From the Principal

Hi Parents,

It’s great to be back to see the familiar faces of all the students and staff. Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Matthew Taylor for acting in my position while I was away. It was lovely to come back to hear that everything ran very smoothly and that the students and staff transitioned very well. Secondly, I would like to thank the Laidley District State School for giving me the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in a different role.

As the Trivia Night is only two weeks away, I am calling out for you to support the P&C in this fundraising event. If you can support this event, please phone the school to book your table of ten (see advertisement in P&C news). It would be a real disappointment if we had to cancel this event again. All the prizes for this event have been kindly donated.

If you haven’t already noticed, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council have commenced construction work on Clarke’s Bridge. The work, under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) program will see the previous structure replaced with a ‘like-for-like’ design in accordance with the NDRRA guidelines. The new bridge will be the same width as the previous bridge but will be constructed using reinforced concrete and have longer length to suit the increased creek width. During the construction period, machinery will be utilised and earthworks will take place between the hours of 6am and 6pm Monday to Saturday. Start times may vary each day. Weather permitting, construction is due to be completed by November, 2014.

BALL GAMES CARNIVAL

This year our ball games carnival is in Week 8 (Friday 5 September). Please keep this day clear if at all possible, so that you can come and cheer on our students and help out our P&C in their fundraising efforts. Volunteers for the day would be appreciated to make rolls, man the tuckshop and package lunch orders. If you can help out, please let us know.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 11 August is a public holiday (Ekka Week) and as such, there will be no school that day. Enjoy your long weekend.
P & C NEWS:

Our Next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 12 August 2014, at 6:30pm
ALL WELCOME

FATHERS DAY
Just a reminder about the father’s day raffle which is to be drawn at the Trivia Night on 23 August. Tickets are $1.00 each. Each family has a book of 10 tickets to sell. If more tickets are needed, please contact the school office to obtain another book or two. Please have all sold and unsold tickets, along with the correct monies, back to school no later than Wednesday 20 August. All prizes are donated, so the more tickets sold, the more money raised for the P & C. to help provide resources for our students. Thankyou for your support.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The school’s Trivia Night will be held on August 23 at the Mulgowie Hall. Tables can be booked for teams of up to 10, so start getting your team together now.

SATURDAY 23rd August

Mulgowie Hall, Mulgowie

6:00pm for 6:30pm start

10 people per table

$50 / table / pre-paid or $75 / table / at the door

Step back into the 80’s theme Prizes for best dressed person and best dressed table

Thornton Mixed platters available Pre orders only $40 per platter

Fully licensed bar (no BYO)

Bookings phone Thornton State School 5466 7141
OTHER NEWS:

PICSE SCIENCE

Yesterday, students from Thornton SS joined five other schools in the Primary division of the competition at USQ in Toowoomba. Students were able to present their Science experiments and investigations to alumni at the university.

We are very proud of all of our students who participated in the day. All students were well behaved as they engaged in a hands-on science activity, had lunch or presented their science to the judges.

We were extremely proud of our two winning groups. Firstly, Chad Pollock who investigated and then explained the Rhinoceros Beetle and it’s habitat all by himself. Chad opted to work alone on this project and did a wonderful job explaining himself to the judges. Well done Chad.

Our second winning group was our Mighty Milkers—Ben Hodges, Angus Kelly and Roy Williams who were aiming to prove that milk straight from the vat was not only better for your bones but tasted better too. The boys were awarded highly commended for their efforts and great explanation of their investigation.

LOCKYER VALLEY TIPP-KICK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams from 11 of our Lockyer schools participated in this year’s Tipp-Kick Championships in the Gatton State School hall on Wednesday 23rd July. It was great to welcome Blenheim and Thornton to our competition for the first time.

Tipp-Kick is a popular form of table soccer played in Germany. The game is played on a mat set up like a soccer pitch, and uses a 2-coloured 14 sided ball. Each team consists of 2 players (kicker and goalie).

As usual all games were hotly contested. After the round robin session, the top 4 teams went onto the semi-finals. Both the semis and finals were closely fought, with eventual winners being Grantham. Helidon were runners-up, with Gatton A third and Glenore Grove fourth. Grantham and Helidon will now represent the Lockyer Valley at the State championships in August.

A big thank you to Wippell’s Motors for once again supporting our competition and providing some of the prizes. Thank you also to Mr Burke, Principal at Gatton SS, for presenting the prizes. And most importantly, thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to transport their children and watch the competition. We would be unable to run the day without your support.

Val Newell & Fiona Chapman

German teachers

FIRE EDUCATION PRESENTATION

On Monday 25 August the Laidley Fire Brigade will be visiting our school in the morning to talk to the students and staff about fire safety.
**SPORT NEWS**

Last Friday we had five students represent the Laidley Valley Cluster of schools at the athletics held in Laidley. All students did exceptionally well to reach this level and should be very proud of their efforts.

From this event, a big congratulations goes to the following students who have made it through to the Metropolitan West Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Q.E. II Stadium on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 August.

Laura Carniel in 80m/100m sprints, 200m and long jump, Elise Brooks in 800m and Eliza Carniel in long jump.

Well done to all of these competitors and we wish you the very best of luck.

**School Awards:  Weeks 2 & 3**

**Junior:**
- **Student of the Week:** Scarlett Brooks (week 2) Rick Pollock (week 3)
- **English:** Penny Taber (week 2) Damien Jones (week 3)
- **Maths:** Jett Emmerson (week 2) Blaze Moran (week 3)
- **Art:** Penny Taber (week 2) Charlotte Moss (week 3)
- **PE:** Scarlett Brooks (week 3)
- **Music:** Lachlan Litfin (week 3)
- **History:** Darcy Kelly (week 2) Chad Pollock (week 3)
- **Science:** Joe Foxlee (week 2)

**Senior:**
- **Student of the Week:** Isabella Brooks (week 2) Roy Williams (week 3)
- **Music:** Archer Moss
- **PE:** Sydney Jones
- **History:** Eliza Carniel (week 2) Noah Emmerson (week 3)
- **Art:** Sydney Jones (week 2) Isabella Brooks (week 3)
- **Literacy:** Georgia Skelton (week 2) Elise Brooks (week 3)
- **Maths:** Laura Carniel (week 2) Ben Hodges (week 3)