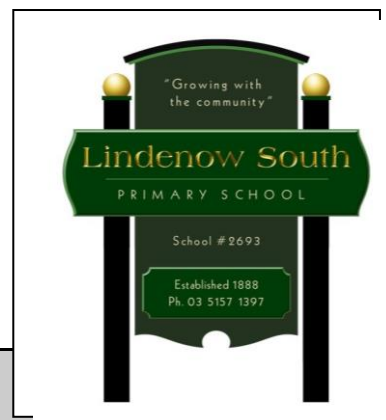


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Newsletter

1st August 2022

WEEK 30

Upcoming Dates:

11th Aug – Grade 4 – 6 trip to Eastern Beach
12th Aug - Mr Walkers last day at LSPS
16th Aug – Start of swimming program

Principals Report

My retirement date has changed by one day, I will be finishing up on Friday 12th August and my replacement (Bronwyn) will take over as of Monday 15th. Please be aware that none of your previous methods of contact with me will be valid from August 12th. The school mobile will be reformatted, and Bronwyn will need to put your contact details back into it. You can always ring the school on the land line (and leave messages) and the school email is available as well.

On Thursday 11th August I plan to take my class to Eastern Beach at Lakes Entrance for a fun day out (including BBQ), it will be my way of saying farewell. The consent form is attached to this newsletter and there is no cost.

We have had a lot of sick students over the last week or two. Mainly flu symptoms. It is timely to ask all parents to try and get their kids to wear masks whilst in class and to be hypervigilant about hand sanitising.

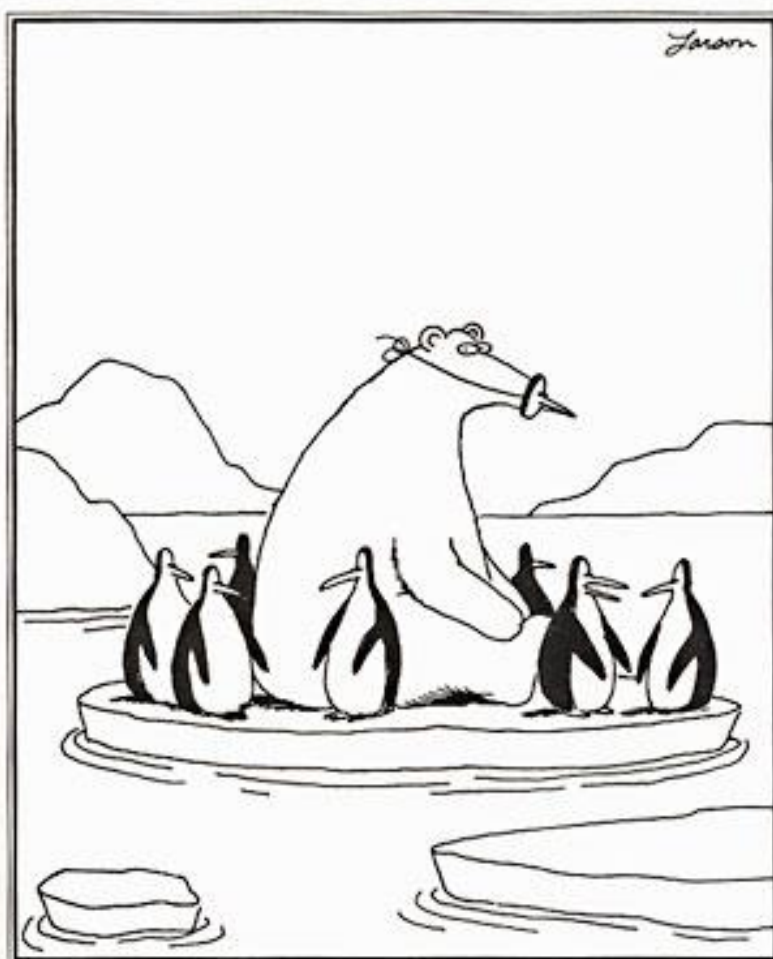
Remember, if your child has flu like symptoms then they should stay home until they are well again. If they test positive for Covid then they must stay at home until they test clear.

