Dear Parents and Community,

Even before the students started school for 2016 a very proud group of community members were acknowledged for their efforts with the Glamorgan Vale State School 140th Anniversary Celebrations. On Australia Day the Somerset Regional Council presented the “event of the Year’ award to the organisers of last year’s event. Geoff Beattie, Keith Abraham, Gail Wendt, June Freese, Breet Freese, and Gaylene Knack were all on hand to proudly accept this honour on behalf of the community. This award was then shown to the students on parade last Friday as they were acknowledged for their role in making the event such a success. It truly was a proud moment for the school and recognition such as this certainly promotes the heart and values of our school.

We have begun the school year with 70 enrolments for 2016. This means the classes have been allocated into the following manner:

- Prep – 1: Mrs Cover
- Years 2-3: Mrs Wilson
- Years 4-6: Mr Coombs

I would like to welcome the following staff who have commenced work at our school in 2016:

- Mrs Cover: Prep – 1
- Mrs Schultz: Administration Officer
- Mrs Young: Teacher Aide

Also we welcome back Mrs Gaydon who will continue her teacher aide work in the library this year.

This year the office will be open from 8:30am – 3pm every Tuesday, Thursday and every second Friday.

Due to a number of timetable changes for 2016 we have had to shift our weekly Parade to Friday mornings.

Christian Religious Instruction will commence in week 4 of term 1. These will be conducted every Friday afternoon between 2:20 and 2:50pm. Those students in Years 1-6 who have identified a religion on their enrolment forms will automatically undertaking this program. For those who have not, and would still like to participate in the program must notify the school. We are yet to be advised of who will be conducting these lessons, however I will notify everyone once this information becomes available.

Finally, the first school bell rings at 8:55 and all students are expected to be present in their classrooms by this time. It is important that each child arrives on time each day to ensure their own education is not impeded by missing valuable instruction, and that every other student’s learning is respected and not disrupted.

Yours sincerely,

Troy Coombs
Prep/One Adventures

Thank you for helping your child/ren to acclimatize into school life. The prep/one class has been working very hard in the last week. We have had PE, Music, Dance and been to the library. We a busily learning the rules; in the playground, the classroom and how to walk from place to place quietly. Yeah! We have started learning about living and non-living things in Science. Looking at sounds, reading, sight words, spelling, position and direction, graphing, sorting and counting collections of objects and lots of other things. The preps have start learning how to write their names and the numbers up to 5. We look forward to the many more adventures we will be a part of this year.

Remember that PE and Library are on Wednesday.

Thank you for the warm welcome to Glamorgan Vale State School.

Miss Cover

Lowood Stags

‘Lowood Tarampa District Junior Rugby League
Club is Signing on players for season 2016
Juniors & Seniors welcome
Girls are able to play up to Under 12’s

Questions please call Michelle: 0422 768 239 or Kathy: 0417 723 775

If you want to come down and have a look, training is Tuesday and Thursday’s at Lowood Recreational Grounds, Lindemans Road Lowood from 4pm.

We also accept Get Started vouchers
Our School Review – An opportunity to have your say
Our school is scheduled for a school review on Thursday 25th February and Friday 26th February.
The department of education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the School Improvement Unit.
The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.
All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to the parents and the community on the school’s website.
As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from the school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.
Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential.
If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au
Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

Student Resource Scheme
If you have signed permission for your child to participate please remember that payment is due ASAP. This can be done as a whole or in part payments. Direct debit details are as follows BSB: 064 417 A/C 10728980. If your child is not participating you need to supply the necessary stationery for your child to use.

Head lice
We have cases of head lice reported. Please check your child’s head regularly and treat as needed.

Canberra Trip
This year the students in Years 5 & 6 will be given the opportunity to travel to Canberra for a week. We plan to travel to Canberra from Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July. This is essentially week 1 in term three. At this stage we are still finalising the cost and itinerary but we need to know numbers as soon as possible, so that bookings can be made. At this stage we are looking at approximately $1000 but we usually get the cost down with fundraising and P & C support. If your child is interested in attending can you please complete the expression of interest below and return immediately to the school.

Expression of Interest – Canberra 2016

My child ______________________________ is / is not interested in attending the trip to Canberra on July 25th – 29th 2016.

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Parent Signature
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