FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

The past fortnight has been full of exciting and engaging learning for us all throughout the school. Knowledge, skills and attitudes have been further developed through class discussions, social events and excursions. Thank you to all parents and care-givers who support their children in funding for these visits and activities which make learning more meaningful; before, during and after each event.

Thank you also to all families and community members including Staff and students who made our Spring Fair 2016 so successful. Besides having lots of enjoyment and experiences in advertising and shopping for the children, we were able to raise and invest $10,000 towards our Facilities Improvement Fund. Contributions to playground equipment and room improvements as well as planning for the extension of our Hall are managed from this Parents and Citizens’ Association Account. Well done, everyone! Our school is all the better from your involvement.

School Enrolments: As of last Friday, we had 750 students in our school with 95 children in Prep and 193 students in our Intensive English Language Centre. It is very pleasing to see our numbers of students maintaining at a stable level.

Same Day Notification of Absence: On Monday our staff will begin using text messages in the morning to notify parents and carers who have not advised of student absences and where we find the student not in school that morning. Please ensure your contact numbers are current at the office and if your child is away, please let the office know before 9:00am each morning so that we all know where each child is each day. Your child’s whereabouts and safety is a major concern for us all.

Planning for 2017: We are beginning to consider staff movements and positions for 2017. As an early consideration with staffing and funding is based upon student expected enrolments, we ask for parents/carers to let the Office know if they are moving from our school for 2017. Please call or give the office a note if your child will not be at our school next year.

Showcase Awards for 2017: Best wishes to our school’s Showcase Team’s entry for Excellence in Early and Primary Years on Friday 28th October. The team will present our work on Global Citizenship for a Cohesive Society on Friday morning and then go to the Awards Night that evening for the announcement. We all wish the team the very best of luck and we’re proud of all staff, students and our community in working so closely to make this such a welcoming school.

Our Behaviour Expectation for the coming week is to take care on the way to and from school. We know who is meeting us at school, how we are getting home and we get home safely. If we are approached by anyone we don’t know, inviting us in for a ride home, we keep away from the car and move away quickly to a safe place – We Recognise the danger; we React safely and Report to a trustful adult.

Have a safe and rewarding fortnight.

Best wishes,
Garry Molloy – Principal

From the Mobility Support Teacher

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Same Day Notification is now part of our school policy and “Every Day Counts”, it is expected that all students attend school regularly, and it is expected that parents call the school to explain their child’s absence on the same day. Also, if your child is absent for 2 or more days, please visit your local doctor as the school requires a medical certificate to support that your child is too sick to attend school. All student absences are reported on the student’s end of semester report card. Persistent lateness and absence will lead to home contact.

Playgroup (Friday) in the Community Hub

Friday playgroup is run by Natalie every Friday morning 9am-11am. Playgroup is open for children up to 5 years. You are welcome to join in with some activities for the children. Morning Tea will be provided.

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK: Maxima’s “Max Me” program has been designed as a gateway into the workforce for young Queenslanders who require additional assistance to secure employment. The program will provide participants with practical skills to maximise their opportunities to gain and sustain employment in the Logan City area. If you are interested please contact Anna Lynch on 3440 2333.
SAME DAY NOTIFICATION
Goes Live – Monday 24 October
It is a requirement that the school be informed if your child is absent from school.
If your child is absent and you have not contacted the school, you will receive the following text message.

WOODRIDGE STATE SCHOOL, date, student name was absent from school
Please reply with STUDENT FULL NAME, Class, and reason for their absence.

or ring the school on 3440 2333, to speak to office staff or leave a message.

P & C NEWS
Uniform Shop: Open every Tuesday and Friday 7:45am to 8:45am. The Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted.

P&C Meeting: The 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.

Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Drive
Fundraiser Order forms have been sent home with the youngest student in each family. The drive has lots of yummy slices and biscuits. Orders close Wed 2nd November at 3pm and No orders will be accepted after Friday 4th November at 3pm. Delivery date is Wednesday 30th November. If you need more order forms they are available at the office.

STUDENT AWARDS
Key to Success Awards
O = Organisation
C = Confidence
R = Resilience
G = Getting Along
P = Persistence

YEAR 3 ART EXHIBIT LOGAN ART GALLERY
On Friday 14th October Year 3 students and their parents attended the Official Opening of the Year 3 art exhibit where students received certificates at Logan Art Gallery.

The Art will be on display at the Art Gallery until 3rd of December.

YEAR 6 BURLEIGH HEADS EXCURSION
Just a reminder to forward all payments to the office for the excursion by MONDAY 24th October. Also please ensure all permission notes are returned to the teacher.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
It is the time of year when we remind parents about our Voluntary Contributions. In 2016 these are established at $60 per child. Firstly I would like to thank all families who have already paid their contributions. Your payments are used directly in all classrooms to help purchase items such as: Art Supplies, Classroom Equipment, Classroom Consumables and Reading Books. Your child’s education is our highest priority. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.