From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is absolutely flying and already we are at the end of Week 7. Thank you to the many wonderful parents who have been popping in to the office or chatting with us in the school grounds about some ideas to make our school a better place for our children. To hear that you want to help and be more involved in the school is the best news a school leadership team can ask for – so again thank you!

Cane Festival 2014

Wow! What a wonderful turn out we had from our families and staff at this year’s Beenleigh Cane Festival. Even when the rain fell, it didn’t dampen our spirits as united we marched representing our great school to the community. Thank you to all those students and families that joined us at this event. There were plenty of laughs, bubbles and ribbons as we enjoyed the parade. We look forward to continuing our participation in this event in many years to come. Here are some of our favourite photos from the day.

Discipline Audit

On Monday our school engaged in a Discipline Audit. During the audit, an independent and experienced Principal visited our school to collect a range of data and information about our school-wide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews were conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management. The auditor gathered information in five domains –
Our school achieved excellent results in the Discipline Audit with high performance in the majority of domains and areas of outstanding within the Principal Leadership and Consistent Expectations of Behaviour Domains. Staff, students and parents communicated positive and consistent stories about our school’s culture and approaches to behaviour management. The auditor made a point of praising our school highly for:

😊 Our Reconnect Room and the structures and processes within this room to try to prevent students from being suspended or to support a successful transition back to school for those students returning from suspension.

😊 Our communication to parents with regards to the monitoring of student behavior in an effort to work together to try to prevent a student from being suspended from school or to strengthen the partnership as they return to school after suspension.

An executive summary will be received by the school which details commendations, affirmations and recommendations across the five domains. Once the school receives this information we will proudly share it on our school website.

**Red and Yellow Slips**
As the end of the term grows near, we find that student behaviour infringements start to increase. We thought we would again outline the process that occurs when students break school rules in playground or classroom to ensure all families have a thorough understanding of the processes involved in supporting their child with a minor incident at school.

**Values and Rules**
The value that was addressed on Monday’s assembly was patience and the school rule that was addressed was: We follow instructions. Both of these are outlined below.

**Value of the Week – Patience**
Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future. Patient people make the world a kinder, gentler place.

You practise patience by:
- accepting things you cannot control, like the way other people act
- waiting without complaining
- not wanting everything immediately
- taking care with your homework until it is completed neatly
- waiting for a younger child to finish a task
- showing gentleness when you or others make mistakes
- staying calm when things don’t go your way
- setting goals and persevering until you reach your goals
- knowing that good things take time

Rule of the Week: We follow instructions (in the playground)

You practise this by:
- walking on the concrete
- wearing the correct shoes for safety
- playing in the correct areas
- wearing a broad brimmed hat so that we are sun safe
- sitting down to eat in the correct eating areas
- following teacher instructions so that we are safe and show respect

Year 2 Ball Game Expectations

This week, Mrs Austin met with the Year 2 cohort to discuss the play expectations in the playground. The number of incidents occurring during ball games is on the increase, which is concerning as student choices are putting the safety of others at risk. Some students are being very competitive whilst playing trying to win at ‘any’ cost. If families can support the school in discussing this matter with their children, together we ensure the safety of all students in the playground.

School Photos 2014

Last week, each student received their individual school photo envelopes. If families did not receive a photo envelope please contact the school office. Our school photo day has been scheduled for Friday June 20.

Please note, if you were one of the families that went onto the website to order and pay for your child’s photos and found the pricing was incorrect, this has now been rectified. Please ensure you don’t leave it until photo day to order your 2014 school memories. Take advantage of the online ordering option and be organised.

If you are wishing to order family photos please don’t forget to collect a family order form from the office.

Student of the Week

We have celebrated the classroom efforts of the following students. Congratulations to:

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**Apps of the Week**

**Smiley Sight Words ($2.49)**
This app is well worth the money. It contains over 1,600 sight words that comprise up to 85% of text in a child’s early reading materials. A child who can recognise 80% of words in a sentence can typically understand the sentences meaning. Smiley Sight Words is a handy way to keep track of and encourage a child’s mastery of their sight words.

**Planet Read ($1.29)**
This phonics based app develops reading foundation from students as young as four. It covers all short, long and diphthong vowel sounds in 54 stories. Students hear, touch and read as they decode unfamiliar words without having to memorise them. The app uses a simplified and progressive blending approach to assist students in understanding the relationship between written and spoken language.

*Kind regards*
*The Leadership Team*