Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, what a busy Term 2 we have had. When reflecting on everything we have achieved over the past 10 weeks is no wonder everyone is well and truly ready for the two week break ahead. Here are some of our autumn memories.

Cross Country Carnival

We kick started the term with a wonderful whole school Cross Country carnival. Mr Bray had some wonderful new ideas to make this carnival even better for 2014. This included the senior students being more involved in the day by acting as “Bunny Rabbits” for our Prep and Year 1 students to chase! We also had our senior students spread across the race course to cheer on the students as they ran. In 2014 we changed the Cross Country course so that our students more of their race on the school grounds. What a difference these changes made as our 2014 carnival was one of the best our school has seen to date. Congratulations and well done Mr Bray.

ANZAC Ceremony

Our school captains did a tremendous job delivering such a touching and memorial ANZAC Day service to our community. Students from Prep to year 7 were united in showing their respects to our fallen soldiers whose lives gave us the freedom we live in today. Guests were moved by the floral tributes our students placed at the base of ANZAC stone. Even our State Member for Waterford Mr Mike Latter acknowledged and congratulated the students on the remarkable behaviour and display of respect. It was a very proud moment for everyone.

NAPLAN

Through the outstanding efforts of our talented Mrs Heynemann and her merry gang of parent helpers our Year 3, 5 and 7 students were provided with a healthy and scrumptious breakfast to kick start each day of the NAPLAN testing. All students made us proud in their efforts.

School Disco

The NAPLAN tests were soon forgotten as we disco danced away the night wearing our pyjamas, tiaras and glowing headbands. Even the teachers and staff gave up their Friday night to dress up in their cool onesies and slippers. Thank you to our hard working P&C
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members for providing a great night for our students to strut their stuff on the dance floor.

Under 8’s Day & Walk to School Safely

The one day of the school year that allows all parents, staff and students to be a child for the day. Our ‘superhero theme’ was a huge success with everyone getting on board for this opportunity to dress up. This created the perfect scene to stop traffic as we all Walked to School Safely from our two meeting points in the community.

We also had many special guests drop in on the day including the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Smurfs, a Minion, Fireman Dale and his Fire truck and our Adopt-A-Cop Constable Glen Purcell and his police car. We had a jumping castle, snow and so many fun activities. Students enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle donated by our committed P&C team and their army of volunteers.

Cane Festival

A large contingent from our Loganholme SS community once again participated in the annual Beenleigh Cane festival. Many comments were made about the big smiles all of the students had from ear to ear as they proudly marched in this parade. Next year we envisage our Loganholme Team will be even bigger. Well done to all in attendance.

School Discipline Audit

In week seven the school underwent a mandatory Discipline audit. As a part of the process to strengthening discipline in our school the staff have begun a series of professional learning opportunities to ensure we are providing consistent measures in all classrooms across the school that educate our students on how to behave. The weekly assembly vignettes that began last year have been a part of this responsible behaviour education. The Discipline audit highlighted the strength our school has in celebrating positive student behaviour and responding to any of the negative behaviour. Most impressive was our reconnect room process which the auditor commended the school for.

Intervention

During this term we commenced the Levelled Literacy Intervention program for selected students in Year 1, 2 and 4. The data gathered after 5 weeks of work have indicated a growth of 3 benchmark levels in most students’ reading.

Our Reading Recovery students have shown similar growth with some students moving a stunning 5 levels! This is an amazing accomplishment and it reflects what can be achieved when intervention is provided in a targeted, intensive fashion.

Students exited from either of these programs will continue to be monitored and additional resources provided to the class teacher to support targeted teaching within the classroom and small-group guided reading sessions.

School Photos

In Week 9 all students from Prep to Year 7 said ‘cheese’ as they smiled for their class photos and individual portraits. Photo packs and orders will be delivered in term 3. Well done to the students for wearing their uniform with such pride on photo day.

Senior Athletics Carnival

The final week of term saw the completion of our two day Senior Athletics Carnival. On Monday all students born between 2005 – 2001 competed in high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games and a huge battle to find the tug-o-war champions. On Tuesday the students sprinted their way through the 100m, 200m relays and 800m. Students that were successful at our school carnival have been selected to represent the school at the Beenleigh District Athletics Carnival early in Term 3. Well done to Mr Bray for organising and running these two highly successful days.
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**Behaviour Rewards Day**

To top off a wonderful term our top 5 movers from each class participated in our end of term behaviour days. Students got the opportunity to get up close and personal with many creepy crawlies including a snake..........

Students also completed animal masks, origami animals and watched a conversation movie with popcorn. A huge shout out to Mr Knight and Mr Bray for making this day happen.

**Lost Property**

A large amount of lost property has accumulated this term. We try to return to students as many of these items, but unfortunately most of the items are not clearly labelled with a name. At our first assembly of Term 3, all lost property will be available for students and parents to check and collect. After this day, all remaining items will be donated to a local charity store.

**Semester 1 Report Cards**

Just a reminder for families, that student report cards will be distributed to families on **Friday July 18**.

**School Holiday Fun**

Try these websites and iOS apps out to continue learning over the holidays. Have fun while learning in an interactive way.

**Online Learning Fun!!**

  NAPLAN and Australian Curriculum tests

  Create story online using comic styles

- **Scholastic Stacks** ([http://www.scholastic.com/kids STACKS/1inkid=stacks/nay/home/main](http://www.scholastic.com/kids STACKS/1inkid=stacks/nay/home/main))
  Enjoy online activities, enter competitions and watch video book trailers.

- **BBC Bitesize** ([http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/))
  English, Maths and Science Learning activities

- **ABCya!** ([http://www.abcya.com/](http://www.abcya.com/))
  Educational computer games for children
We wish all our families and students a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes Monday July 14. Please ensure you keep our school safe and report any suspicious activity to school watch on 13 17 88.

Kind Regards
The Leadership Team

Super Why! for iPad ($4.99)
Practice alphabet, rhyming, spelling, writing and reading.

Story Wheel ($3.79)
Let your child’s imagination run wild as they create their own unique story.

Language adventures Quiz Game Show Grades 4-6 ($2.49)
Compete in a fun game show and learn language skills along the way.

Pizza Fractions (Free)
Name simple fractions using pizza picture examples.

iTooch Elementary School (Free)
Practice and learn maths, language and science for Grades 1-5

Splash Math (Free)
A fun and innovative way to practice maths.