics.

Taleah McMullen for working hard in Mathematics.

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NRL Footy Tipping Competition

Name	Round 8	TOTAL
Bad Boy	4	38
Bow Boy	5	37
Illegal Eagles	3	36
Jim Bob	4	36
Quikick	4	39
Ralph	3	35
Sideshifters	4	35
The Cruisers	5	41
The Pretenders	5	32
Thunderbirds	5	35
Tornado	3	34
Willy Willy	5	39
Wilson	4	33

Happy Birthday! To Mitchell Hutchins, who celebrates his special day this week.

Fun fact: Did you know that the world's fastest typist typed 150 words a minute for a period of 50 minutes – that's 2.5 words every second!

*Joke of the Week:
'Why did Robin Hood steal from the rich?'
The poor didn't have any money!*

Did you know that Mother's Day this Sunday marks the start of National Families Week. Do something special for your Mum this Sunday.



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.

Movie in the Park Somerset Regional Council are hosting a Movie in the Park night on Friday 8th May commencing at 6.30pm, at the Barbour Park, cnr Redbank & Heap Streets, Esk. The movie will be 'Night at the Museum' with Ben Stiller. For more info contact Scott Aurisch on 54244000 or saurisch@somerset.qld.gov.au

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 20th 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. Nibbles will be supplied. Phone 0422986426 or 38162126 or 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

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 27th 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

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The rebate that could let you get 50% back on education purchases

As part of the national economic rescue package, The Australian Government has announced a large rebate for educational expenses, of which you could be entitled. Whether you have children in primary or secondary school, the rebate is applicable on any education purchases bought between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

Although, you should check all the terms and conditions, in detail, at the government's site (<http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/>), put simply; the package extends a 50% rebate on anything bought with education in mind, including laptops, home computers, home internet connection, printers, stationary and textbooks. The rebate of 50% is up to \$1500 per secondary school student, allowing \$750 to be rebated and up to \$750 per primary school student, allowing up to \$375 to be claimed. Unfortunately for you sports buffs, the government doesn't consider any sports equipment as educational, so it's not included in the stimulus package.

Claiming is simple, according to the government website; it's just a matter of filling out the right box on your next tax return. And so long as you've spent enough money in the right ways, you should be able to claim.

Of course a lot of these bills are standard in the home, so you probably don't need to rush out a buy anything to claim the full rebate before the 30th of June 2009. If you haven't kept your receipts, though, now might be the time to go shopping. You're not limited to particular stores; however some stores such as [tekfix.com.au](http://www.tekfix.com.au) have the stimulus package in mind, so you can see what the true price after rebate is. Definitely keep your eye out for some good deals, and shop around to get the best value.

Again, please check the government's site (<http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/>) for all terms and conditions regarding the rebate.

Here are some handy links to help you find products online that qualify for the education rebate.

Computers, Laptops and Printers:

<http://www.tekfix.com.au/>

<http://www.dell.com.au/>

Stationery and TextBooks

<http://www.brownsstationery.com.au/>

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And of course, any internet provider, including:

<http://www.bigpond.com/>

<http://www.optuszoo.com.au/>

<http://www.iinet.net.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/ Individual readers, including home educated students, can register online from 27 April. Online registration closes on 22 May.

Triennial School Review
Glamorgan Vale State School 2009
Return by 23rd 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)	
Early Years of Learning (Teaching and learning in the Prep – 2 class)		
Middle Phase of learning (Teaching and learning in the 3 – 7 classes)		

Glamorgan Vale State School
P&C ROUNDUP
Wednesday 6th May 2009

P&C Executive

President: Brett Freese - 54 266 320
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Cross Country & Marburg Show

Congratulations to all competitors at both the local and Lockrose Cross Country Events. It was great to see such well behaved and enthusiastic students who also showed wonderful sportsmanship and gave plenty of encouragement to fellow competitors.

Also congratulations on everyone involved in this years display at the Marburg Show. It was wonderful to see Glamorgan Vale awarded first prize and receive the trophy and \$150 in prize money on Saturday! Also congratulations to all the children who took home prizes for their individual entries. Well done! There should be a photo appearing in this Friday's Moreton Border News.

Marburg Show Thanks

The Marburg Show Stall was a success on the weekend. While the crowd seemed down a little our sales went really well with us virtually selling out of all our food by change over time! Figures are still coming in as to what the profit will be. To our band of workers who contributed over the Friday, Saturday or Sunday: Shane, Gayle, Karen, Annette, Paul, Brett, Leonie, Robyn, Doris, Aleisha, Janelle, Kristy, Tracey, Joe, Stephanie, Kym and Gary we say thank you!

Super IGA Lowood Community Chest

Just a reminder about the Super IGA at Lowood where they are giving customers the opportunity to nominate organisations in the community to receive funding from their Community Chest. For every \$30 spent you will receive one token which you can place in the appropriate box representing each community group that has registered for the scheme. The Glamorgan Vale State School P&C have registered as one of the organisations. This is an ideal way to show your support for the school while doing the weekly shopping! The scheme is currently under way and will run to 23rd August 2009.

P&C Meeting & Country Fair Meeting

- The next **P&C Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 13th May** at **6:30pm** at the School.
- The next **Country Fair Meeting** will be on **Thursday 21st May** at **7pm** at the School.

Hope to see as many of you there for both meetings.

Working Bee

We have earmarked Saturday 23rd May as our Working Bee day at the school. More details to follow in the next roundup as to the list of jobs to be done. If you can think of any in particular please let Graham or one of the P&C Executive know so we can start forming a list.

Community News

Organic Corn & Cucumbers for Sale

If you would like some fresh organic Corn or Cucumbers please see Cheney or Naomi Freese to place your order. The cucumbers are the Lebanese variety and are 3 for \$1.00 and the cobs of fresh corn are 50 cents each and are the variety they use to make corn chips. You can also place any orders with Brett Freese 54266320.

Cent Auction


Don't forget the Cent Auction on at the Glamorgan Vale Hall this Saturday night at 7pm. Doors open from 6pm with drinks and light snacks available.

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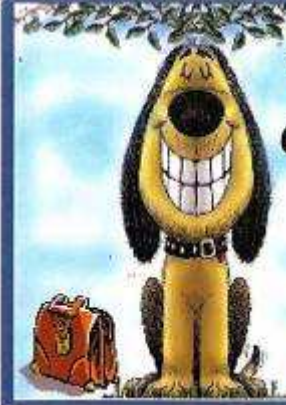
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Community Billboard

Dates to Remember

- Saturday 9th May – Hall Committee and CWA Cent Auction at the Hall
- Wednesday 13th May - P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday 21st May – Country Fair Meeting 7pm
- Saturday 23rd May – Working Bee
- Wednesday 10th June – Pie Drive
- Friday 12th June – Trivia Night at the Hall

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Cent Auction

Saturday 9th May

7.00 pm



Doors open from 6.00pm

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Light snacks & drinks on sale

Come along and try your luck !

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