

## The Principal's Perspective



Our three way reporting process commenced this week in our school and I encourage as many of you as possible to ensure you book a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher. Where possible I have encouraged our teachers to also have the student present during the parent – teacher - student interview meeting times. We want our students taking responsibility for their own learning so it is important that they understand how they are progressing in the various curriculum areas. Teachers constantly provide feedback to children throughout the school day but they also need to hear how they are going during this more formalised interview process. Parents and caregivers certainly have an important part to play in supporting your children throughout the learning process, so I trust I will continue to see many more of you here next week as well meeting with classroom teachers. If you have been unable to book in a time that was suitable, please ensure you email or call your child's teacher so an alternative arrangement can be made. Feedback of and for learning is vital for progress to be made!

What an amazing success our Grandparents Day was once again this year! On Monday of this week I couldn't believe the number of visitors we had in

classrooms across the junior school. Several of the grandparents I spoke to remarked about how well-mannered our students were, and how welcome they were made to feel by both staff and the children during their time in rooms. Many of them said they didn't want to leave as they were having so much fun reading, painting, drawing, creating jewellery, and also receiving hand massages from students in one of our Prep classes. "I don't ever remember my primary school days being this much fun," remarked one of our grandfathers. "You should be very proud of this school and the great things you are doing," he went on to say. Please remember that you don't need to wait for a special event to become involved in our school. We have many parent and grandparent volunteers assisting in classrooms on a daily basis and I know your child would love for you to show an interest in their learning as well, if you have the time.

Tomorrow we will be promoting the sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence. We are asking all students to get behind this campaign by wearing something **orange**. It is not a free dress day and if students are representing the school at interschool sport they must still bring along their uniform for this. It could be something as simple as an **orange** hair band or clip, shirt or bracelet. There is no fundraising involved. Teachers will be conducting a focused lesson on this topic during the day and reminding students to use our three step problem solving strategy to solve any conflict situations in our school. Our Adopt-A-Cop, Emily Goodger, will be in attendance and visiting classrooms as well talking to our students about this issue. Your support of this initiative is appreciated and more information can be found by accessing this link:

<http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html>

Congratulations to the new 2016 executive of our school's P&C who were all voted in at last Monday evenings AGM:

President - Stacey Martin

Secretary - Judi McKee

Treasurer - Andrew Howe

## From The Deputy Principal

Vice President - Teresa Stewart

Vice President - Fundraising Co-Ordinator (new position) Danielle Atkins

Vice Treasurer – Ashleigh Chambers

I very much look forward to working closely with this dedicated group of people who are all very keen to support our great school to become even better.

Given this is the last newsletter of the term, I'd like to wish all in our school community a wonderful Easter break, and hope that you get to spend it with those that matter most to you.

Yours in education,

David Teale

Principal



Congratulations to our 2016 Student Council on a very successful Free Dress/Crazy Hair Day. Our school raised \$690.55 for the Leukaemia Foundations, Shave for a Cure. The hair styles were fabulous and support that was shown was amazing. The first disco of the year saw an increase in attendance and sales of poppers, chips and sausages. We will make sure we have a larger stock of items in the futures as more items were purchased this time than ever before. The students have told me they had a great time and it was lovely to see so many parents dancing at the Junior Disco. I would also like to thank our P&C parents and committee members who volunteered, cooked and sold an extraordinary amount of sausages for us.

Our interschool sports teams played very well in their first game of the season, unfortunately due to the weather the second week of sport was cancelled. If your child is involved in interschool sport you should now have a timetable of their game times. Information is also posted on the school Face Book page for you to refer to. I wish all the teams the very best of luck this Friday and I look forward to watching a few games during the season.

Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of working with groups of students teaching them concepts in Mathematics. In every class I visit the

students are keen to learn and enjoy having time in smaller groups to discuss and demonstrate their knowledge with me. The students have demonstrated an increasing willingness to take risks and have a go during problem solving situations. I have told students that many problems are not solved the first time we look at them, solving problems takes persistence and when we don't solve things the first time we can use different strategies to try again. My Year 5 group showed their persistence this week and many conversations took place discussing strategies and answers. The mathematical language and discussions that took place allowed me to see their depth of understanding to guide my focus for future lessons and correct any misconceptions they may have had. I look forward to continuing this journey with them next term.

Next term on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April we will have our school ANZAC service from 8:45am, we welcome parents and the community too this event. More information will be given to the students on the first week back at school.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break over the holidays.

