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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Thought for the Week: What is bad luck for one person is good luck for another. Ashanti Proverb

P – 5 UnderWater World Camp

As you know, we have booked an exciting overnight camp for our Prep – Year 5 students for 20 – 21 November. Thank you to parents for providing us with final numbers. If you haven't already paid for the camp, payment will need to be made before departure on 20th November.

Circus

The circus is once again coming to Glamorgan Vale State School. Please put in your diary Monday evening, 24th November. Hot food will be available from the P & C Stall from 5.30pm and again during the show interval. The show will commence at 7pm. Everyone at children's prices (\$14 for first two rows of seating or \$12 for seats further back). Tickets are now available and you can order through the slip at the end of this newsletter or by phoning the school office. The children's Project Club will receive a portion of the money from ticket sales, so not only will the circus provide a great night of entertainment, it will benefit our students.

Brisbane Valley Small School Sports Association Swimming Carnival

The BVSSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 25th November for students in years 4 – 7 at the Lowood Pool. All students in year 4 – 7 are expected to participate in this event. They will need to get to and from the Lowood Pool on this day. We are currently working on nominations for the events at this carnival. Students are able to participate in 25m events or 50 metre events.

Library books All library books will need to be returned by Friday, 28th November.

Prep Orientation/ Move Up Day for Preps to year 6/ Year 7 Lowood State High School Year 8 induction Day

Monday 8th December will be a busy day at our school. It is our Orientation day for Prep students and parents joining us next year. On the same day students in years 1 – 7 for 2009 will get to meet their new teachers and classmates. On the same day, the year 7 students attending Lowood State High School will have an induction into year 8. Mrs Tuesley will be coming on the day to meet with the students.

Enrolments for 2009

We are now taking enrolments for Prep and Year 1 for next year. If you know of anyone who is intending starting their child here next year, please ask them to come up and collect an enrolment package from the school office.

A child born 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 is eligible for enrolment in Year 1 in 2009.

A child born 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 is eligible for enrolment in Prep Year in 2009.

Swimming

Swimming continues this Friday at the Lowood Pool with Mrs Williams. Thank you to the parents who help their children get organised for swimming on Friday. Just a reminder, that any child who cannot participate will require a note to their teacher. The cost for swimming is \$2.50 per child per week. Children need to wear a sunshirt over their togs to prevent sunburn during swimming lessons.

NAPLAN Results

In May this year the students in year 3, 5 and 7 participated in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy) tests. The purpose of this test is to assess how our students are performing against children in the same year level across the state and now the nation. There are five areas that were assessed; Reading, Writing, Spell, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. The school is also given information about how the students performed. We can use this information to find out where our students are achieving and how we can assist to improve results across particular areas.

Using our results from 2008, our positive results were Year 7 results overall and Numeracy overall. We have seen an improvement with our Reading results. These are the areas that we need to work on further: Reading, Spelling, Writing and Understanding what the questions are asking.

Year 3

	The average mark of the students in our school.	The average mark of ALL students in Queensland	Students in our school whose marks are in the bottom 20% of the state.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the average range.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the top 20% of the state.
Reading	302	364	66.7%	33.3%	
Writing	345	384	33.3%	66.7%	
Spelling	317	360	50%	50%	
Grammar and Punctuation	330	363	50%	50%	
Numeracy	339	362	42.7%	58.3%	

Year 5

	The average mark of the students in our school.	The average mark of ALL students in Queensland	Students in our school whose marks are in the bottom 20% of the state.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the average range.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the top 20% of the state.
Reading	392	458	71.4%	28.6%	
Writing	344	475	80%	20%	
Spelling	391	457	60%	40%	
Grammar and Punctuation	404	469	60%	33.3%	6.7%
Numeracy	426	452	28.6%	71.4%	

Year 7

	The average mark of the students in our school.	The average mark of ALL students in Queensland	Students in our school whose marks are in the bottom 20% of the state.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the average range.	Students in our school whose marks fall into the top 20% of the state.
Reading	545	520	28.6%	42.9%	28.6%
Writing	505	514	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%
Spelling	498	522	28.6%	71.4%	

Grammar and Punctuation	507	511	28.6%	42.9%	28.6%
Numeracy	574	532	14.3%	57.1%	28.6%

This Week's Awards were presented to:

Cheyenne Rayner for reading achievement.
 Jordon Grbin for great sound work.
 Connan McIntyre for making an effort to complete all tasks during class.
 Nadine Schiefelbein for always working hard.



