

13th May 2009

Upcoming Events

May

- 13 Homework Club
- 14 NAPLAN Test - Numeracy- Years 3/5/7
- 15 Ball Games Carnival 9.15am
- 17 - 24th Chaplaincy Week
- 18 Regional Cross Country Competition
- 19 Teachers' Union Action
- 20 Meal Deal - **CHANGE OF DAY!!**
- 20 Homework Club
- 22 I.C.A.S. Spelling & Writing Competition entries due in
- 25 Science Show
- 27 I.C.A.S. Computer Skills Competition

June

- 5 Toogoolawah Show Visit
- 6 Toogoolawah Show
- 8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 10 Poetry Workshop - Mark Svendsen
- 17 Lower School Athletics Day
- 18 Readers Cup
- 24 Upper School Athletics Day
- 26 Last Day Term 3

I.C.A.S. COMPETITION DATES		
I.C.A.S. Competition	Date Due	Date of Competition
Computer Skills	Mon 27th April	27th May
Science	Mon 11th May	10th June
Spelling	Fri 22nd May	23rd June
Writing	Fri 22nd May	23rd June
English	Fri 26th June	4th August
Mathematics	Mon 20th July	19th August

TEACHERS' UNION ACTION

I wish to inform all parents and carers that the Queensland Teachers' Union announced on Monday 11 May that a statewide, 24-hour strike will take place in Queensland state schools on Tuesday 19 May.

This affects our school because teachers are likely to take part in this

industrial action, along with their colleagues across the state.

We will put in place special supervisory arrangements during the normal school hours on Tuesday 19 May to ensure the safety of all students, as this is our highest priority. I expect that supervision on the day

will be limited to the Teacher-Aides and myself.

Strike action is being taken in pursuit of a new salary package for teachers.

Please contact my office with any queries that you may have regarding the strike and the impact it may have for your family.

Special points of interest:

- > Teachers' Strike next Tuesday 19th May
- > Influenza A tips
- > Inter-house Ball Games carnival this Friday 9.15am
- > National Testing this week for Years 3,5,7,9
- ◆ Thursday 14th— Numeracy
- ◆ Friday 15th— Catch-up testing if away previous 3 days.

INFLUENZA A (SWINE FLU) AND HYGIENE TIPS

Queensland Health has advised it is "business as usual" for schools after the confirmation of Australia's first case of the new strain of Influenza A (otherwise referred to as Human Swine Influenza) on Saturday 9 May 2009.

Good hygiene practices while coughing or sneezing, and regular hand-washing, are major factors in preventing the spread of any infection including Influenza A.

However as parents and carers of young children, we all understand how difficult it can be to get kids to wash their hands at the correct times – and to do it properly!

A helpful information sheet about sanitary hand-washing techniques is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/health/pdfs/healthsafety/hand-wash-solutions.pdf

Wash your hands



- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry:
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After going to the toilet
- Before eating

Cover your cough



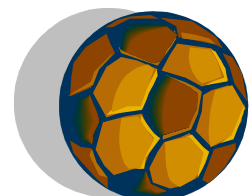
- Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use

INTER-HOUSE BALL GAMES CARNIVAL

Despite our hectic schedule this week with the National Literacy and Numeracy Testing program we are still planning to press ahead with our Ball Games Carnival this Friday morning.

Our Year 7 leaders have been working to both practice and select teams for this competition.

- Teams will comprise of no more than 10 students (including 2 reserves) for each house
- Years 11,12 & 13—boys
- Years 11,12 & 13—girls
- Years 9 & 10 - boys
- Years 9 & 10—girls
- Mixed boy and girl teams 8,7,6 & 5 Year olds



Toogoolawah Show Meal Deal

Poster Competition

To help promote our local show, students will participate in a poster competition advertising the exhibits and attractions. Winners of each year level will receive a book prize. These posters will be completed during class and may be entered into the Show poster competition.

Show Visit

Students from Prep - 7 will be travelling by bus to the Toogoolawah Show to view the exhibits and displays on Friday 5th June, 2009. Students will need to wear school uniform. This includes hat and shoes. As this is an educational visit, the students **will not** be allowed to buy food, sample bags or go on any rides.

Please Note!!!

Change of Day

Because of the Industrial Action next Tuesday, next week's Meal Deal will now be held next Wednesday 20th May instead of Tuesday.

Homework Club.

With this year's NAPLAN tests almost at an end we are changing the focus of Homework club. Any students sitting the ICAS testing this year are welcome to come along and work through the sample and practice papers we have available. All students from Year 1 to 7 are welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoons.

We can support you with your class homework or assignments as well as provide you with extra homework material to work through.

School Photos - Special Group Photos



Parents are reminded that if you wish to order Choir and Instrumental Music photos that were taken recently by Silver Rose you need to visit their website to download an order form.

INSTRUCTIONS to download order form -

The web address is:

www.silverrose.com.au

Click on **Schools** and then go to **Download Special Groups Order Form.**

Enter User Name: Groups

Password: 285023

Find our school, click on in and the order form appears.

Please contact the school if you need help with this process.

Chaplaincy News

Next week is Chappy Week from 17th - 24th of May. This is an opportunity to promote Chaplaincy and raise awareness in the school and local community to what Chaplaincy is all about. This is also an opportunity for me to say thank you to all who have supported and helped me by donating money, food and volunteering their time to help with the Breakfast Club program and Craft days.

These programs and events wouldn't have been successful without your support. To show my appreciation, I will be holding a morning tea in honour of the Families, Local Businesses, and School Community that have participated in supporting these programs. *Caroline Lowry, School Chaplain*



SCIENCE SHOW

On 25th May 2009 students from Prep to Yr 7 will attend 'Birds of Australia' - featuring the Behaviour, Habitats and Life Cycles of Birds & School Ground Bird Identification.

'Wild Man' Phillip Green is an internationally acclaimed Naturalist and Environmental Educator who presents a humorous and hyped-up indoor and outdoor show with interactive student participation.



Toogoolawah Pictures MAY MOVIE MADNESS

Sat., 16th May

7.30 - 9.20 pm

'Monsters Vs Aliens' pg



Sat., 23rd May

'Dragonball - Evolution' pg

Child to High School - \$6.00
Adult - \$8.00 Family - \$25.00
Snack Bar, Pop Corn, Hot Dogs
Alexandra Hall

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Somerset Regional Council in conjunction with Golf Queensland, are conducting a six-week introductory Ladies Golf Program across the Somerset Region. This initiative will be facilitated by PGA Professionals Paul Arnott and Tom Fielding.

Where: Lowood, Esk, Toogoolawah & Kilcoy Golf Clubs

When: Tuesdays, May 19 - June 23

Times: Lowood and Kilcoy (9.30 - 10.30)
Esk and Toogoolawah (9.30 - 10.30)

Cost: \$30 includes 6 weeks tuition and green fees

To Book: Contact Scott Aurisch on 07 5424 4000 or saurisch@somerset.qld.gov.au