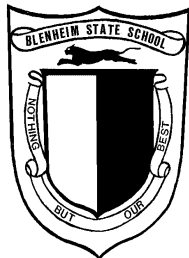


Blenheim State School
NEWSLETTER

Climbing high - in quest of success



'NOTHING
BUT
OUR
BEST'

Strength

Persistence

Achievement

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From the Principal

It is with much excitement that I report the success of our application for **\$50 000** funding through the **National School Pride** program. As detailed in a previous newsletter, these funds will enable the installation of lights on the tennis court; upgrades to classrooms, amenities block and seating in the school grounds; installation of a changeable sign.



The school staff wish to **thank all families for making alternative arrangements for their children** on the day of the teacher strike. We understand the inconvenience that is caused by such an event and assure you that such decisions are not taken lightly.

All families should have received a letter detailing the procedures which have been put in place by Education Queensland should a confirmed case of **Swine Flu** occur at the school. Please keep this letter for future reference. If your child has not given this letter to you and is unable to find it, a copy can be obtained from the school.

National Simultaneous Storytime

took place at 11am today. This means that schools all over Australia read the Jackie French story *Pete the Sheep* at the same time. The students made finger puppets and sheep face masks to accompany the reading and extend their learning from this activity.



Last night I attended the **Laidley Cluster Chaplaincy Coffee & Dessert** function accompanied by Annette and Michael Slape, Kathy Foster, Pippa Bonson, Joanne Seng and Maureen McKinlay. The 200 people who attended were well entertained by the Miner Chords barbershop chorus and enjoyed a delicious supper of home baked treats. We heard inspiring stories from local families about the positive impact their school chaplain provided in their time of need. In recognition of the valuable service Phil Bryce performs for our school community, **the P&C has decided to match the Student Council donation of \$200.** This is very welcome news.



I wish to remind all parents/carers of the need for **extreme care** when driving in front of the school. Turning around over the double white lines is dangerous as cars often come quickly around the corner. There have been several close incidents recently. We recommend that you drive up to the hall to turn around.



Best wishes
Sandra Duncalfe
Principal

State Education Week 1 – 6 June 2009

This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary.

Families are invited to visit the **cluster display at Plainland Shopping Centre during the morning of Thursday 4 June**. The combined Forest Hill/Blenheim choir will be performing at their first public function.



State Education Week 2009 will wrap up on Queensland Day, Saturday 6 June, with two spectacular performances of *Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage*. The dynamic two-hour variety show will involve more than 2500 state school students performing at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland.

For more information visit:
www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html

Ryan/Bichel Athletics Day 11 June 9:30am. Students in Ryan should wear a red shirt and those in Bichel a blue shirt.

The P&C will have a **Sausage Sizzle and drinks for sale, all \$1.50 each**. No pre-orders are needed, just bring or send money on the day. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer for their team.



Under 8s Day 12 June @ Gatton State School. Lots of fun for all students in Mrs Slape's class. Details to come.



Noleen Schultz (our local school nurse) will be offering parents the opportunity to do the **Triple P Parenting Course** at Laidley District State School over 3 sessions in June: June 5, 12 and 19. The course is free and will take about 90 mins, starting at 9am. Please contact Sally Picker, the school Guidance Officer for more information.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2009
Between 11 May and 21 August Anna Bligh is challenging all Queensland children to **read or experience 20 books** – that can include **listening to stories, shared reading or reading picture books**. Every student who meets the challenge will receive a certificate.

Our school has registered for this event as our students do nightly home reading and should easily reach the target. It could be combined with the MS Readathon which takes place in June. Please continue to support the children in their reading development. **If the school has 100% participation, we could be eligible for prizes.**



Research: Parent's Interest in Parenting Programs
The Parenting and Family Support Centre

(PFSC) at the University of Queensland are currently conducting research into parents' thoughts and interest in participating in parenting programs. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-10 to complete a survey based study and watch a short video about Triple P. The study is available online at:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>.

Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email:

faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au or Ph:

3365 7307).

For Tender

Grandchester State School has a number of items for tender from 8am Monday May 25th – 12pm Friday May 29th. These items include: Uniden Cordless Phone (with additional handset), Uniden WDECT Cordless phone (with additional handset), H.P. Office Jet all in one fax/scanner/copy, shade shelter, large coloured scatter cushions and numerous bookshelves of various sizes. These items may be viewed at the school (under the building or in the school library) during school hours or by appointment from Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May.

All items are offered "as is" and no warranties are implied or given. The Department of Education & the Arts reserves the right not to accept the tender. Offers are to be made in writing on the provided form and delivery charges and removal are to be borne by buyer. All items must be paid for and collected by COB Monday June 1st.

TENDERS CLOSE 12PM FRIDAY 29TH MAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR AND COLLECTED BY COB MONDAY JUNE 1ST. For further information please contact the Grandchester State School on 5465 5261.

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P&C NEWS

Remember to bring your money for the **sausage sizzle** at the **Ryan/Bichel** day on 11 June. Tasty sausage in bread with

tomato or barbecue sauce and **drinks** will sell for **\$1.50 each**.



Next Meeting 15 June 4pm

Diary Dates

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

- ❖ **11th (change of date)** June Inter-House sports day Blenheim SS
- ❖ **12th** June Under 8's day @ Gatton State School
- ❖ **19th** June 9.30 Arts Council Blenheim Hall. Cost \$6 per student or \$15 for family with 3 or more. Performance is titled "Thoughts have feelings too"
- ❖ **25th** June Laidley District Small School's Athletics Carnival Laidley Rec Grounds
- ❖ **26th** June end term 2
- ❖ **13th** July Pupil Free Day
- ❖ **14th** July begin term 3
- ❖ **3rd** August Choral Festival day long practice at Ipswich High school.
- ❖ **3rd** August Choral Festival Performance 5.30pm – 6.15pm at Ipswich High School
- ❖ **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