DEAR PARENTS

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome back all those who worked with us in 2013 and a warm welcome to new families to our school. I trust that we have a positive working relationship for the benefit of your child/ren’s education.

Enrolment Many of you will be interested in a progress report on our enrolment numbers. I am pleased to inform you that we are comfortably sitting over the numbers required to re-form a fifth class.

I am conflicted about how much of our plans for transition to tell you, as there are a couple of ‘unknowns’ that may change the plans.

At this stage, we will move to new classes before the end of next week. Classes will have around 20 students with the exception of Year 6/7 which will be a little larger. As I write this note, I am informed of another Prep enrolment, so it is difficult for me to confirm the class mix, but it is increasingly looking like we will have a Prep-1, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5 and 6-7. Any change to this will be in the lower school. There will be a separate note on the final class arrangements next week.

Behaviour You may have noted in the news that there are changes to the way behaviour is managed in schools. These changes will only affect a very small number of students and relate to severe or persistent misconduct. The main change that may affect our students is the length of suspensions where the appeal process has changed. It is unlikely that this school will undertake weekend detentions. There will be more detail communicated to P&C and the whole school community shortly. Our school is also implementing the changes around ‘CASEY’ and school wide expectations. If you have not seen the brochure detailing these changes, please contact the office or check the school’s website.

Extra Funding A recent announcement indicated that state schools will be receiving a special grant – for the lower school, to improve outcomes. Our grant is generous, but we are required to submit a plan on how we will use the funds which – we will attend to this, as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking is available for all students through the school office with The Commonwealth Bank.

Parents can apply to open a Youthsaver account either by

- Online-existing Commonwealth customers only
- In branch
- Over the phone-13 2221 or
- Application form- through the school office

If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

As offered last year, Year 1 to Year 7 students will be able to attend RI as from Wednesday February 12. The approved curriculum is an engaging and relevant way for students to explore the Christian Faith. Children learn about ancient cultures, history, geography and archaeology.

RI teachers are accredited and trained volunteers who dedicate their time to inspire young people. A school teacher remains in the room during the RI lesson.

Further information will be sent home next week. We understand that there will be a $2 charge for a workbook.

TUCKSHOP

Thank you to all parents and students who have helped the Blue Teapot Café by placing their tuckshop order in the red box in the school office. New price lists were sent home on Tuesday. If you misplaced your price list, please contact the school office and we will be able to provide you with another one.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub brochures are with this newsletter.

If you wish to order any of these resources, please complete the order form, and send it to the school office with the correct money.

You have the option of paying with your credit card. Please follow the instructions at the bottom of the Student Order Form.

Orders and money can be placed in the yellow box in the school office by Friday February 14.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Welcome Back!
The P&C AGM will be on Monday February 17. All executive seats will be vacated and new executive will be elected.

Please come along and share a coffee, meet new friends and share new ideas.

COOMINYA PUBLIC HALL
We are in need of members.
The next meeting for the Community Hall will be on Thursday Feb 13. at 7pm.

Unfortunately if we do not get new members the Somerset Regional Council will be taking control of the hall with the complete restructure of rental agreements etc.

LOWOOD SCOUT GROUP-DO YOUR KIDS LIKE
- Camping, sailing, hiking, caving, abseiling or rock climbing?
- Orienteering, construction or knot tying?
- Learning first aid skills or geocaching?
- Open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about conservation?
- Learning survival skills, astronomy or learning bush skills?
- Learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle courses?
- Making new friends and experiencing new challenges?
- Earning badges to wear on their uniform?

Sign On Day at
Lowood Scout Group!
Address: Haslingden Park Drive, Lowood
Date: Sat 8th Feb 2014
Time: 10am – 2pm
For more info: call 0408 189 910 or email lowoodscouts@gmail.com www.scoutsqld.com.au

LOWOOD STAGS RLFC-2014 SEASON
Under 6’s through to seniors
Players and coaches needed
Come and play footy for the local team
Sign on Sunday Feb 2 10am to 2pm
Then each Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30 to 6pm
Lowood Recreational Grounds, Lindemans Rd Lowood
For more information phone Nigel 0418 469 358

BLUE TEAPOT NEWS
We have lots of specials available.
Milk-2 litres $2, 3 litres $3
Fresh bread and Bakery items
Feel free to come and check them out!

GYMNASTICS
Classes for Boys & Girls,
4/5 years old to teenagers on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.45pm also Kindergym (14mths-4years) on Wed 9.30am.
Come along; join in the fun to keep fit and healthy at the Lowood Show Hall. Gatton Sport Centre on Fridays, 9.30am for Kindergym and 3.30pm for the 4/5yr olds.
For more information call Sue on 0419 778 303 or Wouterina on 54 268 193.