FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Vision
As stated in last week’s newsletter the four pillars of our school vision for 2015 are Expert Staff, Academic Excellence, High Expectations and Supportive School Environment. By having Academic Excellence as a pillar of our school vision, this emphasises that every decision the school makes is done so with the intent of assisting students in their quest for academic excellence. Therefore when planning events within our school, the question is always asked ‘how will this improve the academic achievement of our students.

Last year at the Christmas concert I spoke of my goal of our school becoming renowned as a school of academic excellence. I firmly believe this goal is attainable if we align our decision making and thinking with our school vision along with setting high and ambitious expectation of our staff, students and parents.

Community Concerns
The past two Fridays we have received phone calls from emergency services that someone has been dialling 000 from the phone box at the front of the school to report a fire within the school. These phone call are obviously prank and have been identified as being made by children. I would encourage you to speak to your children about the seriousness of this type of behaviour.

Parent availability
Over recent weeks I personally have been frustrated by the number of phone calls that I make to families that either go to message bank, are not answered or messages not being returned. It is crucial that all parents are contactable by phone at all stages of the day. If you believe your contact details are not up to date, please contact the school office on (07) 3489 6777 to update them.

School Holiday
Please be aware that our school holidays will commence on Friday 3 April and that school will resume on Monday 20 April. Over the break if you see any suspicious activity within the school please contact school watch in the first instance on 131788.

Student Achievement
- 5 BLUE were awarded the class of the week this week for a dramatic improvement in their school attendance. The class attendance rate rose from 89% in week 4 to 93% by the end of week 8. This was the biggest rate of improvement within the whole school.
- 1 BLUE were commended on parade for their ability to answer the question ‘what are you learning today’ during an art lesson. Each student in the class was able to identify that they were learning what ‘warm’ colours were and how they might change a person’s feelings or emotions.
- Our Prep students are making outstanding progress with learning their Magic 100 sight words. Our ‘wall of fame’ in the office now has student photos to indicate the level the students have most recently completed. I encourage everyone to pop in and see the remarkable progress our Prep students are making.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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P&C NEWS

Our next general meeting for 2015 will be Monday 20th April 6pm. All members of our school community are encouraged to attend. We are always looking for fresh faces with new ideas to join our P&C.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Chalmers MP for donating our new tuckshop fridge. We would also like to thank ‘Substation 33’ for delivering the fridge. It will be useful for fundraising and the tuckshop.

Did you know WOOF WOOF guards our P&C mail box. All P&C money can be mailed there. Money is not left there overnight.

EASTER GUESSING GAME
Guess how many eggs in the jar? $1 for 1 guess! 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the closest guesses. See
student council at the front of admin every morning 8-8.25am and at the Easter bonnet parade from 8.30am. Drawn Thursday April 2nd. Thank you to Kmart Logan Central for donating our delicious prizes

AUSSIE TACO DAY
Is on Thursday the 2nd of April. Students, staff and parents can order an Aussie Taco. All money and forms due Wednesday April 1. Please drop these at the tuckshop. We need volunteers to cook, pack and serve BBQ meals from 8.30-11am April 2nd.

FUNDRAISING
School Calendars are available to keep up with important dates. Starring our very own Berrinba East students! $5 each from the Uniform Shop.

We are always on the lookout for sponsors to help support our school and P&C. If you or someone you know can help, please contact the President on 0432 478 257.

We are currently searching for donations for our mother’s day stall. All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help in any way please see one of our friendly P & C executives.

CROSS COUNTRY
It’s that time again for our Annual Fun Run Fundraiser! Students can collect sponsors from family, friends, workmates and neighbours! Please remember, students should have adult supervision at all times. We do not encourage students to go door-to-door. Every student who participates in the Cross Country Run will receive a reward! Every $5 raised gets a ticket in the draw for a chance to win 1 of 14 Prize Packs! Highest fundraising class (1 junior & 1 senior) wins a Class Party! All profits raised will go towards school PE programs & improvements. Please have all money banked by 8.30am at the latest on April 1st.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is a great opportunity to start teaching children about budgeting and the value of money. ALL children (including non-students) are welcome to be part of our School Banking Program.