Happy Birthday to: Cheyenne Rayner who celebrates her special day this week.

Student Leaders News

This Friday is our movie night. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter and the poster around the school. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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

Can you imagine tunneling three times your body length underground? That's what earthworms do. Earthworms can tunnel underground 27.4 cm in a minute. They do the tunneling by using their head and body. They eat some of the soil as they burrow through it, deriving nutrition from organic matter like decaying roots and leaves.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Joke of the Week: What's white when it's dirty and black when it's clean?
 A blackboard.

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

Bike Repairs

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

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteering is as valuable as it can be enjoyable. Volunteering makes a difference. If you have any spare time, Glenwood Hostel, an Aged Care facility in Lowood, would welcome Volunteers. Please contact Pam on 54262530.

Gleaner's

Did you know about the wonderful community service provided by volunteers from local churches including the Fernvale Community Church and members of the community? The Gleaners Food Outlet has been operating for seven years now and is open to the public from 10am – 12 noon each Friday at 1454 Main Street, Fernvale. Groceries are available at cost or below cost price to stretch your budget dollars. Items include cereal, lunchbox fillers, bread, milk, frozen foods, vegetables, plus many more daily items. A free pancake brunch will be served at 9.30am until the Christmas break.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

This Week

Fri 14 Nov Movie Night 6.30 – 8.30pm

Next Week

Thurs 20 Nov - Prep-Yr 5 Underwater World
Fri 21 Nov Camp

Coming Soon

Mon 24 Nov Circus
Tues 25 Nov BVSSSA Swimming Carnival

Later On

Fri 28 Nov All library books due back
Fri 5 Dec Picnic Carols Night
Mon 8 Dec Prep Orientation Day / Move Up Day 1 – 7/Year 8 Induction to Lowood State High School.
Wed 9 Dec Student Plays – All Welcome 2 – 3pm

Fashion – Sale! Shelly’s Passion 4 Fashion is holding a Pre Christmas Sale at the shop located 213 Ipswich Street, Esk (Phone 54242544), commencing Thursday 13th November. 20% off storewide, formal wear and suiting, clothing, jewellery, bags, shoes and belts. 30% off ladies fashion hats – great range in store now. 20% off Akubra felt hats and Blue Dog palm leafs – new range in store now. Bullzye 20% off mens and ladies new season fashion, stickers, car seat covers, car mats, bags, flags and accessories. Special men’s Bullzye and Boartearer t-shirts now only \$20, RRP \$39. Layby now before Christmas. Be quick – stock limited.

Children’s Book Sale Scholastic are holding their end of year sale with all stock discounted up to 90% rrp. Children’s favourites from 2 for \$1. Choose from thousands of top quality titles! Great gift ideas! Where: Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse, Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road Morningside. When: Thursday 27th & Friday 28th November 8.30am – 6pm, and again on Saturday 29th November from 8am – 12 noon. Phone 1800 024840.