**Regards**

**Trina Wilhelmsen**

**Deputy Principal**

## **Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on assembly:

**Brianna M** for being a caring and helpful class member and for being an enthusiastic and keen learner.

**Faith L** for putting great effort into your story retells.

**Lilly H** for fantastic effort when writing retells.

**Zak I** for consistently trying hard with all classroom activities.

**Zakkariah H** for outstanding reading and writing.

**Charlotte R** for excellent reading and great story writing.

**Teawanui W-G** for working hard on writing your name.

**Avaleigh P** for great work on your sight words.

**Molly N** for working hard during reading groups.

**Cooper B** for working hard to improve your writing to achieve your goals.

**Mackenzie A** for always working to the best of your ability.

**Tamara J** for always staying on task and producing your best work.

**Shakib F** for always trying your best with a smile on your face.

**Liliana E** for always being focused and putting in your best effort.

**Emily P** for showing a strong commitment to improving in all areas.

**Angus M** for great participation in class discussions.

**Josiah P** for working really hard on your neat book work.

**Bailee R** for consistently achieving great results in weekly spelling.

**Zac W** for excellent work during English lessons.

**Jayden B** for outstanding achievement in Maths.

**Jamie S** for working hard to edit and improve your writing.

**Hazel J** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities this year.

**Alisi-Marie P** for always trying your very best on every activity.

**Danny K** for organisation and challenging yourself in your learning.

## **Citizenship Awards**

Mercedez W

Bilbies

Stephanie L

Kookaburras

Oliver T-P

Quolls

Noah T

Wombats

Hayley W

Platypus

Indigo J

Echidnas

Eva P

Geckoes

Zane M

Bandicoots

Indi P

Koalas

Brooke B

Kingfishers

Makalah H	Moreton
Marntha K	Kirra
Alanah D	Miami
Preston D	Currumbin
Tiana P	Stradbroke
Montana K	Burleigh
Sam M	Tallebudgera
Abby C	Karragarra
Sophie A	Noosa
Caleb M	Rainbow
Charlotte C	Moffat
Jake E	Coolum
Natasha J	Macleay

### School News

### Late Pick Ups

It is expected that parents contact the school whenever possible if they are going to be late of an afternoon to collect their children.

Teachers often have either work or personal commitments at the end of the school day and students are sent to the office for collection if parents don't arrive on time.

Parents who are unable to collect their children straight after school should consider using our Outside Hours School Care provider.

### **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Tua K for selection in the Logan League Team and TJ P and Maika P for selection in the Logan Basketball Team. Well done boys!

### **Surf Lifesaving Presentation**

Tuesday 22nd March in Hall

Yr3 - Yr6 9am (45mins)

Prep- Yr2 10am (30 mins)

### **FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER**

Parenting is the most important 'job' in the world. There are many joys- big and little and challenges of course. I know I am finding having a teenager a very interesting experience! Fortunately there are resources and courses around that can assist parents to continue learning. Below are some you may be interested in-

- TRIPLE P [Positive Parenting Course]

Now Online Triple P Courses- 8 modules of tips, videos, worksheets and activities. If your child is between 2 and 12 years this could be perfect for you. Start your course- [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

Triple P runs at the Springwood Child Health Clinic in Cinderella Drive from time to time. This is especially for parents with children under 8 years. Please ring on 32994106 if interested.

Triple P also runs locally from time to time at Logan Uniting Church.

The following is a link to more information about Triple P- <http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uken/news/from-queensland-to-the-worldand-now-back-home/>

Also Accoras has Triple P courses on PH: 32741886

- Stepping Stones Triple P for Parents with Children with Disabilities

See the link above for further information about Triple P Stepping Stones

- Local Neighbourhood Centres often run courses for interested parents

e.g. Logan East Neighbourhood Centre and Kingston East Neighbourhood Centre

- "1,2,3 It's Magic and Emotion Coaching Course" can be run at the school if there are enough interested parents. Unfortunately there were not enough parents on a particular day each week last year to run this effectively. It is a three session course of 2 ½ hours each week over three weeks. This course helps parents to develop clear expectations, engage children's cooperation and develop some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent. The course costs \$15 and this is the price of a book to keep. This course can be offered again this year on either consecutive Mondays or Tuesdays- 9.00 to 11.30 or 12.00 to 2.30 as possibilities. Please register your interest in this

course at the School Office with preferred day and time.

School Guidance Officer

Jenny Hickey [Mondays, Tuesdays & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays] 34892222

## Lote News



## Sensei Says.....

If you are after a bit of ‘tanoshii’ this weekend why not go and check out the Japan and Friends Day 2016. The Gold Coast Japanese Festival is the perfect day for learning about the culture of Japan. There will be authentic Japanese food stalls, crafts, games and non-stop entertainment of dance, martial arts demonstrations and wadaiko (drumming). It is a great family fun day out!

