FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT SAFETY
Recently there have been reports of students being approached by unknown adults while walking unaccompanied in the local area. Students have been reminded of protective strategies by school staff and the school's adopt-a-cop today. However, I would strongly encourage parents to remain vigilant and ensure they know the whereabouts of their children at all times.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
After consulting with the Parent and Citizens Association, the school has engaged in the process of having an external provider to provide Outside School Hours Care for our school community, based at our school. It is anticipated that this process will ensure before and after school care and vacation care will be available on site.

Shortly, all students will be sent home with a survey for parents to indicate their interest in accessing this service. Additionally, this survey will be made available on Facebook and the school website. I would encourage all families interested in this service to participate in this survey to ensure that we can obtain this valuable service for our school community.

MINDSET
Recently I have been doing some considerable work around the impact our mindset has on behaviour and performance. My key findings have been the following concepts—
- The brain works in a similar way to muscles. Like muscles, the more we use it, the more it grows. This means that through hard work and practice, everyone, regardless of race, gender or economic status, is capable of academic success.
- The power of yet. In life it is natural to have negative thoughts from time to time. These thoughts can dominate our think unless we do something about it. By simply adding the word yet (e.g. I can’t do it ……yet) shifts our thinking and motivates us to persevere.

Our staff have an unwavering belief that all our students must succeed academically and role model the above beliefs on a daily basis. I would encourage all parents to us the above tips to generate discussion with their child about their schooling.

STUDENT CONFLICT
I would like to remind all parents that there is a formal process to engage with if you believe your child is experiencing difficulty with another student. The first port of call is to approach your child’s classroom teacher. If this issue is of a serious nature the teacher will then refer you to speak either with the Deputy Principal or myself. Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the teacher’s response, you can also make an appointment to see the Deputy Principal or Principal.

Under no circumstances is it acceptable for a parent to approach a child other than their own within the school grounds. While I understand sometime conflict can bring an emotional response, I expect all adults within our school community to follow established processes.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

ATTENDANCE

BEjść ATTENDANCE
TARGET
95%

BEjść CURRENT
ATTENDANCE
89.3%

Our attendance rate has been hovering around the 89% rate for most of the term.

If you have concerns or would like to discuss your child’s attendance, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher or a member of our administration team!
Be Safe
Recently, we have had reports from concerned community members about unsafe behaviour of students travelling to and from school.

Next week, each of our classes will receive a 45 minute road safety lesson from the RACQ Streets Ahead presenters. Make sure your students are in attendance to be involved in this important safety lesson.

I would also ask that you follow up at home, talking to your children about the following:

- Safe use of the crossing with traffic lights at the front of the school
- Using the supervised crossing on the oval side of the school
- Safe behaviour in the car park, using crossings and walking around the edge of the carpark on the footpaths
- Walking to school on pathways or grass, not on the road
- Not ‘playing’ near roads, including pushing/jostling while waiting to cross

BREAKFAST CLUB NOT SUGAR!!!!!
Some of our students, are buying lollies/soft drink (including Coke) on the way to school and drinking/eating them as a before school snack. As you can appreciate, high sugar foods are not a great way for students to start their day. High amounts of sugar before school can create a burst of energy but when this energy disappears (can be quite quickly) children appear hungry, cranky, shaky or tired. A great way to combat this is to make sure students aren’t bringing money to school and encourage them to visit Breakfast Club rather than buying sugary products on the way to school.

Kathryn Marshall
Deputy

JUMPSTART
Engage in a variety of hands on activities with your child to support their early reading and number development.
Sessions are held fortnightly (June 3 and June 17) this term. Please register your interest at the school office.

GARDEN DONATIONS NEEDED
Our new School Groundsman, Jamie, has been hard at work improving the various gardens around the school. We are now seeking donations of the following:

- Plants (including natives, shrubs and trees)
- Seedlings (flowers and vegetable)
- Packet seeds (any sort)
- Empty plastic pot plants
- Garden Equipment (trowels, shovels, spades, digging forks, shadecloth, etc…)

Please bring items to the office.
A big thank-you to the families who have donated plants already.

DISTRICTS CROSS COUNTRY
On Friday 29th April, Mr Cooper and Mrs Hodges accompanied a group of enthusiastic and dedicated students to the District Cross country
Titles at Loganlea State High. They were faced with a tough hilly course over 2 or 3km. Conditions were not helped by a good dousing of rain in the 10 year old boys and girls events.

Everybody represented the school proudly with their uniform, behaviour and hard running. Special mention to Jasmine Neivandt who finished 5th in her race and went on to represent the district and regionals this week. She ran a great race to finish 26th in a highly competitive field.

BOOKCASE & TABLE TO GIVE AWAY

We have a bookcase that is no longer needed by the school, to give away. It is quite old, in reasonable condition, and would be best suited somewhere like a shed for storage. We also have a couple of trapezium-shaped tables. Please see the office staff if you are interested.