Dear Parents and Carers

It has been yet another big week at Loganholme State School despite the fact that there was no school on Monday because of the Logan Show Holiday. Please read below to hear about this week’s most important Loganholme news!

**Classroom Blitz**

Congratulations to the Blitz Class of Week 4 – 3W. Well done once again to the students of 3W, Mrs Williams and the parents and carers of these students. Because of the Junior Sports Carnival on tomorrow our “Fun Friday” theme chosen by 3W will be celebrated on Friday 14 August. The theme for this Fun Friday will be announced at assembly next week. Congratulations once again to 3W!!

**School Photos**

On Wednesday there were many smiling faces, as parents and students left the school holding their photo packs. We are delighted with the photo quality and appreciate the immediate feedback parents gave us regarding this year’s school photos. Some children may have been absent on the day photos were distributed so please be aware that all photos not distributed on Wednesday can now be collected from the school office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your photos or even if you would like to order some extra copies then please call AdvanceLife direct on 1300 728 972.

**Junior Sports Day**

Well the wait is finally over. Only one more sleep until our Prep to Year 3 students kick start our Junior Sport Day with their march past. Each class will represent a Commonwealth country as they proudly march around the oval. It is important to note that students are only required to wear their school or sports uniforms on the day. They are not required to dress up in the countries they are representing. All decorations and streamers for the march past will be organised and provided by the school and classroom teachers.

Below are the approximate event times for the day.

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**Important Dates**

**August**

15  Junior Sports Carnival
20  Strings Workshop
21  Strings Workshop  
Yr 1 Fire Ed Visit 11.30 am
25-29  6/7 Camp
27  Parent Maths PD 1.30 pm
28  SPSHS Band Camp
29  SPSHS Band Camp

**September**

3  Father’s Day Stall
4  Father’s Day Stall
5  Father’s Day Stall
11  Bonus Behaviour Day
12  P&C Bingo/Quiz night
17  Tuckshop Meal Deal Offer
18  Behaviour Rewards Day
From the Leadership Team

Don’t forget about the yummy sausage sizzle the P&C will have on offer for purchase and warm up with a hot cup of coffee from the coffee van. We can’t wait to see you all there! 😊

Lockdown Drill

Last week your children may have told you they participated in a Lockdown at school. Rest assured, this was only a drill to ensure if a real Lockdown needs to be activated, all students and staff know what exactly what to do. This is a requirement of the school, according to Work Place Health and Safety standards.

Postponed Strings Workshop

Earlier this term, the two days Strings Workshop for our students at Kimberley Park State School was postponed. The new dates for this workshop were moved to August 20 and 21 which is next week. We hope our strings students thoroughly enjoy this opportunity.

Year 1 Fire Visit

Each year, one of our favourite visits is from our local Fire Department. Students are given the opportunity to discuss the difference between good and bad fires, the importance of smoke detectors in our homes and how fires start. I think this is a timely reminder for everyone in the community to remind and discuss the fire safety within their homes. I will leave Blazer to help remind you what to do in the event of an emergency fire...

Behaviour and school attendance:

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit as early as possible so that your child learns right away that going to school on time, every day, is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, university, and at work. Remember that School Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Research shows that poor school attendance is associated with:

- Lower academic achievement including literacy and numeracy,
- Early school leaving.
- Leaving school with fewer qualifications.
- Reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further limiting achievement
- Further absenteeism in higher year levels

What you can do:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out when school starts and ensure your child has the recommended immunisation shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help them with transition.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

For further tips and information on attendance, please visit the following websites:
http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/for-parents/
http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

Value and Rule of Week

This week students have been taking the time to refresh their minds on the values and school rules that have been covered so far this term. The teachers have been accessing the suite of vignettes, stored on our school network that the
From the Leadership Team

Below are the Values and Rules displayed so far on assembly this term.

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Apps of the Week

**Counting Bees (FREE)**
This app assists children in learning to count to twenty by guiding bees to flowers. This relaxing game provides a safe and fun environment for children, aged five to seven years old, to learn. Children draw a path to the flower with their finger for the bee to follow.

**Poetry Creator (FREE)**
This app is a fresh spin of the classic refrigerator magnet poetry. The app allows children to move fridge magnets to create poems. Children can share their creations with their friends or family on Facebook.

School Website: Uniform shop & uniform policy

Although it is nearing the end of winter, you child still grows at a rapid rate. Are your children growing out of last year’s winter clothes? Our website has a copy of the Loganholme State School Uniform policy and other up-to-date information on our uniform expectations and our on-site uniform shop, including opening hours. To find out more about the uniform shop and policy, go to the Loganholme State School website on [https://loganholmess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](https://loganholmess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx). Then click on the Facilities tab on the top right of the Home page. Next select the Uniform shop page from the dropdown box.

Last week we shared with you the 3Ps for reading at home with your child. Spelling is another component that requires sustained focus but is not just about committing words to memory. What additional activities can you do to ensure that children can apply these words beyond the weekly spelling test and compliments what occurs in the classroom? See below:

1. Check your child can read/pronounce the word correctly.
2. **Look** at the word, **say** the word, **cover** the word, **write** the word and **check** the spelling of the word. If you check their work, circle the incorrect spelling and let them self-correct. Ensure your child does this every time they complete their list of words. IF they or an adult has not checked their spelling, they may be copying and reinforcing errors.
3. Identify where your child is making a mistake – we call this the ‘tricky bit’ and think of a way to help them remember:
   - piece – Do you want a piece of pie?
   - Dessert – strawberry sundae
   - Hear – There’s an ear in hear.
4. Break the word into syllables. Clap out the words rhythmically in syllables. You can dance, jig and click fingers as well.
5. Find the little words in the big word:
   - Disappear – is, pear, sap.
6. To extend their spelling see if they can spell related words:
   - Disappear – disappearance, disappearing.
   - Happy – unhappy, happily, happiness.
7. Use the pause, praise and prompt method to help work out how to spell new words:
   - **Pause**: When your child encounters a new word, allow them time to independently try and work out how to spell it.
   - **Prompt**: him/her with questions about how the word looks/sounds or where the word might have come from.
   - **Encourage your child to try to write the word.**
   - **Praise**: Always provide praise and encouragement for your child’s efforts.

8. Work with your child to recognize phonic families e.g. _ight, _and.

9. Have some fun with your child’s spelling try and play Scrabble, do word searches, anagrams and crosswords as much as possible.

10. Keep your child reading everything they can; magazines of interest, books, cereal packets for competitions, children’s newspapers and absolutely anything ‘child worthy!’

Remember we teach spelling in class but the individual help you give your child at home can make a big difference!

*Kind regards*

*The Leadership Team*