It’s Game On at the State Library

It’s Queensland’s turn to ‘press play’ on a videogames exhibition that’s already attracted more than a million players around the world. The State Library of Queensland (SLQ) has announced that a new interactive exhibition, *Game On*, is set to create quite a buzz this summer. The *Game On* exhibition covers the history and culture of videogames from 1962 to 2008 and features *Game On Nights*, free films, rare memorabilia and talks with industry leaders. The show takes us through the history of videogames and the offers visitors the chance to play more than 100 games including the classic early arcade hits such as Space Invaders and Pong. Queensland is a leader in videogame development with more than 18 companies based here including world-renowned Krome Studios, creators of *Hellboy*. The exhibition, from London’s Barbican Art Gallery, opens in Brisbane on 17 November for a three-month season. For more information, visit the State Library website at: www.slq.qld.gov.au

Prep – Year 5 UnderWater World Camp - checklist

Students will need to bring:

- Lunch for the first day (Thursday, 20th November)
- Water bottle
- Swimming togs
- Sunshirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Plastic bag for wet swimming togs
- A change of clothes for the following day
- Pyjamas
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow



; (toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush etc.)

Edam Brothers Goodtime Circus – Tickets

I would like to purchase tickets for the circus performing at Glamorgan Vale SS on Monday, 24th November.



No. of tickets required:

Front row \$14

All other rows \$12

Name: Phone:

Money enclosed: \$.....

SWEARING

Good language is about respect in action

Like other forms of language children need to learn that there are times and places when its use is unacceptable or causes distress to others.



Children swear for many reasons: to experiment with language; to attract your attention; to make themselves appear bigger or older than they are; and even as a challenge or expression of personal power.

Swearing needs to be considered as a form of language – albeit an unacceptable one. This is not to say that you condone it. Rather, it is an acceptance of the fact that your children will hear many forms of unacceptable language and they need to understand its use and purpose. Like other forms of language children need to learn that there are times and places when its use is unacceptable or causes distress to others.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE AIR TURNS BLUE

- **Avoid over-reacting when children swear.** However, make the message clear that you are unimpressed with swearing and you are willing to leave them alone when they swear. Consider withdrawing your cooperation temporarily if they swear at you.
 - **Discuss the concept of appropriate language with older children.** Teach them that language may be appropriate in one context or be accepted by one group but it is not acceptable in every situation. While not condoning swearing get across to children that they need to learn to control their use of language and adjust it to suit the situation they are in.
 - **Children, like adults, can use inappropriate language out of habit.** If this is the case make up alternative words that replace swearing. One family had replaced certain words with fruit. They had a fruit for every situation!
- **Try the penalty system.** When family members swear they are fined an agreed amount which is placed in a money-box. At the end of the week or month the money can be given to a worthy cause or spent in a way that benefits others. Of course, parents should join in this as well.
 - **Examine your own choice of language** to judge if it is an acceptable model for your children. It is scary how much language and behaviour children pick up by observing their parents.
 - **Try shock tactics with older kids who swear.** I know one mother who kissed her teenaged son whenever he swore in public when he was with her. It was a habit he soon broke!



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Parenting Ideas Tip Sheet

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For more great ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

Movie Night

Date: 14/11/08

Time: 6:30 till 8:30

On Friday at school the student council is holding a Movie Night. In Mrs. Four-mile's room will be Kung-fu Panda and in Mr. Ross's room will be Horton hears a-who.

Combo: entry, a can of soft drink and popcorn \$5.

Entry: \$3 (without combo)

Drinks: \$1.50 (without combo)

Refills for popcorn 50c

Glamorgan Vale State School
P&C ROUNDUP
Wednesday 12th November 2008

P&C Executive

President: Brett Freese - 54 266 320
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Treasurer: Kym Zahnow - 54 266 297
Secretary: Karen Dunbar - 0437 929 792
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Melbourne Cup Luncheon

What a fantastic day! Everyone had a great day of fashion, food and fun - oh yes and the horse racing! Congratulations to everyone who was involved in making this day such a great success. A lot of time and effort went into making this event so smooth running and enjoyable. We'd like to thank everyone who attended the event and most importantly our sponsors :

- Mark & Kathy Wells of Fernvale Produce
- Kristy Klee of Do's by Diddy
- Sheron Smith
- Janelle Klee
- Laura Hahn of Temptations Fashion Boutique Lowood
- Bob & Trish Whalley of Eagle Forklifts
- Fiona Coulson of Fee's Ranch House Gourmet Goodies
- Kym Berry Photography
- Mark & Kathy Sagers of Textron Finance

The winners in the fashion stakes were :

Best Hat Winner:	Janelle Beattie
Best Dressed Female:	Charmain Baker
Best Dressed Male:	Wade Voss

And the winner of the Glamorgan Vale Cup Race was Bob Whalley.