Michael Walker



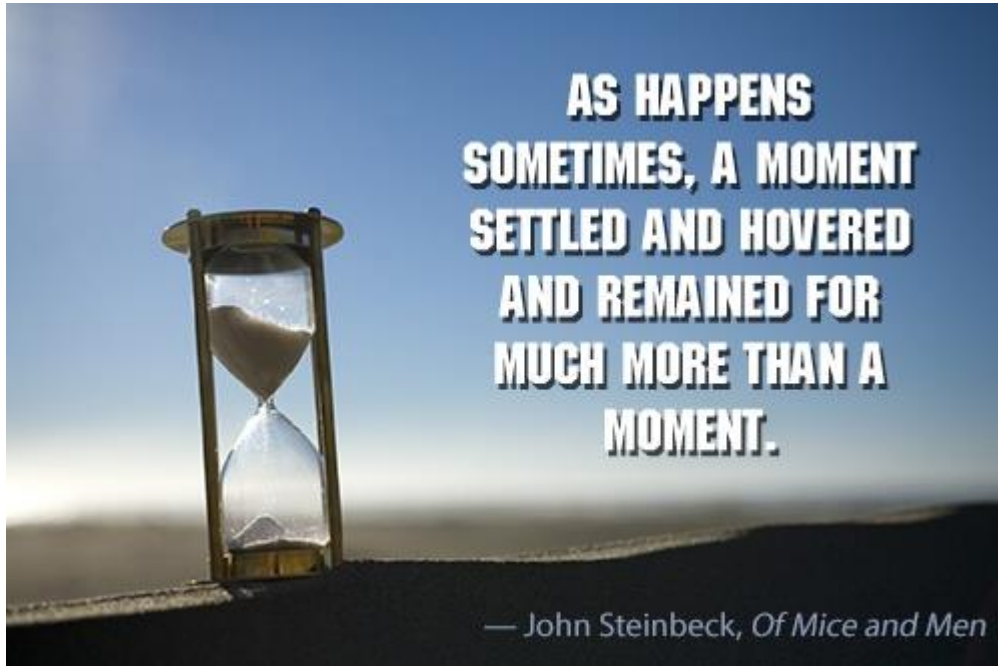
- Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:00am and NEVER drop them if there is not at least one staff car in the carpark.
- Try to monitor the state of your child's hair health. Be vigilant for the first signs of nit infestation and take decisive action if you detect anything. Please remember that students **MUST** be excluded from school if any live nits are discovered, until they have been appropriately treated.
- **IF STUDENTS RIDE A BIKE OR SCOOTER TO AND FROM SCHOOL, THEY MUST HAVE A HELMET ON.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK



"And now Edgar's gone. ... Something's going on around here."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



2022 SWIMMING PROGRAM

WEEK 1 TUE 16TH AND THUR 18TH AUGUST (1:45PM)

WEEK 2 TUE 23RD AND THUR 25TH AUGUST (1:45PM)

WEEK 3 TUE 30TH AUGUST AND THUR 1ST SEPTEMBER (1:45PM)

WEEK 4 TUE 6TH AND THUR 8TH SEPTEMBER (1:45PM)

WEEK 5 TUE 13TH AND THUR 15TH SEPTEMBER (1:45PM)

Please Note: You can pick your child up from the BARC after the lesson if you wish or they will be transported back to school for dismissal at 3:15pm as usual.

Brain Teasers

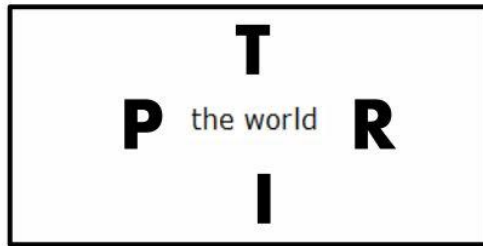
Try to solve these rebus puzzles. What are the words, letters, and pictures saying?



