As we commence week two the students are all already busy across all facets of our school curriculum. In English the students are working with Miss Harper and Miss England on fairy tales, Fables and short stories. The students are enjoying unpacking these genres and will commence writing their own in the coming weeks. Our philosophy lessons are progressing well with the students exploring the concepts of open and closed questions. A "talking ball" is used during these lessons whereby the student who has the floor must be in possession of the ball. This concept has been a little challenging for some students with them wanting to share their opinions immediately. It has been interesting observing these lessons and seeing the students adapt to a different classroom discourse. Please ask your children about their philosophy lessons.

Last week Keith Ricks from Education Queensland visited our school to finalise our plans for the National School Pride component of the BER. The final projects will be internal refit to the lower classroom with new carpet, internal painting and audiovisual inclusions. Three shade sails will be constructed over the synthetic grass area to allow this learning area to be used at all times of the day and finally the construction of a new flagpole area. The total cost of these three projects is $50k and should be finalised by the end of February 2010. Please do not hesitate in contacting the school if you would like any further information on these projects. I will be discussing the project in its entirety at our next P&C meeting in November.

Please note in your diaries that Monday next week, the 19th of October is a pupil free day. This day will be used by our staff to finalise planning for term four and our end of year presentation.

School will recommence as normal on Tuesday the 20th of October.

Have a wonderful week

~ Demosthenes ~
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE DATES FOR 2009
2nd Friday of every month at 6.30pm
at Lundavra State School

13th November
8th December
(Christmas Service)

NEW PARENT RESOURCES – ACHIEVING WITH LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.

A new suite of parent resources, Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy, has been developed to assist parents with their children’s literacy and numeracy skills.

The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling.

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages.

The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher.

The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to the difficulty we have faced in accessing a photographer, this year school photos will be ordered through a pre-paid system.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is an leaflet on the packs available along with an order form. Please complete the order form and return to school by next Thursday, the 22nd of October.

School photos will be taken on the following Wednesday, the 28th of October.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the process.
The 2010 Queensland state school calendar is now available at: www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews

Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January.

For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December*.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 19 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 26 November.

State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: Friday 22 January, Monday 25 January, Monday 12 April, Monday 12 July, and Monday 18 October.

*Parents of students in rural and remote areas are reminded that the school year finishes one week earlier in these schools than in other state schools. Please check with your local state school for details.

Queensland state school term dates are available by telephoning Education Queensland on (07) 3237 1363 or via the Department’s website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

PLEASE FIND YOUR COPY OF THE 2010 CALENDAR ATTACHED TO THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER

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**This drink is so thick and frothy it could be eaten as a dessert or snack. Choose very red strawberries for the best flavour. You could also try making different flavoured surprises by using fruits such as peaches, apricots, bananas or pineapple or flavoured yogurts. You should drink your ‘surprise’ straight away. Makes 1 cup.**

**Ingredients**
- ⅔ cup low-fat milk
- ⅓ cup low-fat strawberry yogurt
- ½ punnet strawberries
- Pinch of cinnamon

**Utensils**
- Chopping board and knife
- Measuring cups
- Blender or food processor
- Glasses to serve
Our first week of the term raced by very quickly. The countdown is already under way and there is so much to undertake in such a short time. The children have all returned with vigour and enthusiasm.

The two student teachers, Ms Harper and Ms England have introduced a few new games to the children during Smart Moves in the morning and we are going to teach them some of our favourite games.

The swimming note went out last week and thank you to those parents who have returned these. Please make sure that you return the swimming note this week. Those children needing transport to swimming will be informed of the arrangements to get them to the pool for lessons.

Last week during PE the children were introduced to another new game- the game of badminton. This is an Olympic sport although we do not hear much about it but here at Lundavra the children are very excited about it and we have some talent amongst the children. They also played volleyball which is still popular.

It was pleasing to see most of the children with water bottles last week. Keep up the good work.

Where is the rain!

Glenda Bignell

Photos From last day of Term 3