It has become very noticeable lately that we have quite a number of children who regularly arrive late to school.

This can cause all sorts of problems as attendance rolls have been marked, notes and payments already sent to the office and preparation for lunch orders already commenced by the canteen.

Late arrival at school is often embarrassing or uncomfortable for the student, an interruption to the teacher and a disruption to the learning time of other students.

Generally speaking, the first learning session is one of the most important in relation to children’s functioning ability (eg. alertness) and is when we focus on literacy including reading, spelling, writing, grammar and punctuation.

Literacy is the foundation to all academic success at school. Being able to read in particular is often the difference between successful and not so successful outcomes in all other learning areas including Mathematics.

We expect all children to be at school by the first bell at 8:50am.

Classrooms are open at this time and teachers and students are busy completing housekeeping tasks including completing the roll. Students are expected to be organising their day ahead.

By 9:00am we expect everyone to be participating in the first teaching session.

Our whole school expectation is to be at school, on time ready to learn, every day.

The important message here for parents is that every time your child is late for school it is costing your child a learning experience, as well

Happy Kids = Healthy Kids! Are You Missing Out on Learning?

Exceptional Behaviour Focus of the Week!
Following Staff Directions

This week, we have a focus on ‘Following Staff Directions the First time’. Following directions is an extremely important skill to learn as it is crucial throughout all aspects of life. At Lowood State School we ask students to listen attentively when a direction is given. Staff generally provide directions for two main reasons: To enhance learning and to ensure the safety of everyone. As a gesture of respect, it is expected that the direction will be undertaken immediately and the desired result or goal achieved. This week staff will be awarding 3 Vivo points to students we catch ‘Following the Directions of Staff the First Time.'
As a school we pride ourselves on striving to deliver the best educational opportunities through engaging teaching and learning. Every day we see more and more students excited and enthused by their learning success.

Lowood’s priority is to actively engage every student in setting personal goals towards improve their reading skills. Students are encouraged to read for a minimum of 15-20 minutes per day. Literacy Pro has been embraced by our year 4-6 students and seeing their improved confidence and desire to read and complete the quizzes for award points is phenomenal.

We have recently introduced ‘Writing for pleasure’ and ‘Writing on Demand’ as a weekly focus across all year levels. Students are excited about the prospect of creative writing and using new vocabulary words. Feel free to ask your child or child’s teacher to share this positive learning experience.

Numeracy is an essential skill for all students and as such we have included across all classrooms a focus on daily number, maths mentals and weekly, open ended problem solving tasks. Students are thoroughly enjoying the engagement with number study.

With parent teacher interviews next week, be sure to ask your child and child’s teacher about their new learning and how as a parent/carer you could support your child’s learning at home.

Together we can make a huge difference!

Wendy

Secure Jordan, Please Add This To Your Bit!

Banned Lollies

A large number of students are bringing to school and choosing to eat lollies, chew bubble and chewing gum. These are items are banned at Lowood State School. Students caught with these items will have them confiscated and asked to collect them from the office at the end of the school day. Students eating high sugary items cause behavioural problems resulting in poor learning. Could you please talk to children and remind these items are NOT to be brought to school.

Lowood State School Playgroup

Wednesday mornings (during school terms) 9:30am to 11:30am.

Free to families with children under school age. A light snack, tea and coffee will be provided. Make sure you bring a hat. There are lots of great resources for kids to access, as well as being a great place for mums & dads to network. If you would like more information, please contact the school office on 5427 2333 or Louryn 0437664487.

Student Absences - Text Messages

Lowood state school will be issuing text messages in the near future if your child/ren are absent. To do this efficiently we need to make sure that the phone numbers we have are up to date. Can you please ensure that the office has the correct number on file. This is a Departmental directive with regard to Unexplained Absences. From January 2017 all schools will be required to contact parents/carers to notify them if their child/ren has not arrived at school.

Lowood’s Got Talent Final

The final for Lowood’s Got Talent is on Thursday - 8 September at 2:00pm in the High School Hall. Our finalists have been rehearsing and cannot wait to perform for you. These are our finalist:

Prep A: Danielle, Rubie and Alyssa, Prep B: Zavia; 1A: Ella, 1B: Alicia and April; 2A: Jayla, Jenna and Addison, 2B: Sharlie, Jodee and Emma.

