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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

#### *Thought for the Week:*

Take time for all things. Great haste makes great waste. *Benjamin Franklin.*

Welcome back to term 4. We hope that you had a restful and relaxing holiday. **All are welcome to the monthly P & C Meeting tonight, commencing 6.30pm.**

**Swimming** Swimming will now start next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, as Mrs Williams is unavailable this Friday. This year we will be swimming at the Lowood Pool with Mrs Williams and we will be catching the bus to and from school leaving just after 9am. All children from Prep through to Year 7 will be participating in swimming lessons. As swimming instruction is an important part of our Physical Education curriculum, any children who cannot participate will require a note to their teacher. Cost will be \$2.50 per child per week, or if you wish to pay in advance, the total will be \$20 per child for the term. Money is payable at the school office. On swimming days, the children will need to bring their togs, towel, sunscreen and hairbrush in a bag which they can carry on the bus. Girls are required to wear one-piece togs and no jewellery is permitted in the pool. A swimming shirt over togs is also required to prevent sunburn.

### **Staff Transfer**

We have been notified of teacher transfers at Glamorgan Vale. Miss Sheppard (Mrs Fourmile) has received a transfer to another school. She will be leaving our school at the end of the year. We have had a new teacher transferred in to our school. Her name is Mrs Sharon Tuesley. Mrs Tuesley is very excited about coming to our school. At present (with current known enrolments) and unless further staff changes occur, I will be teaching the Prep/1 class, Mr Ross will be teaching the 2/3/4 class and Mrs Tuesley will be teaching the 5/6/7 class.

### **University of New South Wales English competition**

Recently some students from our school participated in this English Competition. Congratulations to the following who were awarded:

CREDIT: Marlee Wendt      PARTICIPATION: Cheney Freese, Samara Wendt and Naomi Freese.

### **Ball Games Carnival**

On the last day of term we attended the Ball Games Carnival with the Rosewood Small Schools. The carnival took place at Haigslea State School. The children participated well in the ball games during the day. We had some successful teams winning ribbons. Congratulations to the parents who once again won the adult ball games trophy at the carnival.

### **Review of the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**

During last term, the staff reviewed the Responsible Behaviour Plan for students. This needs to be done every three years to ensure that it is appropriate for the school community. As part of the process, I am inviting comments from parents on the Behaviour Plan. Some of the language used in the Behaviour Plan is directly from Education Queensland and may be difficult to understand. Please highlight the sentences or phrases that you have difficulty understanding so that we are able to give a clearer meaning. The Behaviour Plan focuses on the responsible behaviour and self-discipline of the individual. It promotes the positive behaviours that we want to see rather than on the negative. Please take time to read through the Responsible Behaviour Plan for students and make comments on the form attached to the front of the Plan. Please return the feedback to us by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Black Snake Creek Festival**

We have been asked to participate in the parade of the **Black Snake Creek Festival this Saturday 11 October**. The parade starts at 11:45am. The students will be doing a bush dance with the other schools participating. We have been asked that the children dress in jeans, a checked shirt and a hat – similar to an akubra. I would like to see as many families as possible support this festival. It should only be about an hour out of your Saturday.

**ARL Skills Development**

The students in years 4 to 7 have had an ARL representative come out to teach some ARL skills. He will be visiting on two more occasions, leading up to a gala day on 29<sup>th</sup> October. This gala day will be held at Mt Tarampa against the other small schools in our cluster.

*Student Leader News*

*Welcome back after the holidays.  
We say farewell to Ben Hambrook who is now attending Lowood school.*



*We're looking forward to swimming starting this term. Don't forget to bring togs, towel, sunscreen etc. in a bag to carry on the bus to the pool each Friday.*

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

A car uses 47ml of petrol while idling for one minute, compared to when the car is travelling at around 100km per hour when it uses about five times as much fuel.

**This Weeks Awards were presented to:**

Samara Wendt, Cheneya Freese, Naomi Freese, Danyela Beattie, Harrison Klee, Damon Wendt and Marlee Wendt for being chosen as winners in the recent Glamorgan Vale Water Board colouring competition. Mr Doc Hannah presented their awards.



**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. October specials: 5 foils for \$25, 4 splices for \$25, eyebrow wax \$5, eyelash tint \$8.

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

**Operation Christmas Child**

Sincere thanks to those families who have shown great compassion and taken the time and effort to put together some lovely gift boxes to send to overseas children living in extreme hardship and poverty. These boxes will be sent off to the Operation Christmas Child co-ordinators next week, and then an army of volunteers will package them all in readiness for sending to their various destinations. **If you have been busy over the holidays preparing a shoe box, they can still be dropped off to the school office any time up until Wednesday next week. Please remember to include an \$8 donation to cover freight on each box.**

If you do not wish to donate a gift box, then we would be most grateful for donations of money to cover the freight costs. Remember, all monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued. Please help if you can. If you need any further details, please ask Mrs Nielsen.

