

# Newsletter

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Lundavra State School | Tuesday 1st September 2009 | Week 8 | Term 3



## Principal's Views

Better keep yourself  
clean and bright; you are  
the window through  
which you must see the  
world.  
-George Bernard Shaw

### Dates to Remember

The P&C Meeting will now be 1st  
September at 6pm

11th September  
Fit 4 Fun

18th September  
Last day of term three

### 100's CLUB—Week 3

1st— Jason Webster

2nd— Shaun &  
Suzanne Anderson

3rd— Robbie Death

Today we have been lucky enough to have a visit from five Opera Queensland Artists to perform Hansel and Gretel. The production was absolutely wonderful and allowed our students along with the visiting students from Westmar State School to experience the opera genre in an intimate and un-intimidating atmosphere. The students were given the chance to ask questions at the end of the performance.

The artists are in their second week of a 12 week tour which will take them from Newcastle in the south to Cooktown in the north. Opera Queensland's multifaceted education program, *Exploring Opera!* is designed to make opera relevant, involving and most importantly, entertaining, to school students, adults and community organisations. For over 16 years, Opera Queensland has been the principal provider of high-quality opera and music theatre productions, and a range of innovative educational activities, to Queensland schools.

There are many myths about opera and Opera Queensland's education program dispels many of these myths whilst providing wonderful entertainment and experiences to students. A common misconception is that opera is all about large women wearing horned hats singing dramatic arias. Not anymore. Singing opera requires muscle, stamina, strength and technique.

Today's opera companies not only want artists with superb voices but they want them to also look the part. Think supreme athletes – opera singers are their musical cousins, without the sweat and liniment. The five artists that we were fortunate enough to host today certainly illustrated the magic of opera to our students. I would like to thank Kellie Kremmer, the Opera Queensland Education Advisor for working the small schools of the Macintyre cluster into the 2009 tour.

The opera does not usually visit groups of less than 150 students; hence we have been very fortunate to be given access to today's performance. It is wonderful in a time of cost cutting and downsizing of many rural and remote arts programs to see a first grade opera company catering for students in non-metropolitan areas.

Discuss today's opera with your children to find out their opinions of this wonderful art form. I believe that opera provides more emotive moments than any other musical art form. Although today's was an opera designed for performance in schools, all audience members from prep students to staff and visiting adults were enthralled by the sets, costumes, piano playing and vocal performance and we look forward to continuing our relationship with this wonderful Queensland arts company.

*M. Taylor*

**Wanted – one million women**

Daughters, mothers, sisters and grandmothers – do your bit to protect our climate and bring about change by joining the 1 Million Women campaign.

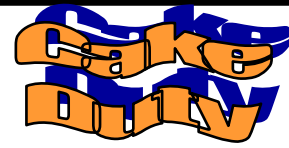
The 1 Million Women campaign was launched in Queensland at Parliament House by Premier Anna Bligh and Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, Kate Jones in mid-June.

The campaign goal is to inspire one million Australian women to take practical action on climate change by cutting one million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2).

Women can pledge online at [www.1millionwomen.com.au](http://www.1millionwomen.com.au) to cut carbon pollution by committing to low carbon activities around food, shopping, transport, and travel.

Each activity is linked to a reduction in CO2, allowing women to select a range of activities which they can add up to a total CO2 reduction of 1 tonne.

Queensland has a target to sign up at least a quarter of the 1 million women (250,000) – so if you haven't already pledged to get involved, go online today at: [www.1millionwomen.com.au](http://www.1millionwomen.com.au)



**September 2nd**

**ZELLERS**

**September 9th**

**GUINEY**

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once.

~Lillian Dickson

# Westmar State School

INVITES YOU TO HELP CELEBRATE  
 "THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF FAIRY TALES AND  
 NURSERY RHYMES UNDER 8'S DAY".



**Date:** Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Venue:** Westmar State School

**Time:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Jumping Castle**

**Face painting**

**Police Visit**

**Arts and Crafts**

**Fairy tale activities**

**Ambulance Visit**



## From the Sports Desk, with Glenda Bignell

The term is flying past and another week at Lundavra saw the children move back to the beach volleyball area for a game last Friday.

We are seeing some good skills from some children and unfortunately there was a bit of sand throwing which saw the game come to a smart finish and five minutes for everyone on the bench to cool down.

A final reminder for all Jump Rope money to be sent along to school so this can be finalised and sent off to the Heart Foundation. Thank you for your support in this worthwhile fundraiser. Lundavra School will keep 10% of the total money raised.

It was pleasing to hear that the St Mary's Shield day was another great event and a wonderful opportunity for the children from the small schools to compete in a choice of team events.

As the weather heats up and Spring is in the air, this is a reminder to send along a water bottle with your children each day.

Keep cool and drink plenty of water,

Glenda Bignell

GJRLFC Presentation Day is on Saturday the 19th September at 5pm at the Football Clubhouse. BBQ for all players, parents are a gold coin donation. All trophies and photos will be presented today. Sponsors welcome.

Thank you very much  
Debbie Creevey  
GJRLFC Registrar  
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# We love Prep

## Have you enrolled?

Prep is the first year of school. It develops children's independence and prepares them for Year 1.

Children will do lots of fun things to help them learn – play, draw, paint, build with blocks and story tell.

Prep is five days a week and not compulsory.

Children need to be five by 30 June in the year they enrol in Prep.

To learn more about Prep at  
**LUNDAVRA STATE SCHOOL**  
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