Dear Parents and Community,

After the latest round of NAPLAN results were delivered to students in the past fortnight, I am sure there were a number of very happy and proud parents. Unfortunately the small cohort of Year 5 students prevents me from publicly celebrating the achievements of those students, but rest assured as a group they have done our school proud. The results I am able to share are the outstanding achievements of Year 3 cohort for 2015. In the table below you can see how our students on average have compared to ‘Like Schools’ and to all ‘State Schools’ in Queensland. We have outperformed all Like Schools and State Schools in Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

This is an excellent achievement for our students and a great reward for all the hard work and effort of the staff and students alike. The staff at Glamorgan Vale State School are all dedicated to harnessing the potential of every student at our school, and they will do everything they can to provide each student the opportunity to produce their best. And as you can see from the results below we have an outstanding team of staff who are delivering an excellent foundation in each student’s education from Prep to Year 6.

The most outstanding piece of data in the table below is the amount of top performing students in the top 2 Bands of Achievement. We have over half of our Year 3 cohort in the top 2 Achievement Bands for Reading and nearly half of the cohort in the top 2 bands for Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. This is truly one of our best results for a student cohort and this continued improvement is consistent with our NAPLAN successes over the past 6 years.

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It is then no surprise to learn that our enrolments grew 24% from the end of 2014 to the beginning of 2015, despite losing two grade levels to high school at the end of 2014. This shows that not only does our school have a great reputation for student behaviour but we also have a great reputation for delivering outstanding academic results. Everyone should be proud of the achievements of our school!
A big thank you to Nicole Carling and her family for the wonderful garden they have planted next to A Block. That garden has needed to attention for a while now and it is pleasing to see how this has brightened it up. As a new family to the school this year their contribution has been greatly appreciated especially in the lead up to the Combined Country Fair and 140th Anniversary.

Footwear

A requirement of Glamorgan Vale’s Uniform and Dress code is that closed in shoes are worn at all times at school. The main purpose of this requirement is a component of maintaining student safety. It has come to our attention recently that some students are wearing football shoes with tags to school. This is definitely not acceptable footwear. This poses a danger for two reasons:

1. Endangering the safety of other students during play time
2. It is unsafe for the wearer to negotiate any other walking areas that are not primarily on a grassy oval

Boots with tags are not designed for wearing on carpet, concrete or wooden floor areas.

In the future any child who attends school wearing such boots will have their parents contacted so that they can provide appropriate footwear.

Don’t forget this Sunday 23rd August at 8:00am, the P & C will be hosting a Working Bee in preparation for the Country Fair in just over two weeks. This will be an opportunity to improve the overall presentation of the school on the big day.

Yours sincerely,

Troy Coombs
Book Week 2015

This year our annual celebration of books and reading focuses on the 2015 Book Week theme of “Books light up our world”. Classes have been looking at the shortlisted books in the various CBCA Book of the Year Award categories as examples of high quality contemporary literature. We are encouraging students to use either the theme or shortlisted books or book characters as their inspiration behind their costume for our Book Week Parade to be held on Wednesday, 2nd September.

To keep this activity aligned with curriculum studies we are using this criteria to enable students to really research and study the characters and storylines vying for this year’s awards. Each classroom has laminated posters of the shortlists applicable to their age group. Mrs Mayne will be using her classroom sessions to introduce as many books as possible to them as well. Students are encouraged to google the books and/or authors for inspiration as well as look at what copies we have in the Library.

Our School awards will for each class comprise:

- Most innovative interpretation of the theme “Books light up our world”
- Best depiction of a book or character from a shortlisted book
- Most creative use of recycled materials in a costume

Please carry the book or sign with book title/character on the day. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Student of the Week

Well done Brylee, Kayne, Nash, Caitlyn and Jet.
Tuckshop Reminder

Please be reminded that all orders and payment are due by Wednesday 3pm of that Tuckshop week. Orders can be placed in the P&C box in the play shed. Please do not give orders to the teachers as Tuckshop is P&C run.

Combined Country Fair & 140th Anniversary

The Country Fair and 140th Anniversary will be a combined celebration held at the school grounds on Saturday the 5th of September.

Street Parade

The day will begin at 9.30am with a street parade featuring current students, past students, vintage cars, bullock team, horse and carts, pipe bands plus more. Current students are welcome to walk in the parade and will be required to assemble at the hall at 9.00am dressed in full school uniform if they want to participate.

Opening Ceremony

Following the Parade there will be an official opening ceremony the students will be performing songs for the crowd to enjoy. Luncheon will be provided for our invited guests and older past students. This will conclude the official part of the day.

Fireworks

This is the first time in Glamorgan Vale areas History that there will be a Fireworks display. The display has been kindly supported by the Lowood- Fernvale Bendigo Bank. The fireworks will begin at 7.30pm. It’s an exciting event for the school and the area. Entertainment in the evening will also be provided by ‘Small Town Band’

Volunteers Needed

This is the major fundraiser for the year. All proceeds from the Fair go back to the students for resources such as computers, library books and buses for excursions so this impacts your child. We are appealing for help to make the day a success.

As this is a major P&C event volunteers are always welcomed and needed for Friday setup, on the Saturday at the stalls or food van and on Sunday for the cleanup. We are a small school so every offer of help is vital. In the past we have had a roster system to make it fair on all volunteers.

Attached to this Roundup is the roster, each family has been rostered on to help out, check your time slot if this is unsuitable advise me ASAP by filling out the form below so I can make adjustments.