Sunday 20 MARCH

Held within the ALBERT WATERWAYS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Corner Hooker and Sunshine Boulevards, Mermaid Waters

10:00am-4pm CENTER FREE!



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Bullen Sensei

## Chappy At Chats

The holidays are fast approaching and only one week away. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe holiday with time to relax and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Are you looking for some free activities to do in the holidays? A search on the Logan City Council Website resulted in some fabulous, fun and free activities that would appeal to many children. While you are at the Library you could also borrow a bundle books for some holiday reading.

Here are a few activities but many, many more are listed on the website. Bookings are essential for the activities listed below. You can book online to secure a spot. You may be able to book by phoning the individual libraries but I am not sure about this.

### Make a Piggy Bank for Teens

Where – Logan North Library

When – March 29<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 3 pm

What – Use ceramic markers to decorate your own ceramic pig to take home and also share in some money saving tips.

Who – Recommended for 10 years and over

### 3D Printing for Juniors

Where - Logan Hyperdome Library

When Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March from 11 am to 12 noon

What – Experience 3D printing and learn how to create and print your design

Who – Primary school aged children

### Ceramic Cup Cake Money Boxes for Children

Where- Marsden Library 11 am to 12 noon

Logan Hyperdome Library 3 pm – 4 pm

When – Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> March

What – Decorate your own unique ceramic money box to take home and share some money saving tips.

Who – Primary School Aged Children

### Ozobot Robots for Families

Where – Logan Central Library

When – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm -4pm

What – Get an Ozbot to move, play and dance using simple colour based coding language.

This workshop will involve working on a challenge in a small group.

Parents/ Carers are required to help children 8 years and under.

### Ridiculous Super Heroes – Drawing Workshop

Where – Logan Central Library

When – March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to 11 am

What – Learn to draw your own ridiculous super heroes with completely unique powers, like Toilet Man, The Exploding Granny, Outrageously Hairy Woman and more. Toasted TVs Cartoon Dave will show you how to create your own unique character., complete with mask, cape and crazy weapons.

### Outdoor Rock Climbing For Kids

Where – Shailer Pioneer Park Harley Street Shailer Park

When – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 10 am to 2 pm (Free of charge)

Contact – Base Zero Ph. 33422806

Contact email – [matt@basezero.com.au](mailto:matt@basezero.com.au)



Chappy Karen

## P & C News

Our tuckshop Convenor is working on updating our menu and a new menu will be released for Term 2. In line with Smart Choices Qld changes to guidelines a number of items need to be deleted and no longer available. Smart Choices are designed to offer only healthy meals, snacks and drinks through school tuckshops. The guidelines help those involved work out which options are suitable to sell, using a traffic light system. The menu must be made up of a majority of Green items, with a few Amber items, and no Red ones. The school and P&C have no options but to follow these guidelines to keep the tuckshop open. Drinks will be restricted to a limited number of options. Snacks currently available will change dramatically as well, but we are still finalising healthier options. We have created a survey that we ask all families to participate in, as this will help us understand your preferences. Please be aware that while we do our best we **MUST** adhere to all guidelines given to us by the government.

If you are unable to open the link below you can pick up a copy from the tuckshop.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5Q3KWF>

Every school needs a helping hand for those things that just aren't covered in the school's budget but better the education of our students. This year the P&C is fundraising to better our school hall, the tuckshop, and beginning considerations required for air conditioning the school. You can help a number of ways with either your donations or time and assistance. Up and coming events include:

### Election Day

There will be a coffee van on Saturday from 8am-10-30am. Coffee and Bacon & Egg Burgers( till sold out).

Sausages available during the day.

Cake Stall, Arts & Crafts Stall and Easter Raffle

## School Banking

Our happy student bankers are a week away from Term 1 concluding. We have quite a few who after 10 weeks continuous school banking will receive their Bronze Certificate. These will be handed out on the respective School Assembly ( Junior/ Senior). Don't forget our classroom awards for the amount of students who participate in School Banking .

School Banking helps a lot in teaching our young people how to save. Unfortunately some students open a youth saver account and that's the end of their banking journey. So what can we do? Why not talk to your child about the positive outcomes of saving and the rewards that they can achieve. I can certainly send out reminders.

The down side is, if you have opened up a youth saver account and it is not continually used for up to three (3) years, then the Federal Government **not the Bank** may sieze their funds. This also effects adults.

That is why you should continue using your students accounts.

Terry Hodges  
School Banking Coordinator.

## Date Claimers

Fri 18th March

Day of Action (No to Bullying & Violence)

Thurs 24th March

Term 1 Ends

Mon 11th April

Term 2 begins

Wed 20th April

Anzac Day Ceremony 8.45am