From the Leadership Team

13 June 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Report Cards

Throughout this semester, students have been undergoing learning based on the Australian curriculum in their classrooms. Teachers have been making judgments and assessing students on their ability to achieve certain outcomes for their year level. This assessment has been ongoing during this time and will continue to the end of the term. Semester One Report Cards will be handed out to students at the end of the first week of Term 3.

Leadership Shirts

Students in years 6 and 7 have been working hard to earn their shirt by participating in a range of activities to demonstrate their ability to be positive role models for our younger students. This student leadership program has been very successful over the last three years and has received very positive feedback from our parents. We look forward to seeing many of our Year 6 and 7 students presented with their leadership shirt at our whole school assembly held every Monday.

Mathematics Intervention/Extension

At Loganholme the Leadership Team work very closely with all teachers to ensure prevention, intervention and extension of students is ongoing. We believe that everyone must work together to ensure the best needs of all students is met. This term Loganholme State School has commenced providing additional support for the teaching/learning of mathematics with our Year 2 and Year 4 students.

Our Year 2 students are also benefitting from the additional teacher aides redeployed back into the classroom. These aides work under the direction of the classroom teacher. They do not conduct a withdrawal based program but work under the guidance of the class teachers to supervise small groups requiring revision of specific concepts. These sorts of groupings are flexible and in response to the on-going monitoring of student progress within each teacher’s classroom.

Professional Development Seminars – The Teaching of Reading

Evidence indicates that all children are provided with the best opportunities for success in learning to read when the following six areas are considered:

1. Oral Language development: the ability to speak and listen
2. Phonological and Phonemic awareness: the ability to hear and manipulate the sounds in oral language

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3. Phonics: the relationships between letters and sounds and decoding
4. **Fluency**: the ability to read quickly and naturally, recognize words automatically, and group words quickly

5. **Vocabulary knowledge**: new words and what they mean; and

6. **Text Comprehension**: understanding what is being read and developing higher-order thinking skills (Leesa Warrick: 2014).

I look forward to providing you with additional strategies that you can implement to further support your child’s learning development.

**School Photos 2014**

There is only 1 week to go until our school photo day scheduled for **Friday June 20**. Below is an overview of when each class is timetabled on the day. Please ensure your child attends school on this day so they do not miss out on this special school memory.

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Here is the final checklist to ensure you organised for the day:-

- If you are paying by cash, students **must** bring photo order envelopes on photo day
- If you have paid for photos online, you **do not** need to bring photo envelopes
- The photographers or school office will have change available if you do not have the correct money. Please ensure you organise this prior to the day.
- Students **must** wear their full school uniform – no sports shirts permitted
- If you wish for family portraits to be taken, you must collect a family ordering envelope from the school office.
- **All** family envelopes must be returned back to school before Friday June 20, to allow for family photos to be scheduled on the day.
- Make sure the students practise their smiles! 😊

**Senior Athletics Carnival – 2014**

The senior athletics carnival is fast approaching and will be held in Week 10 of this term! The carnival will be run over two days on Monday 23 June and Tuesday 24 June. During physical education lessons, students have learnt the athletic skills required for track and field events. All students will be required to participate in the 100m and 200m events unless they have a written note to say that they cannot compete. Students are required to wear their house shirt on this day or their school shirt if they do not have one. House shirts can be purchased from the uniform shop. This is one of our major sporting events on the school calendar and we look forward to seeing as many of our Loganholme community as possible!!

**Senior Athletics Carnival**

**Field Events Day – Monday June 23**

**Track Events Day – Tuesday June 24**

**All families are welcome!**
Behaviour Rewards Day – Term 2

This term, we have organised a very exciting Rewards Day for the top 5 students who have moved the most levels this term on the ‘Believe and Achieve’ class thermometers. Mr Knight has organised some creepy crawly visitors to our school from Cool Companions. Students will have the opportunity to get up and close with frogs, turtles, snakes, lizards and even crocodiles. This will be one of the best rewards day we have ever provided our students. We can’t wait for this event which is scheduled on Wednesday June 25.

Values

So far this term at our weekly assembly the Student Leadership Team has addressed values and school rules for their peers to follow. An understanding of these values and rules helps students to better understand their interactions with others in a social setting. This allows them to develop friendships and deal with issues that arise in their environments. Below are the values and rules that have been addressed on assembly so far this term. Please take the time to ask your child what these virtues mean and where at home and at school would they witness these values occurring.

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<td>Truthfulness</td>
<td>We are safe (wear a hat when outside)</td>
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<td>Tolerance</td>
<td>We keep our hands and feet to ourselves</td>
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<td>Self-discipline</td>
<td>We do not say things that hurt others</td>
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<td>Consideration</td>
<td>We respect the property of others (in the classroom)</td>
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<td>Patience</td>
<td>We follow instructions (in the playground)</td>
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Technology in our school

With the vast amount of technology in the world around us and now being integrated in education, teachers have to keep abreast of things. That is why teachers at Loganholme State School attend regular professional development sessions to increase or update their knowledge on software or apps to assist in student learning. Teachers have developed their knowledge of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, iMovie, and other apps and software integral to assisting and engaging student learning.

iPad Tips & Tricks - Creating Shortcuts

You can add a shortcut to a web site that you visit frequently to your iPad screen. It will look much like any other app. To make one of these shortcuts, do the following:

1. In Safari, browse to the site you want to use.
2. Click on the arrow to the left of the URL field
3. Tap on Add to Home Screen
4. Edit the name if desired and then tap Add/Safari will close and you will see your shortcut on your iPad screen.

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Apps of the Week

Maths Facts: Number Bonds & Fact families ($1.29)
This app is assist students in learning addition and subtraction facts and number fact families. Suitable for students in Prep to Year 2, this app offers ease of use for students to learn and revise common number facts at an easy level.

Math Slide (FREE)
Maths Slide: hundreds, tens and ones is a multiplayer game helping children understand numbers up to 1 000. Players learn by sliding tiles into the centre of the screen to match and answer, equation or picture.

Please enjoy the weekend ahead.

Kind regards
The Leadership Team