Included in this roundup is a volunteer form. Please only fill it out if you are unavailable on the day or unable to help at a given time and place in the P&C box in the play shed.
Country Fair Volunteer Form – Inability or Limited Availability

- I will be unable to assist with the running of this year’s Country Fair on Saturday, 5 September
- I am only available between ______________ and ______________ to assist with the running of the Fair

Name: Contact No:

Multi-draw Raffle

The Multi-draw Raffle is a major fundraiser before and on the day. Each family has been supplied with a book of 20 raffle tickets to sell and more tickets are available from Fionna Hollier. Tickets will also be sold on the day. First prize is a Bicycle donated by Shane Neumann. If you have any donations for the raffle please leave them at the school. Raffle tickets have gone home continue to sell them and more are available from Fionna. All raffle tickets must be returned to the P&C box in the play shed by no later than Thursday 3rd of September whether sold or unsold. This is a multi-draw raffle with multiple prizes including a bike and hampers.

Rides

As in the past Ride Armbands will be available for purchase prior to the Country Fair for $25 each or $30 on the day. This entitles you to unlimited rides on the day, access to the baby animal farm and face painting. Some of the rides this year will include a Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Thunder Dome, Merry-Go-Round, Squirt the Fire Truck, Wally Inflatable Worm and Bucking Bull. We have 9 rides this year. Individual ride tickets will be available for $3.00 each, or if your child intends to go on 10 or more times an armband purchased before the day is more economical. The Arm Bands are great value at only $30.00. However, if you pre-order and pay for them before the day they are discounted to only $25.00. To order your arm bands please fill out the form below with the appropriate money included and place it in the P&C Letterbox by Thursday morning 3rd September.

Country Fair Rides Arm Band Pre-Order Form

| Number of Rides Arm Bands ordered | ______________________ |
| Total cost at $25 each            | ______________________ |

Please ensure correct money is included with the Order Form

Name: Contact No:

Name of children to received Arm Bands

Memorabilia

Calling for any memorabilia to display at the Country Fair. If you have any old photos of school times or antique school items such as slates, ink wells, etc or items from the past we would love to have them on display on the day. Please contact Fionna on the above number for more information.

Stalls

If you or someone you know is interested in having a stall please contact Fionna Hollier on the above number. We would like them to be there from 11am to 3pm. A site fee of $20.00 will be required on the day. You will also be required to provide a Certificate of Currency before the day for insurance purposes.
140th Anniversary Dance

To begin the week of 140th festivities the Hall Committee will be holding a dance at the Community Hall on Saturday, 29th August. Entertainment for the evening is Technic Tone. The dance begins at 8.00pm with a great supper available. Entry: Adults $10, High school students $8 and primary students free.

Working Bee

Reminder this Sunday is the working bee. In order to have the School looking its best for the Fair we are holding a working bee on Sunday August 23rd from 8.00am onwards. At this stage we have a list of jobs that require attention so if you can spare an hour or two any help is appreciated on the day as we work towards making the Country Fair a success. Light refreshments will be available.

Setup

Beginning the weekend of the 29th and 30th of August we will begin setting up the tents, again any help is appreciated.

Tennis

The school is fortunate enough to have qualified tennis coach attend each Thursday alternating morning and afternoons. Lessons are a very reasonable $9.00. If you are interested in your child attending see Lin Gaydon for more information.

Important dates:

- Next Country Fair meeting is Thursday 20th of August
- 140th Anniversary Dance at the Community Hall is Saturday 29th August at 8pm featuring entertainment by Technic Tone.

Combined Country Fair & 140th Anniversary is 2 weeks away!!
2016 Year 7 Enrolments
Lowood State High School

If you are interested in enrolling your student for 2016 you will need to collect an enrolment pack from your school office and then book an enrolment interview.

Interviews for 2016 Year 7 enrolments will be held on:

- Saturday, 22nd August—9am to 2pm
- Monday 24th August—2.30pm to 5pm
- Saturday, 29th August—9am to 2pm
- Saturday, 5th September—9am to 3pm

To book an interview please access our website on www.lowoodshs.eq.edu.au then follow the link 2016 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews on the homepage under quick links

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 5427 8383
Little Athletics

The Mt Tarampa Little Athletic Centre is starting its 2015-16 season with the first sign on day on August 28th at the little athletic oval at 4:30pm.

Events will commence on September 4th.

Competition and training is every Friday at 4.30pm until the end of March.

We also have tiny tots for 3 and 4 year olds.

Any child interested in athletic events from under 6-17 are welcome regardless of ability.

Children are trained in the correct technique for each event.

Come and join us for family, fun and fitness.

Contact Verna Smith – 5462 1498
Somerset
WINTER WILDLIFE FESTIVAL
Memorial Park, Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale
9:30 - 16:00 | SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2015 | GOLD COIN DONATION
Come to our fun filled family day and learn more about wildlife

We have a entertaining day with lots of family activities planned:

- interactive wildlife displays
- selfies with wildlife
- interesting talks
- local community group and wildlife group displays
- face painting
- family races and games
- a special visit from Blazer Bear (RFB)
- tasty food and drinks
- plenty of chances to talk to wildlife and community volunteers about what they do in your community
- and more...

This fantastic wildlife awareness day is being hosted by Somerset Regional Council, F.A.U.N.A. and A.R.R.O.W. and all proceeds from the day go to support local wildlife rescue and rehabilitation volunteers.

For more information, please visit swwf.com.au

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To make the Country Fair a success we call on the community and businesses for sponsorship and donations. The following is a list of those who have contributed so far to this year’s Country Fair.

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