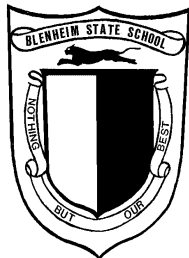


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Climbing high - in quest of success



'NOTHING  
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BEST'

**Strength**

**Persistence**

**Achievement**

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From the Principal



Here we are at the **end of Term 3** and it is at this time that the end of the school year starts to loom large in our minds.

Representatives from Laidley State High School and Lockyer District High School visited the school today to speak to Year 6 & 7 students about life at high school.

I am pleased to announce that due to the increase in enrolments at the school, Central Office has allocated **an extra two days per week of teacher hours** to us, commencing in Term 4. This extra allocation will be taken up by **Kathy Foster**, who will now be working at the school 4 days per week. As Kathy is familiar with the learning programs and procedures of our school, it will allow for a seamless transition to the new teaching arrangements. This allocation is only for Term 4 and will not carry over into 2009.

The **Ball Games Carnival** has been **rescheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. We hope the weather will be pleasant and that parents will come along to cheer on the Blenheim competitors!



Our **online chat** with author Christobel Mattingley was very interesting. We discussed her latest book, *Chelonia Green, Champion of Turtles*. The students are now discovering other novels written by this prolific author. Unfortunately, Jackie French was unable to conduct her online chat due to family illness. We hope the opportunity to have the chat with her will arise in the future.



The Speed Soccer Carnival will be bigger than ever with 94 teams competing. We look forward to a very enjoyable and active end to Term 3. Students are to be at the Laidley Recreation Grounds by 9am.



**ENROL NOW FOR 2009  
PREP TO YEAR 7**

*Best wishes  
Sandra Duncalfe  
Principal*

## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results**

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers.

Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact the principal.

## **The Big Picasso Adventure**

On Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> September the big kids (Years 5 -7) met opposite the Pioneer Village in Laidley. We waited patiently for our ride to the Rosewood Train Station. Unfortunately when it arrived the bus was smaller than we

expected. Ms Foster asked the 'nice' driver if this was our bus to Rosewood. The man said yes, but that we would not all fit in. He called the company for another bus to take us to Rosewood station. Then he shut the door on Ms Foster and left for Rosewood station. Ms Foster decided to use all the parents that were waiting to ferry us to Rosewood or we would have missed the train to Roma Street. (Thank you parents!)

We arrived at South Brisbane station all pumped and psyched up about getting closer to the Museum of Modern Art. We arrived at the Picasso Exhibition and entered the building like Blenheim Panthers do. We entered the first room with curiosity. In the first room were photographs taken of Picasso and his studio. The second room was like a mixture of different styles and artists. We found a painting that was the original of a poster we have in our classroom.

There were paintings of men, animals, houses and blobs but they still made good paintings.

The next room was drawings of naked women and men done by Picasso and other artists. Some of the boys thought they were artists and drew some pictures into their books to see if they were better than Picasso himself.

There was a room full of sculptures and masks that Picasso collected. Some of the sculptures were smaller than a finger and one of the masks was made in Australia.

Ms Foster's favourite room was collage and cubism room but she preferred the collage rather than the cubism paintings like some of the students.

When we finished viewing Picasso's collection we made paper sculptures and masks before we left the Museum of Modern Art and went out for lunch.

We had time to spare after lunch so we went to the Museum. We found turtles, cars, planes, animals, bugs and insects.

On the way to the station we packed ourselves into glass elevator, which was quite a tight squeeze.

We arrived back at Pioneer Village, and after a long journey home we were all worn out, but the adventure was fantastic.

*Written by Shannyn Heteraka-Pope and Angelique Asselin*



## Diary Dates

- ◆ 19<sup>th</sup> September Speed Soccer Laidley Rec Grounds and end Term 3
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> October Term 4 begins
- ◆ October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> School Camp for the whole school cost **\$25 per student**
- ◆ **10<sup>th</sup> October Ball games carnival Thornton SS**
- ◆ Swimming lessons Laidley Pool:  
9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> October  
6<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Cost yet to be finalised.
- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> October Pupil Free Day

- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> November Small School's Swimming Carnival Laidley Pool
- ◆ 12<sup>th</sup> December end Term 4

## Community Notices

### Laidley Blue Light Discos

The date for the next disco is:

◆ 19/9/08

Junior 4.30 – 6.30pm

Senior 7.30 – 10.30pm

Cost \$5

@ Laidley Cultural Centre



### Bedwetting

A new DVD based program, *Bedwetting Cured*, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret 'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free *Bedwetting Fact Sheet* please visit the website:

[www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au](http://www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au)

or phone 1300 135 796

No matter the price, no matter how new, the best safety device in the car is YOU!

**Happy Holidays Stay Safe**