**Dates to mark in your calendar:  
This Week**

**Next Week**

**Mon 13 Oct** Arts Council 9.15am  
**Fri 17 Oct** Swimming commences

**Coming Soon**

**Mon 20 Oct** Pupil Free Day

**Later On**

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

*Happy Birthday! To Callum Bond who celebrates his special day this week.*

### **School Dental Service**

The West Moreton region

School Dental Service offers a quality, free oral health program to all children from 4 years of age, through to Year 10. In the event of an emergency, to ensure ease of access to the School Dental Service, a single point of contact has been established to provide referral to the facilities of the West Moreton region. The contact number to ring for toothache, broken teeth and lost fillings etc. will be 1300 763246.

**Garage Sale** Saturday and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October from 6am – 2pm. 653 Glamorgan Vale Road, Glamorgan Vale. Motorbike accessories, baby wear, clothing, bric-a-brac, furniture and lots more. 0428 266307.

**‘Be Mind Wise’** This week is Mental Health Week, with this year’s theme ‘Be Mind Wise’. At times, we all face challenges that test us and put our mental health at risk. When our mental health is poor, it can affect our entire body and play a role in the development of other health issues. Staying healthy means looking after yourself physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. By giving a little attention to these areas each day you can help yourself to stay well and strong. Our mental health can be affected by all kinds of things but if we take care of ourselves in a balanced way we will be able to cope better during the difficult times. Top tips to being mind wise:

- Make time each day to look after your mental health
- Be kind to yourself and to others
- Do things that make you feel good: participate, you’ll feel great
- Balance work and leisure time
- Enjoy regular exercise: healthy body, healthy mind
- Appreciate the good in life
- Know the signs
- Get help if you need it.

*Joke of the Week:*

Two cows are standing in a paddock. One cow says, ‘Moooooooooooo.’?  
The other cow says, ‘Gee, I was just about to say that myself.’!

**Free Drawing Workshop** Ipswich City Council Library and Information Service are running a Free workshop for children aged 10-14 years. *Learn to Draw ‘Manga’ like the masters.* Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 12.30pm. The workshop will be held at the Ipswich Library Youth Space and bookings are essential. Phone 3810 6815. [www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au) The Presenter will be Madonna Spelta.

### **Celebrate National Water Week**

Families are invited to make a splash with the Waterwise display at the Queensland Museum, South Bank during National Water Week from October 19 to 25.

With interactive displays, experiments and activities for both children and adults, Waterwise at the Museum offers something for everyone.

Visit the Waterwise display to learn more about using water wisely. Find out who (or what) is ‘Whizzy’ and share in his adventures. You can also view some of the great films and animations as part of this year’s Liquid Lens Short Film Competition.

Entry is free to the display which is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

Visit Queensland Museum South Bank on [www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au](http://www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au) for more information or email [waterwise@nrw.qld.gov.au](mailto:waterwise@nrw.qld.gov.au)

### **Wear Red for Daniel**

We invite people to wear red on Friday 31 October to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation’s Day for Daniel.

The annual event commemorates the disappearance of 13-year-old Daniel Morcombe who went missing from a Sunshine Coast bus stop in December 2003.

As parents and carers it is difficult to imagine what Denise and Bruce Morcombe have endured, but it is largely due to the overwhelming and on-going community support that they established the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in 2005.

The Foundation now works tirelessly to teach children about personal safety, raise community awareness about child safety and advocate that crimes against children will not be tolerated.

On Day for Daniel, you too can show your support by wearing something red, writing in red pen or by letting your family, friends and local community know about the day. Let’s show how strongly we feel about the safety of our kids.



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Something to tell your students about!



## SCIENCE ON SATURDAY!

*Science on Saturday* is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science; come to one, or come to all six! Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (*The Helix* or *Scientriffic*) to take home. Check out these fabulous topics:

**Apprentice Scientist (18/10/08):** Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments. Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!

**Healthy Humans (25/10/08):** What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.

**Water Wise (1/11/08):** Explore the water cycle and the properties of water, as you experiment with solutions, water quality and water treatment.

**Forensic Investigation (8/11/08):** Put your detective hat on as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime. Examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting to help find the culprit.

**Working with DNA (15/11/08):** Extract real DNA and learn some fascinating DNA facts as you discover how it's studied and why it's so important.

**Energy Expert (22/11/08):** What is energy? Investigate various types of energy and the different ways we can get energy for everyday living.

*\*\*this activity runs for 2 hours, so in this case the junior session is 9:30-11:30 and the senior session is 12:30-2:30\*\**

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)  
Times: 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*)  
12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds  
Venue: Ipswich State High School, 1 Hunter Street. Brassall.

Sessions are limited to 25 children so **bookings are essential!**

For more information and bookings: [www.csiro.au/SOS](http://www.csiro.au/SOS)

Or call **1300 302 649** during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.

Science on Saturday is an initiative of the Queensland Government and delivered by CSIRO