

NEWSLETTER – 9th September, 2016

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY



TERM 3 WRAP UP FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our Enrolments: Our General school enrolment as on Friday, 2nd September, 2016 was 751 with 95 in Prep and 181 students in our Intensive Language Centre.

Students Learning: Our children have continued learning in many different and engaging ways this term. Our Inquiry strategies have really helped our children think more deeply about their different subjects and topics in Maths, Science, History and Geography. They have certainly explored many interesting perspectives in these areas and in their reading.

Thank you to our staff and parents/carers for working with their children in asking challenging and imaginative questions to support the children's thinking and learning.

Our children have also engaged and enhanced their learning in the Arts and Physical Education areas of our curriculum. The beautiful visual artwork and creative arts and music activities have really been delightful this term. Our sporting and physical education lessons have definitely been well supported by our students and parents/carers, well done!

Facilities: Thank you to our facilities team for monitoring the projects happening around our school for school improvement: Staff car park development, pathway improvements, planning for lower G Block and B Block redevelopments; and planning for the major perimeter fencing project.

Student Welfare: Our student attendance goal has always been 95% for 2016. This term due to the flu season, it has seen the attendance rate hover around 92%. We hope with rest and re-cooperation over the Spring Holidays everyone comes back healthy and ready to learn in Term 4.

We have been preparing for same day notification of student absences this term. We have nearly everyone's current mobile contacts. Please advise the school office if you have a change of phone contacts for your children and if your child is to be absent a call or note to the office before or in the morning of the absent is necessary with this new system to be implemented in Term 4. We thank parents, carers and staff for their co-operation with this caring process.

Spring Fair: Friday 16th September will be a special day of community and student involvement. Students will be engaged at various times of the day in learning about designing, sharing, selling and buying items from stalls. There will be many opportunities from 9:15am to 12:30pm to have fun learning at the Fair with their classmates. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend from these times.

Our school day will commence as usual at 8:45am with roll marking in classes and then classes will move with their teachers to various activities from 9:15am. Our Junior school students may need to go back to classrooms at times for some different refocussed rest time during the day.

Years 4 to 6 students will be having a small Creative Arts activity to settle themselves after the Fair from 1:00pm to 2:45pm.

In the news recently there have been reports of inappropriate photos of Australian school children being shared world-wide. How can I make sure my photos and images are safe?

Once posted online any photo or video can be shared, copied and/or manipulated. You may not be able to control how a photo or video is used by others.

If you are concerned about a photo or video being shared, copied or manipulated online please contact:

Esafety Commissioner www.esafety.gov.au

Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Best wishes for a great fortnight ahead and a refreshing Spring Break.

School Closes 17th September and Reopens Tuesday 4th October

Garry Molloy – Principal

MOBILITY SUPPORT TEACHER MESSAGE

Prep 2017

Your child is eligible for Prep 2017 if they are born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012

Enrolments for Prep 2017 are being taken NOW!

The Transition Matters Pre-Prep Program is now full however, you can add your child's name to the waiting list.

Every Day Counts

Congratulations to all students who have put a lot of effort in attending school regularly and on time and we would also like to thank our parents for their commitment and persistence in supporting us with the **Every Day Counts** message and continue to encourage your child with their attendance.

Our school **attendance target is 95%**. Our whole school attendance percentage year to date is at **92.3%**. Term 3 whole school attendance percentage is at **91.3%** Thank you for all your support with the *Every Day Counts* message. Please find below year level attendance data, for your information.

