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'Bringing joy to a friend is one of life's greatest pleasures'

Last Friday I received word that I have been appointed the permanent principal of Glamorgan Vale State School from 2009. I am very pleased and excited to have been given the position. Thank you for the support and congratulations that I have received so far regarding this. I look forward to working with you all again in 2009 and beyond.

**P – 5 UnderWater World Camp**

Tomorrow many of the students in Prep to year 5 will be going on their exciting camp to Underwater World. They will be leaving the school around 9am on Thursday and return around 2pm on Friday. They get to participate in some interesting activities while at UnderWater World and then get to sleep in the tunnel! I am sure that they will all have a great time. The P&C have kindly donated the cost of the bus for this excursion and are providing a snack for the second day. Thank you to the P&C for helping with the excursion. Students that are not participating in this excursion can come to school to spend the days with Mr Rickuss and the 6/7 students. We will have activities organised for all students.

**Tuckshop**

Due to the UnderWater World Excursion, there will be no tuckshop this Friday 21 November. Next Meal Deal Day is Wednesday 26 November and order forms will go home next Monday.

**Circus**

Only 5 more sleeps until the Circus performance on 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**

Next Tuesday is the BVSSSA Swimming Carnival for students in years 4 – 7. The swimming carnival will be held at the Lowood Pool. The students will need to get to and from the Lowood Pool on this day. The swimming carnival starts at 9:30am and is usually finished by 1:00pm.

Following are the events the students nominated for. We wish them good luck on the day. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter to indicate whether your child will be there to participate. Students not participating will need to attend school as usual.

100m Individual Medley	50m Freestyle	25m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	25m Backstroke
Glenn Retschlag Callum Bond	Callum Bond Glenn Retschlag Joel Howard Samara Wendt Courtenay Rayner Marlee Wendt	Lacclan Gottfried Rory McIntyre Christian Sokoll Jason Brewster Naomi Freese Kristin Zahnow Sarah Deakin Cody-Lee Voss Shakira Besgrove Danni-elle McMullen	Callum Bond Glenn Retschlag Samara Wendt Marlee Wendt	Lacclan Gottfried Rory McIntyre Christian Sokoll Joel Howard Naomi Freese Taneesha Beattie Megan Francis Shakira Besgrove Danni-elle McMullen
25m Butterfly	50m Breaststroke	25m Breaststroke		
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**Library books** All library books will need to be returned by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Life Education Queensland**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the life education van will visit the school. During this visit, there will be a special parent session that will run from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. The focus on this session is to inform parents about licit and illegal drugs and provides parents and community members with information on development and sharing of harm minimisation and communication strategies for themselves and their children. If you are interested in attending the parent session please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter.

Life Education Queensland is a community-based not-for-profit organisation at the front line of positive and preventative drug and health education. Their programs are designed to help young people make informed decisions about drugs and their health. The programs are driven by the popular Life Education mascot Harold the giraffe. Specialist educators work in collaboration with schools to ensure the best outcome for students. Sessions are age specific and sequential with written and electronic resources provided to support both students and teachers in the delivery of ongoing drug education in their classroom. A visit to the mobile Life Education van facilitates the development of students' knowledge and skills to identify risks and make informed decisions.

### **Reports**

The end of year reports will be going home on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This is the Wednesday of the second last week. This will give parents a chance to have an interview with the class teacher before the end of the year.

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

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Our new teacher will be coming on the day to meet with the students.

## Picnic Carols Night

As mentioned in the P&C Roundup last week, our Annual Picnic Carols night will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 5:30pm with a community tea. We ask that each family bring along a plate of food to share. After 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 5426 6292. 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.

## 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 for the Year 6 & 7's (and any P-5 children not going on camp) 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 must wear a sunshirt over their togs to prevent sunburn during swimming lessons.

**Happy Birthday to:** Naomi Freese and Shakira Besgrove who celebrate their special day this week.

### *Student Leaders News*

Last Friday night we held our movie night. Thanks to all those that came along to support this. It was very successful night and we think that everyone enjoyed it.

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

The queen bee is an egg-laying factory, laying more than one egg per minute. Queen bees can live up to five years.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Lowood Hairstylists & Barber Shop

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**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 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am – 6pm, and again on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 8am – 12 noon. Phone 1800 024840.

### **Dates to mark in your calendar:**

#### **This Week**

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

#### **Next Week**

**Mon 24 Nov** Circus  
**Tues 25 Nov** BVSSSA Swimming Carnival  
**Fri 28 Nov** All library books due back

#### **Coming Soon**

**Mon 1 Dec** Life Education Van  
**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.

#### **Later On**

**Wed 9 Dec** Student Plays – All Welcome  
2 – 3pm

**Joke of the Week:** What starts with the letter T and ends with the letter T and is full of T?  
A teapot.

### **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 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](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au)

### **Road safety reminder**

It's easy to become complacent about the regular routine of dropping off and picking up children from school. Because children will always be unpredictable, being constantly alert in school zones and obeying road and parking rules can easily prevent tragedy outside our schools.

Some basic things to remember when dropping off or picking up your child include:

- Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- Observe school zone signs. These require you to travel at lower speeds at certain hours. Keep an eye out for children at pedestrian crossings and always stop for them.
- Be alert when driving past a stationary bus as children often step out in front of and from behind buses to cross the road.
- Never double park.
- Never park in "no standing" zones.
- When you see a School Crossing Supervisor obey their instructions. Stop if they tell you to stop, and wait until they return to the kerb before proceeding.
- Make sure you don't park on pedestrian crossings. This is an offence.

For more information about road safety outside schools visit the Queensland Transport website at: <http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/School/>

### **Prep – Year 5 UnderWater World Camp - checklist**

Students will need to bring:

- Lunch for the first day (Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush etc.)

**Eden Brothers Goodtime Circus – Tickets**



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

No. of tickets required:

Front row \$14 .....

All other rows \$12 .....

Name: ..... Phone: .....

Money enclosed: \$.....

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*(Please return to school office before 28<sup>th</sup> November)*

**Life Education Parent Session**

I would like to participate in the Life Education Parent Session on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3:15 – 4:15.

Name: .....

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**BVSSSA Swimming Carnival**

I give permission for my child / children, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the BVSSSA Swimming carnival at Lowood Pool on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. My child/children will be getting to and from the pool with \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_


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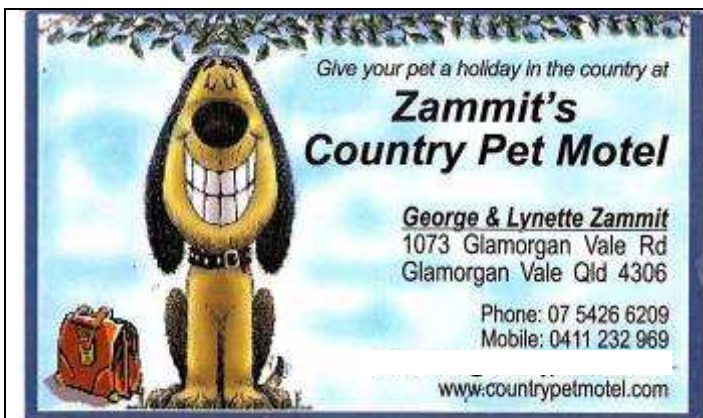
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## Community Billboard

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### Dates to Remember

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Eden Bros Good Time Circus
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Glamorgan Vale Community Hall 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2 – 5pm)
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Glamorgan Vale Community Christmas Carnival (5 – 9pm)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – P&C Meeting
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Picnic Carols Night
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ipswichkartclub.com.au)