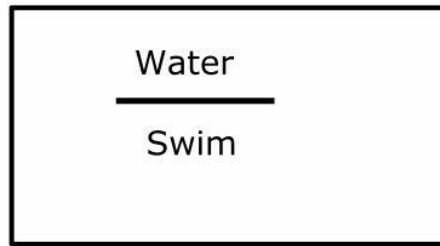
Hint: Fairy tale character



Hint: I can't tell you, it's...



Hint: Dream vacation



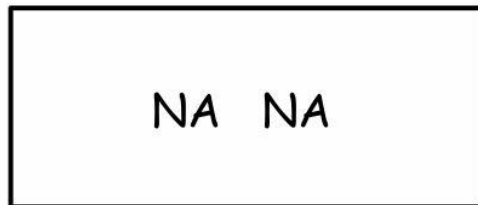
Hint: Scuba divers do this



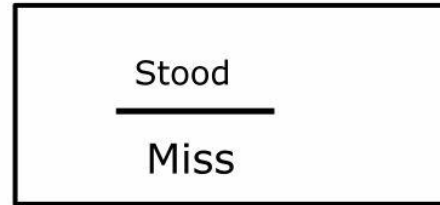
Hint: Family member



Hint: Squirrels climb here



Hint: Seafood



Hint: Word with the prefix *mis-*



THE BACK PAGE we are all teachers

I have had the privilege of seeing and experiencing young people that have beaten seemingly insurmountable odds, battling issues that are heartbreaking. For many children it takes great courage and fortitude to be a successful student. The issues that pull on them, vying for their time and attention, are vast and various, and all too often dangerous. If many of us tried to juggle these pressures we would be advised to take time off work and seek professional support. Yet time and time again, when you ask students what made the difference and helped them to overcome these difficulties, they will say it was a teacher. A stubborn and persistent teacher. A good teacher.

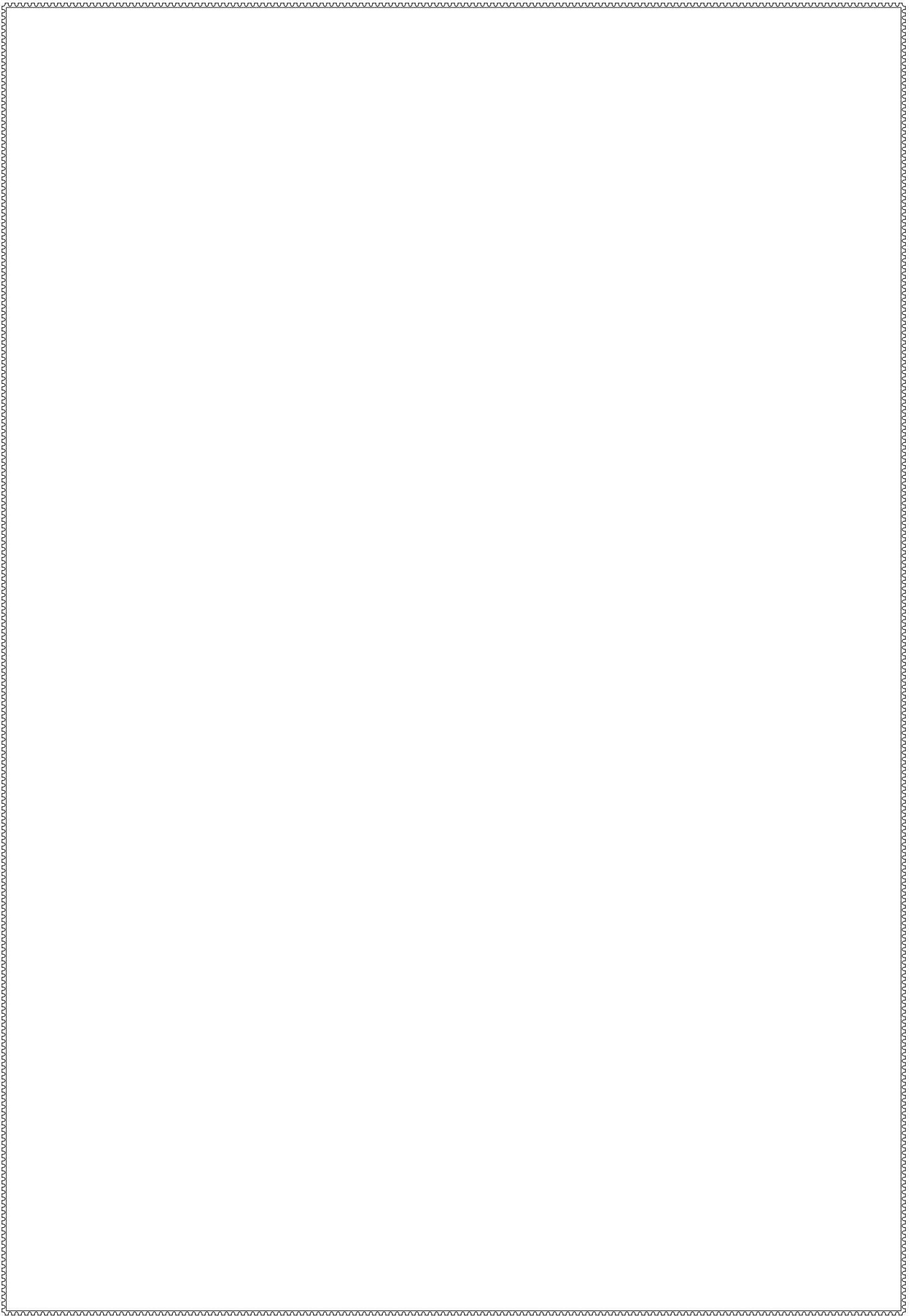
Of course there are barriers. However, a good school will not fixate on external problems to the degree that their hopes and expectations for the child diminishes. Instead, a good teacher is one that is able to navigate the varying degrees of unsettling influences on a child's life, whilst still insisting that this does not excuse them from achieving educational success. External problems should not be used to justify limited aspirations or apathy. Indeed, often, the good teacher will be that voice that consistently says "I believe in you, in spite of every obstacle in your way, even when that obstacle is you".