Attendance Data

Percentage of Attendance for Term 3

Year	W 1	W 2	W 3	W 4	W 5	W 6	W 7	W 8
Prep	94.4	91.7	89.7	90.0	89.9	88.9	89.1	89.4
1	93.8	92.8	91.2	91.9	91.3	91.0	91.0	90.2
2	93.2	93.1	91.7	91.8	91.0	90.9	90.6	90.0
3	94.5	95.1	93.7	94.0	93.0	92.9	92.6	92.0
4	93.9	92.6	91.6	92.4	92.4	92.6	92.4	91.9
5	94.3	93.6	93.1	93.6	93.5	93.3	93.2	92.8
6	94.3	94.3	92.5	92.2	91.7	92.0	92.1	92.1

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Meeting

There will be an **Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives** (EATSIPS) meeting on **Monday 11th September at 1.30pm-2.30pm** in our Resource Centre. All welcome! We look forward in seeing you there.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Next week the Uniform Shop hours will be **Tuesday 13th Sept. and Thursday 15th Sept. 7:45am to 8:45am.**

Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 16th September.

Uniform Shop will reopen after the school holidays on Tuesday 4th October 7:45am to 8:45am as well as Friday 7th October.

Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted.

P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is on **Monday 24th October** at 1:45pm in the Hub. (The Blue/Grey building in the school grounds near the corner of Railway Parade and Flinders St) Everyone is welcome to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES!

16/9/16 - Friday Spring Fair

17/9/16 - Saturday School Holiday Start

3/10/16 - Monday Queens Birthday Public Holiday

4/10/16 - Tuesday School Starts

CHILD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Logan City Council will soon implement automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology to administer parking laws and help improve safety around schools. Council is committed to ensuring the safe parking of vehicles on roads near schools for the protection of children and other road users. As part of Council's role, there is a community expectation that Council officers attend schools to monitor the safe drop off and pick up school zones and in the surrounding streets. Drivers who park illegally near schools may cause traffic chaos and risk the safety of our children and other road users. Council will then issue infringements to the vehicle owner by post.

The ANPR vehicle will be easily identified by high visibility road safety messaging. The presence of this vehicle is aimed at encouraging drivers to do the right thing to make the school environment safer. The technology is in use by other councils and government agencies across Australia to monitor both parking and moving-vehicle offences. Drivers are encouraged to fully familiarise themselves with the Queensland Road Rules so a safer school environment can be maintained for our children. Importantly, drivers who follow the road rules have nothing to fear from this initiative.

Spring Fair

Friday 16th September 9:15am to 1pm all welcome to join in our annual fair celebrations in our school grounds.



Spring Fair stalls list

- Show bags
- Lolly stall
- Fake tattoos
- Mystery bags
- Soft drink ring toss
- Lucky Fish game
- Ping Pong Toss
- Ring toss
- Ten pin bowling/garden seedlings
- Lucky dip
- Retro games
- Colourful hairspray
- Butter chicken and rice
- Hair braid
- Footy toss
- Ice creams
- Strawberries
- Throwing game
- Hot chips
- Sausage sizzle
- Drinks
- Lob-a-choc
- Treasure sticks
- Bits n bobs
- Marble game
- Cake stall
- Sweets stall
- Funky photos
- Coffee van
- Smoothies
- Chicken spring rolls
- Bike raffle
- Face painting
- Tupperware



STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



	Week Starting 29/8/16 & 5/9/16	
PC	Brian, Hamza, Mariam	C, P
1C	Amir, Myra	O, P
1D	Sajid, Hope	P, C
2B	Zavyer	P
3C	Joshua, Dezohn	C, G
3D	Tyra, Bryce	P, C
4A	Eh Ni, Marisa	C, G
4B	Mujtaba	P
4C	Isabell, Dawt	C, C
4D	Htoo-Say, Ali Sina	O, G
5A	Tayla, Cheyenne	P, O
5B	Farishta	
5C	Phuong, Aliitasi	P, G
5D	Jamie, Ephraim	C, P
5E	Agnes, Justus	O, P
6A	Jerusa	C
6B	Clemintina	C
6C	Nay, Paris	O, O
ILC A	Milad	C
ILC B	Ram, Aisha	G, P
ILC C	Rami, Leonardo	P, O
ILC F	Elaha	P
ILC K	Sadrack, Alphonsine	C, D