DEAR PARENTS

Welcome back! It is great to see all the familiar faces and a whole stack of new ones! It is day 4 and things seem to be settling in nicely.

Many will be interested in numbers. To put it bluntly, we are about 8 students short of having 5 classes. It seems unlikely that we will see those numbers enrol in the next 5 days. After Thursday next week, extra enrolments will not have any immediate effect on the number of classes we have.

Some will have been surprised to see that we still have all our buildings. Those who have worked with the Government probably won’t be surprised. I am assured that Easter holidays is the scheduled date for removal now.

Every Day Counts Attendance rates at Coominya would not win any awards. A few years ago we offered incentives for attendance on a ‘class basis’. This year, we are offering rewards on an individual basis. Our first reward will be on Friday, February 13, with the measure made on Thursday. The benchmark is 90% attendance (up to 1 day away). The reward will be pizza pieces served on Friday 13. If your child is eligible, they will be informed, by note, on Thursday (with the newsletter). We will keep you informed of other reward days and the benchmarks required.

RULE OF THE WEEK

Our rule of the week is:
Be Responsible – Follow instructions straight away.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are a very common problem in schools everywhere. While they are not a threat to health and do not transmit disease, they do cause a lot of distress and anxiety for families and schools.

Live eggs are glued to the hair shaft within a distance of 1.5cm from the scalp. They hatch in 7-10 days as young lice.

The presence of eggs is not a reliable sign of active head lice. Eggs that are further than 1.5cm from the scalp are dead or hatched and do not need to be treated. Dead and hatched eggs can remain in the hair for several weeks.

Head lice do not jump or fly. They are spread mainly by direct head to head contact. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not live or breed on animals, bedding, furniture, carpets, clothing or soft toys. Their life cycle must be completed on the human head.

This information is from the Queensland Health Fact Sheet.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub brochures will be sent home next week.

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 Wednesday February 18.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van arrived over the holidays.

I am attaching forms for students who had not returned them last year. Please complete the form and return it to the yellow box in the office.

The Dental Technicians will be in contact with you regarding appointment times.

TUCKSHOP

The Blue Teapot offers the opportunity for all students to purchase tuckshop on Thursdays.

This year they have requested that all orders be placed in the yellow box on WEDNESDAY for Thursday lunch.

This will help with their preparation and ordering.

STUDENT BANKING

Banking is available for all students through the school office with The Commonwealth Bank. Banking will be processed every Monday at the school office.

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

Information packs will be sent home as soon as they become available. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

As offered last year, Year 1 to Year 6 students will be able to attend RI as from Wednesday February 11. 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 small charge for a workbook.

The P & C would like to welcome new families to our school and welcome back our returning families. We are hoping to see some new and familiar faces at our next P & C meeting which will be held in the library on Monday February 16 at 3:15pm.

Our AGM will be held first where all positions will be vacated. The positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be open.

P & C meetings are a great opportunity to share your ideas, become informed of what is happening in our school and meet others who share the interest of supporting our children. Please come along for a cuppa. All welcome.

SIGN ON DAY FOR LOWOOD SCOUT GROUP

Sat 7th Feb
8:30 – 11:30am
Lowood State School Oval
Prospect St, Lowood
For more information call 0407 761 348 or email lowoodscouts@gmail.com
www.scoutsqld.com.au

COOMINYA PUBLIC HALL

We would like to invite you to a Fashion Parade by Laurettes Fashion of Ningi.
When: Sunday February 8
Where: Coominya Hall
Time: 10:30am
Cost: $5
Raffles-Lucky Door Prize
Morning tea/Coffee provided
Clothes, Shoes, Bags and accessories will be on sale after the parade.
Telephone 5424 6947 or 0487 610 753 for more information.

LOST DOG

There is a lost dog in the neighbourhood. It is a black female with brown markings. If you have lost your dog or know of someone who has, please contact Arlene on 0432 562 629.

VOLUNTEER AND CLUB SIGN ON DAY

Make new friends, meet new people, take part in your community and have fun.
Saturday February 7 8:30 am to 11:30am
Lowood State School Oval, Prospect Street, Lowood

Clubs and organisations (sporting, social, cultural) in Somerset are coming together for Volunteer and Club Sign On days to demonstrate what they do and how you can take part.
For more information contact Somerset Regional Council-07 5424 4000

RONS HANDYMAN SERVICES

Do you need some odd jobs done around your home?
Mowing Painting
Gardening Self Assemblies
Gutter Cleaning Rubbish Removal
Phone Ron on 0438 739 008 or Email: ron_walker_67@hotmail.com

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!

ESK WELDING AND FABRICATIONS

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