A total of just over \$1,200 profit was raised on the day - an excellent result! Keep an eye out on the notice board in the playshed for some photos from the day!

Picnic Carols Night

Our Annual Picnic Carols night will held on **Friday 5th December** commencing at **5:30pm** with a community tea. We ask that each family bring along a plate of food to share for tea. Following on from tea there will be an awards and presentation ceremony, followed by carols and of course Santa! All school children will be receiving a book from Santa on the night. We also like to ensure any children younger than school age who are coming on the night receive a book too. If you know of anyone who falls into this category please let Trish know on 54 266292. If you have older school age children attending that go to another school, but you'd like Santa to present them with a book too, we ask that you bring along a book on the night. Please let Trish know so that she can do up some labels to help Santa.

Halloween Disco

Another great night was had by all at the Halloween Disco! The costumes looked out of this world - as did all the decorations in the hall. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this night such a success. Check out the playshed this week for some photos from the night.

P&C Christmas Raffle – Picnic Carols Night

This year to provide prizes for the P&C raffle, we are asking each family to donate a non-perishable item that can be used in a hamper. The amount of hamper prizes in the raffle will depend on the amount of donations received, so if you would like to donate more than one item that would be greatly appreciated. You may wish to provide something festive including Christmas decorations, tins of fruit, packets of chips or peanuts etc. Tickets will be \$1-00 each and only sold at Picnic Carols Night on Friday 5 December. Please place donations in boxes provided in the staffroom by **Wednesday 3 December** so that the hampers can be put together at the P&C meeting that night.

Great Ipswich Duck Race

As per the notice that went home earlier in the week the **Llewellyn Motors Great Ipswich Duck Race** has changed from the original concept. There are posters up around the school detailing this event. Please remember to have your money returned to school by this **Thursday 13th November**. If you have any enquiries please call Trish on 54 266 292.

The Circus is Coming to Town!

Eden Bros Good Time Circus will be returning to Glamorgan Vale on **Monday 24th November**. It's been a couple of years since they were last here when they packed the house out.

Here's a little about their Circus -

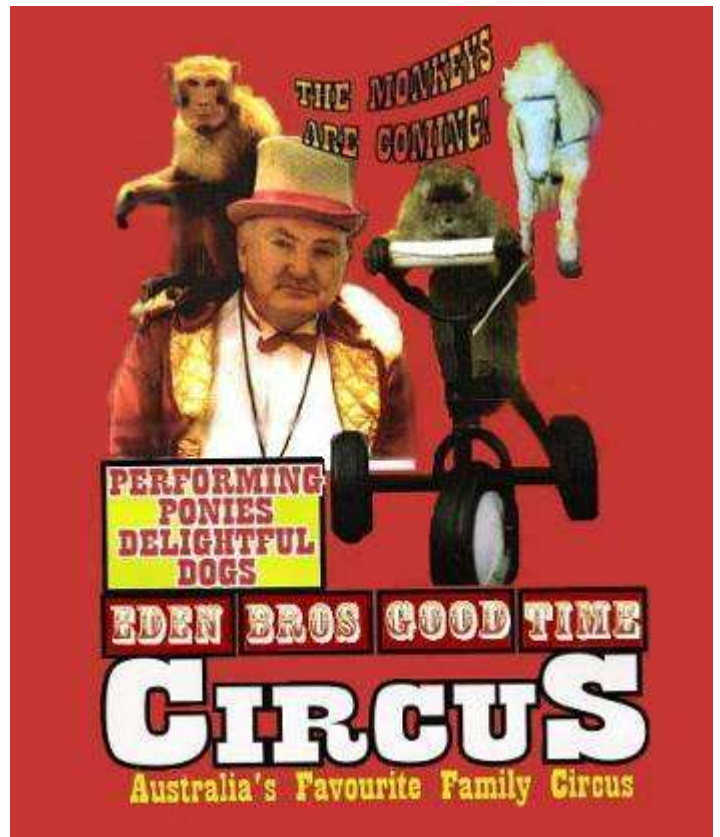
"Eden Bros Circus is founded on happiness and enthusiasm, in the tradition of the old Australian side-show circuses. If you want to laugh, clap or cheer, hiss or boo, you're welcome - and the louder the better. The audience helps get out of this show, what it puts in. (The same as the artistes.)"

