Lundavra Happenings 2004
Welcome to Lundavra State School in the year 2004, some 40 years since the opening on 22nd October, 1964.

As a small school in the Goondiwindi district, the school has come a long way since its beginnings.

The physical structure of the school has changed over the years. There are four school buildings, a multi-purpose tennis court complex on the grounds and two houses for accommodation.

The school presently has 30 children from pre-school to Year 7. These school numbers represent 17 families. We have two full-time teachers, a part-time P.E./Support teacher and a visiting Music teacher.

In addition to the teaching staff, the classrooms have a teacher aide each day to assist the teacher, an administrative officer and a cleaner.

The P & C continues to fundraise to provide additional resources and financial support to the school.

The school is serviced by a single bus run incorporating a wide geographical area in order to transport children to and from school daily.
January
The 2004 school year commenced Tuesday January 27. We welcomed our new senior class teacher, Miss Jennifer Franklin to Lundavra. Miss Franklin previously taught at Clontarf State School. This is her first adventure in her career as a teacher into a rural community.

The first day also welcomed our five preschool children, from 2003, who graduated to Year 1. This is a most exciting time in the life of these young people.

Tom Harmon, Jack Ahern, Harry Rae, Sophia Fergus, Dale Lanfear
Birthday Magic

Each month, the children celebrate their birthdays at school. It is an exciting time for these children to have all their school friends around them on their birthday.

In January, there were three children having a birthday:
Chloe Nutt 7 years – year 2
Matthew Beare 9 years – year 4
Jessica Beare 7 years – year 2
February
P & C Working Bee and Welcome

Sunday the 1st of February was the first working bee for the year and combined as a welcome for Miss Franklin. It was great to see so many families come and lend a hand. The grounds look fresh and clean especially after the drought breaking rain.

The new playground equipment was erected. The children will enjoy the novelty of this new equipment.
In the second week of school, the new intake of preschool children arrived. This intake is one of the larger groups of students in recent times to commence their early education at Lundavra State School.

Ned Ladner, Olivia Hall, Kate Sprott, Warwick Nutt, Fergus Webster, Alex Dixon
Sports Stars of the Month
Each month our PE teacher, Mrs Glenda Bignell, selects a Junior and Senior student who has shown desired qualities of sportsmanship, cooperation, skill and enjoyment of PE.

Angus Sprott (Senior)                            Timothy Beare (Junior)

Birthday Magic

Sophia Fergus                  6 years      year 1  
Lachlan Beare                11 years      year 6  
Dale Lanfear                  6 years      year 1  

March
Tennis Court Reconstruction

The tennis court is being dismantled after approximately 26 years since the cement was first poured. The parents of school children and the district have banded together to clear the site for contractors to lay the new surface. The contribution from people has been excellent. There were end loaders, dozers, trucks and many man hours. The last time such a major exercise happened at Lundavra was in 1989 when the school dam was built. (The dam is now full since the November 2003 rain). The tennis court project is a combined effort of the Lundavra Sports Club, Lundavra S. S. P & C and the Education Queensland. A total close to $80 000.00 has come from all three groups.

A great TEAM effort.
Sports Stars of the Month

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Swim Camp

The Small Schools in our cluster gathered in Goondiwindi at the Cultural Centre for a Swimming and Cultural Camp from March 1 – 4. There were 100 children attending. The camp was run by PCAP’s Greg Grant from Charleville.

The Cultural side of the camp was hosted by Sam Okoth, a Kenyan student who has studied in Australia and around the world. He taught the students African dance, ceremonial spear and drum making. They performed the dances at the end of camp concert. A wonderful experience for these country students.
April
Sports Expo

The bi-annual Sports Expo was held in Goondiwindi at Riddles Oval on April 7. This is an Expo of specialist Sports personnel from Rugby, Soccer, Bowls, Archery, Rugby League, AFL, Volleyball, Little Athletics, Cricket, Softball and Netball who travel to centres to give children the exposure to the different sports.

Zone Netball

The girls in year 5 & 6 played netball in the selection trials for the Zone Netball team this month. They combined with other girls from Kindon and Bungunya to form a team. Three of the Lundavra girls, Allysia Andrews, Olivia Webster and Hayley Beare were picked for the Possibles & Probables play off. Hayley Beare was successful in selection and went to the District Trials in Toowoomba in May. She made the Possibles and Probables play off once again.
Comalco Green & Healthy Schools

For the last two years Lundavra School has received an award in the Comalco Green & Healthy Schools program. This year was no exception only this year we were going for the top award! This year’s judges, Bob and Joy Hunn, visited the school and were very impressed. They were given a published book featuring the school’s activities and a decision is still pending.

Term Presentation – ‘Whose Gnome Are You’

The children presented their written stories to the parents in the afternoon of April 5. The children had all written their own fairytale story. We may have a future author in our school.
Birthday Magic

Sports Stars of the Month
May
First Aid Class

The QAS Education officer from Goondiwindi, Rod Bourke, visited Lundavra on May 20 to re-visit first aid instruction for Stings and Bites with the children. This was relevant because at the time, the unit of work being focused on was ‘The effects of Minibeasts’.

The children all received their Junior First Aid Certificates in 2003.

Showcase.

Lundavra State School entered Showcase this year with its unit of work on Reconciliation – Building a Bridge. The main focus of this term was building a relationship with the indigenous population of Toomelah.

The 8 member judging panel was divided for a long time over the outcome of Showcase and Lundavra received the ‘Judge’s Special Recognition Award’ in recognition of our significant contribution to student outcomes. We were in the end defeated by a cluster of 5 schools from the South Burnett district, but overall Lundavra’s project received a lot of praise and an article featuring it was published in the Education Views newspaper that is distributed to all Queensland schools every three weeks.