Teaching can change lives. I have felt overwhelmed by the weight of this fact. When these moments come, I remind myself that I am blessed to be in this position and to have navigated my own way out of circumstances that have limited many others. That I now have an undeniable obligation, to pass on the things that helped me, ensuring that all my pupils are also empowered to excel.

The truth remains; teachers and schools can make or break their pupils. Often they are the deciding factor between whether a child achieves educational success or settles for average. Good teachers accept this reality and will tell you that they are intensely aware of the potential impact of every interaction.

I measure successful schooling by asking whether each child has been equipped with the skill set, tenacity and aptitude to access opportunities, formulate and actualise positive goals and dreams for the rest of their lives? When I consider whether a teacher is 'good' I ask whether they recognise the duty they have to all the school's pupils, to not only educate them but also to celebrate, challenge and inspire them to be more than what they can see around them.

We are all teachers. Gone are the days when we can just pretend that inadequate education is someone else's problem. If we agree that it is time for a change, surely we can see that the solution requires all of our hands, working in partnership to create environments and infrastructures that ensures that all of our children will be educated in schools bursting with good teachers.



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SENIOR ROOM (GR 4 -6) EASTERN BEACH TRIP CONSENT FORM

I give permission for my child/children
to attend the class trip. This trip is for all students in grade 4 – grade 6. Children will be transported
by our school bus.

Signed: (parent or carer)

ACTIVITY: BEACH WALK.

WHERE/WHEN: EASTERN BEACH (LAKES ENTRANCE)
THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

Transport: Students will be transported to and from the
venue in our school bus.

WHAT TO BRING: RECESS FOOD AND WATER BOTTLE.

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED: COST NIL

Consent to Medical Attention

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion/activity is unable to contact the parent/guardian or it
is otherwise impracticable to contact the parent/guardian, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

- > Consent to my child receiving such medical attention as may be deemed necessary by a
medical practitioner.
- > Administer such first aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Emergency contact number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date / /