"We believe the audience is our whole reason for being here, doing what we like to do. If we can entertain better, that's what we'll do. Our mission is to bring a smile of enjoyment to the faces of young and old, delivering them from their humdrum, everyday world. We say at the start, "Welcome to a world of fun and fantasy," and we mean it."

"We like to deliver value for money, and we keep our admission prices down to suit the whole family. When things are tough in the country, our prices go down - but our smiles never suffer. The audience are our friends, and we like to treat them the same way good hosts would."

"For that reason, we like to bring a range of animal acts (with happy animals and presenters), acts of skill and training on the ground and in the air, plenty of laughs (all sympathetically with the audience), and value for money."

The show will be commencing at **7pm on Monday 24th November** on the school oval. The P&C will be running a hot food stall from **5:30pm**, so come along and grab something to eat before the show starts. Tickets for the Circus can be purchased through Gay at the School Office with adults at children's prices - \$14 for the front row and \$12 for the other rows. Make sure you don't miss out on this great night for the whole family!




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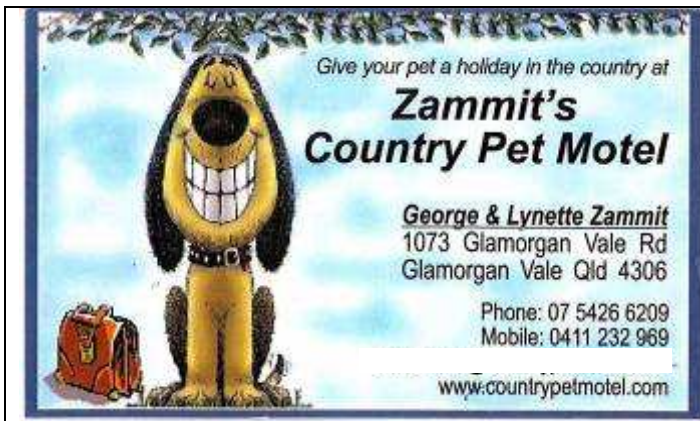
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Community Billboard

Dates to Remember

- Thursday 13th November –Great Ipswich Duck Race Forms due back
- Monday 24th November - Eden Bros Good Time Circus
- Saturday 29th November – Glamorgan Vale Community Hall 80th Anniversary (2 – 5pm)
- Saturday 29th November – Glamorgan Vale Community Christmas Carnival (5 – 9pm)
- Wednesday 3rd December – P&C Meeting
- Friday 5th December – Picnic Carols Night
- Saturday 20th December – Great Ipswich Duck Race, 12 noon, Riverlink Shopping Centre

Go Kart Racing

Ipswich Kart Club are offering a 'Come & Try Karts' day at Ipswich Kart Club, Champions Way Willowbank on Sunday 22nd February 2009 from 9am to 5pm. Available to girls and boys aged 7 - 12 years. Parents are required to sign necessary forms. Boots must be worn. Phone Ipswich Kart Club on 54673300 for bookings or via www.ipswichkartclub.com.au