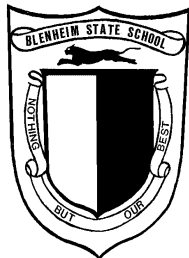


Blenheim State School
NEWSLETTER

Climbing high - in quest of success



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Strength

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From the Principal



Welcome back for another term. First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students of Blenheim State School for making my first few days here so enjoyable. I foresee a great term ahead working with such wonderful people.

Just a bit of information about myself: I was a teacher at Laidley District State School for 5 ½ years and have taught Years 4 to 7. My wife and I moved to Laidley 8 years ago when she was transferred to Laidley District State School. I was a late starter to university and have thoroughly enjoyed my years teaching. Before teaching I had a range of jobs including house painting, working on horse studs and working in the dairy industry. I see this next step in my career as principal as an exciting and challenging one.

Choral Fest 2009

Today those students who are in the combined schools choir will be receiving a letter and permission/medical form in relation to Choral Fest 2009 which will take place on the 3rd of August at Ipswich State High School Hall. These forms need to be returned ASAP.

MS Readathon

There's still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon. Due to popular demand the reading period for the 30th MS Readathon has been extended, students can now read for any 30 day period during the months of June, July or August. Here's how to get involved: Click online for free registration and receive a free MS Readathon wristband. Read books during the months of June, July or August. Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific prizes.

*Russel Sweeper
Principal*

P&C NEWS

**Next Meeting 20 July 4pm
All Welcome!**

From the Department of Education and Training

Keep children at home if they are sick

As school resumes for Term 3, parents are being urged to keep their children home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Queensland now has more than 1600 confirmed cases of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

Symptoms of human swine flu are similar to seasonal influenza and include a fever, cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills.

Queensland Health says one of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

If children are sick the best thing to do is keep them away from school and other events such as socials and sporting carnivals. This might mean that some children will miss interstate and other planned school trips.

People generally have to be mindful that there are some who are more at risk from swine flu so those who are sick need to do the right thing and stay at home from school and work.

School closures remain an option in very limited circumstances but the likelihood of disruption during the new school term has lessened.

Queensland is now in the "protect" phase in managing the influenza outbreak and parents need to be aware that while most people who contract the flu are making rapid and full recovery, some who are particularly vulnerable need to seek medical help at the onset of flu-like symptoms.

The essence of the "protect" phase is to concentrate on the early treatment of those in the community who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus.

Those identified as being vulnerable include pregnant women, Indigenous Australians,

people with respiratory disease (including asthma and COPD), heart disease, diabetes, renal and liver disease, obesity and immunosuppression.

If you have any questions regarding symptoms or illness, contact your general practitioner or call Queensland Health on 13 Health (13 43 25 84)

For education related questions, contact your school principal. Further information is also available from the Queensland health website.

Queensland Health Swine Flu Response website:
www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/schools.asp

Specific information and advice for parents:
www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/document/s/parents_advice.pdf

Diary Dates

(Please note that these dates may change.
Notice will be given if this occurs)

- ❖ 3rd August Choral Festival day long practice at Ipswich High school.
- ❖ 3rd August Choral Festival Performance 5.30pm – 6.15pm at Ipswich High School
- ❖ 7th August Jeans for Genes day free dress (gold coin donation)
- ❖ 10th August Show holiday
- ❖ 12th August Pupil Free Day
- ❖ 21st August Ball Games Carnival at Thornton SS
- ❖ 18th September Speed Soccer Carnival Laidley Rec Grounds
- ❖ End term 3
- ❖ 5th October Term 4 starts
- ❖ 15th, 22nd, 29th, October, 5th, 12th November swimming lessons 1pm – 2pm.
- ❖ 19th October Pupil Free Day
- ❖ Friday 13th November Laidley Small School's swimming carnival Laidley Pool
- ❖ 11th December end term 4 2009