3A: Sarah, 3B: Ben; 4A: Hayley; 4B: Bailee; 5A: Nicholas, Ryan and Toby, 5B: Evelyn and Isabella;

6A: Joe, 6B: Samantha

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

Any children arriving late to school must sign in at the office and receive a late slip which must be handed to their classroom teacher.

Students leaving early, must be signed out, the a ‘specific reason’ at the office by their parents/caregivers. Any early departing students will be collected at the office.

Lost Property

We have an abundance of lost property breeding in the temporary Admin Office. If you are missing any items, please come to the office and retrieve any of your lost items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the charity bins in Lowood and Fernvale by the end of term.

Mount Tarampa Little Athletics

2016-2017 season starting 25/08/2016 at the Little Athletics Oval at 4.30pm. Tiny tots for 3 to 4 years and any child from under 6 to 17 years are welcome regardless of ability. For more details please contact Verna Smith 54621496.

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Our P&C Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

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FATHER’S DAY STALL

You will find us in the kitchen.

1st & 2nd of September
Thursday & Friday

8:15am to 9:00am
&
2:30pm to 3:15pm

Cause’ Dad’s are AWESOME!
First Break

1st Break menu options can only be ordered for 1st Break, Staff Exceptioned

**Meals**
- Crumbed Chicken Breast Strips & Salad $4.50
- Shaved Leg Ham, Egg & Salad $4.50
- Pizza & Salad $4.50
- Lasagna & Salad $4.50
- Mild Beef Curry & Rice $5.00
- Canteen Made Beef Ravioli in a Tomato Sauce & Salad $5.00

**Soups**
- Canteen Made Smashing Pumpkin Soup, Dinner Roll & Spread $5.00
- Canteen Made Vegetable Barley Soup, Dinner Roll & Spread $5.00

**Wraps**
- Crumbed Chicken Breast & Salad Wrap $5.00
- Shaved Leg Ham & Salad Wrap $4.50

**Sandwiches**
- Seasoned Chicken Breast & Salad Sandwich $5.00
- Leg Ham & Salad Sandwich $4.50

**Toasties**
- Leg Ham, Cheese & Tomato $4.00
- Leg Ham & Cheese $3.50
- Seasoned Chicken Breast, Cheese & Avocado $5.00

**Extras**
- Seasoned Cob of Corn $2.00
- Canteen Made Spring Rolls $3.00
- Crumbed Chicken Breast Strips $3.50
- Large Sausage Roll $3.00
- Boiled Egg $0.50

**Available Sauces**
- Sweet Chili, Mayonnaise, Tomato, BBQ

Second Break

These below menu options are available for order at 2nd Break ONLY.
Students can purchase 2nd break menu options at the Tuck Shop at 1st Break.

**Desserts**
- Yoghurt Berry Crunch $3.00
- Freshly Prepared Fruit Salad $3.00
- Mini Pancakes served with Yoghurt, Apple & Cinnamon Sugar $3.00
- Baked Apple Crumble & Custard $3.00
- Chocolate Mousse made with Light Milk, topped with Light Cream $2.00
- Pikelets served with a small amount of Jam & Light Cream $1.50
- Canteen Made Fresh Fruit Jelly $2.00
- Canteen Made Custard Cups $1.50

**Canteen Baked Treats**
- Baked Cookie $1.00
- Baked Cake $2.00
- Baked Muffin $2.06
- Baked Slice $2.00
- Popcorn $0.50

**Drinks**
Drinks are available at 1st break & 2nd Break
- Bottled Water $1.00
- Plain Milk $1.50
- Chocolate Milk $2.00
- Strawberry Milk $2.00
- Hot Milo $2.00
- Apple Juice $2.00
- Orange Juice $2.00

All orders have to be written on paper bags, including child's name, class, & marked for 1st break or 2nd break.
Separate bags to be provided for 1st & 2nd breaks.
All Orders have to be at the Tuckshop before 9am.

Thank you