

Newsletter

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Lundavra State School | Tuesday 13th October 2009 | Week 3 | Term 4



Principal's Views



"I think everyone should go to college and get a degree and then spend six months as a bartender and six months as a cabdriver. Then they would really be educated."

~ Al McGuire ~

Dates to Remember

- 23rd October**
Swimming
- 28th October**
School Photos
- 30th October**
Swimming
- World Teachers Day
- 6th November**
Swimming
- 10th November**
P&C Meeting
6.30pm
- 13th November**
Swimming
- Church Service 6.30pm
Lundavra State School
- 19th November**
Prep Induction Day
- 20th November**
Swimming
- 26th November**
Prep Induction Day
- 27th November**
Small Schools Swimming
Carnival

The pupil free day with which we commenced week three, gave our staff a chance to confirm planning and assessment for the remainder of the 2009 academic year and reflect on results and our practice to ensure we are offering a constantly improving level of education and experiences for all students at Lundavra State School.

On Thursday and Friday last week I was a delegate on the 2009 Warwick Administrators Road Trip. This professional development program is an initiative allowing principals from across the Warwick district to gain first hand experience in best practice from other schools throughout south east Queensland. This year we visited two small schools between Warwick and Ipswich to see their curriculum in action and at Warra View their agriculture program where they grow their own produce for use within their hospitality component of their curriculum. Our visit to the Tennyson Special School gave all delegates an insight into this worthwhile facility which offers tailored support from students from across the state who have special behaviour needs. On Friday we visited Greenslopes State School where I was much impressed with their program initiated to allow the many refugee children enrolled at their school each year the best opportunity to succeed. Their ESL (English as Second Language) program was a component of the trip I found extremely informative and have returned with many resources I am looking forward to implementing in our school.

Our last stop on the trip was at the OneSchool centre within the Brisbane Technology Park at Eight Mile Plains. The OneSchool application which I have discussed in previous Principal's Views currently manages our academic reporting, NAPLAN data and behaviour records. Future releases of this program will encompass our financial reporting, invoicing and planning of excursions and camps. It was a worthwhile experience meeting the team who manage this school changing initiative and receiving first hand knowledge on future developments to ensure our school is at the forefront of pending improvements.

Please continue to encourage your children in all areas of their studies as we commence our countdown to the end of 2009.

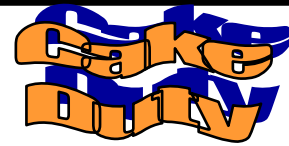
Have a great week.

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)



**October 21st
SCHOOL**

**October 28th
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**Moonie ICPA
Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

From 10.30am on Tuesday November 3rd at
the beautifully air conditioned Moonie Sports Club.



Enjoy a "gourmet food" themed day with sumptuous Australian grown food, a complimentary bubbly, sweeps, lucky spot, a great raffle, many gourmet food stalls and much more.

(Organise yourself some gourmet treats for Christmas too!)

Watch the race on the big screen.

Dress in your finest to be in the running for our "Fashions on the Field" prizes whilst supporting your local ICPA branch.

\$25 per person (pre-school aged children free)

RSVP 30th Oct to Margaret Egan (4665 0230)
or Lynelle Urquhart (4662 9125)

The Isolated Children's Parent's Association
- supporting our rural/remote children's Education.

**Prep is the first year of school Children will
Learn through play
Question Investigate Tell stories Draw**

**If your child turns 5 by
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005
They are eligible to enrol in Prep at your local school in 2010**

Lundavra State School
Contact the school office on 46764139 for further enquiries



From the Sports Desk, with Glenda Bignell

The children are back into the dance mode and are busy preparing for the end of year concert. You may see them practising this at home. The children have quickly picked up the dance and it will all come together as the weeks progress.

All swimming notes are back and it is all systems go for swimming this Friday. I do hope that the night temperature is not as cool as last week and that the pool temperature can increase each day.

Please include with your child's swimming gear a jumper just in case they are cold after swimming. Do not forget to put a plastic bag in for the wet clothes.

Our student teachers, Ms Harper and Ms England will be doing some Art in the Park with the children for the hour after swimming. This will be a new experience for them.

Last Friday, we had a visit from our local Australia Post employee, Bronnie who came out to Lundavra, for the very first time. She was very impressed with our school and the children. She said she has handled the mail for our area for many years and not known where it all ended up and now she knows.

She spoke to the children about stamps and stamp collecting. She was very informative and had lots to show the children and the children showed great interest. She gave the school a copy of the 2008 Released Stamps Book to go in our library.

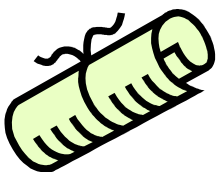
Learn to swim to keep you safe.

Glenda Bignell

**Smiling is infectious, You catch it like the "flu", When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.**

I walked around the corner, And someone saw me grin, When he smiled – I realised – I'd passed it on to him. I thought about the smile, And realised its worth: A single smile like mine, Could travel round the earth.

**So, if you feel a smile begin, Don't leave it undetected, Start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected!**



Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.

To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm

visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don't leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusive/prep/

HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009



Letter to staff members, and parents and carers of students in Queensland schools

Dear Parent, Carer or Staff Member

As you may be aware, a national program to vaccinate Australians to protect against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus, (Human Swine Flu) commenced on 30 September 2009.

The initial phase of the vaccination program is aimed at protecting people who are most vulnerable to severe complications from infection with the pandemic influenza virus. The Commonwealth, in conjunction with States and Territories, are strongly recommending vaccination for people aged 10 years and over who are in one of the following groups:

- individuals with chronic disease (eg. heart, liver, renal, lung, kidney, neurological disease)
- individuals with respiratory disease (eg. asthma)
- individuals with immunosuppression
- obese individuals with a body mass index (BMI) of over 35
- children over the age of 10 attending special schools (including students with special needs in regular school settings)
- Indigenous Australians
- pregnant women
- parents and carers of children aged between 0 - 6 months
- healthcare workers.

At this stage vaccination is only available to people 10 years of age and over. It is anticipated that the data from the clinical trials for children will be available late October. Vaccination for children will commence some time after this.

Although the focus is on protecting those in the vulnerable groups, the vaccine is available to all those wanting to protect themselves in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns about your or your child's eligibility for the vaccination, please contact your General Practitioner (GP).

I urge you to visit your local GP to receive a free vaccination to help protect against this disease. The cost of the vaccine is free, although GP's may charge a consultation fee. General Practice Queensland (GPQ) has advised that most GPs will bulk bill for consultations solely for the purpose of pandemic vaccination.

If you require further information on how to obtain the vaccine, please contact your local GP or visit the Queensland Health vaccination website <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

Yours sincerely

Dr Christine Selvey
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health