Our School Banking day is FRIDAY. EVERY deposit earns a token. Even 5c! 10 tokens can be redeemed for a cool prize! Great NEW prizes for 2015!! “Mail” your bank deposit book at the Tuckshop by 9am EVERY Friday. Please allow 3 working days for money to be credited to accounts. Information packs are available from the Uniform Shop.

UNIFORM SHOP
CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-8.30am. New stock has now arrived of shorts and skorts and polo shirts. PLEASE NOTE THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY APRIL 2nd.

TUCKSHOP
The tuckshop will be open every Thursday at second break only for the sales of:
Ice blocks ranging in price from 50c to $1.50
JJ’s $1.70
LOLS and Play water $2.50
Water $1.00

POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are open for 2 positions: Tuckshop convenor partially unpaid and Relieve Convenor partially unpaid. Applications packs are available from the office.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTREST
We are currently looking at holding a multi-cultural day in August –date to be advised. We are looking for expressions of interest if you would like to be involved please provide written interest and post it in the P&C corresponded letter box.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
If you like to take a raffle book home to sell, please fill out the box below and return to the office P &C mail box, or in WOOF WOOF at the tuckshop. Tickets will only be issued to adults and available the start of next Term.

RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM
Parents name:

Contact phone number :

Child/rens names and class

How many tickets/ Books would you like

Parents signature
JUMPSTART EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Jumpstart playgroup and parent sessions will start back in Term 2. Please register your interest at the school office prior to our school holidays next week. Our first session will be in week 3 on Friday, May 8th from 1.00-2.00pm. Jumpstart is open to children and parents birth to year 5 years old. For more information please contact Terra-Lee, Head of Curriculum 3489 6777.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

On Thursday 2nd April all students from Prep to Year 2 will be participating in our Easter Bonnet Parade. The parade will start at 9am and will be held in the 1/2 undercover area. During the parade you will be treated to a fabulous display of Easter Bonnets, be entertained by some great Easter songs and have a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

All students will be making Easter Bonnets in class; however, you may wish to make one at home together for your child to wear at the parade. Prizes will be awarded to the best bonnet in each class.

If you have any queries about this event please see your class teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there!

GIVEAWAY

Thursday 2nd April from 8.15-8.45am in the Breaky Club Courtyard. 2nd hand books, puzzles and some jigsaw puzzles will be available. Please note that some puzzle pieces may be missing.

HOLIDAY FUN

Free Holiday Fun
Are you looking for free, fun and educational activities for your child over the school holidays? Logan City Libraries have a range of exciting no-cost holiday activities suitable for pre-schoolers, school-aged children and teenagers. Some of the activities for school-aged children include Clay Mini Creations, Create Your Own Joke Book and Little Lockdown.

Clay Mini Creations
Children will be able to create their own mini figurines based on their favourite characters using Crayola Model Magic.

When and Where:
Logan Central Library, Wednesday 8 April, 11am
Marsden Library, Tuesday 14 April, 11am

Create Your Own Joke Book with Mark Guthrie
If your child loves to tell jokes or draw, they will love this fun-filled session with professional writer and illustrator Mark Guthrie. Mark Guthrie is the illustrator of My First Book of Jokes. This workshop promises to be filled with laughs and provides a great opportunity to meet a published illustrator.

When and Where
Marsden Library, Tuesday 7 April, 10.30 am
Logan Central Library, Monday 13th April, 10.30 am.

Little Lockdown
Ever wondered what it would be like to be locked in the library? Children can find out on Friday the 17th April at Marsden Library. There will be a variety of activities, craft and gaming to entertain the children on this special evening. A parent or guardian needs to be present.

When and Where
Marsden Library, 17 April, 5.15pm – 7pm
While you are at the library, do not forget to borrow a book or two to share with your children at home. Also, enquire about the range of great activities the library offers during the school term.

Bookings for the activities are essential so call the library and book your place today!
Logan Central ph: 3412 4100
Marsden ph: 3412 4180