Dear Parents and Carers

Lunchtime Changes

On Monday we trialled our new lunchtime procedures to try to cater better for our students in terms of tuckshop orders and play space availability. We asked parents for feedback regarding this trial and do thank those parents who have taken the time to provide this. From all accounts from teachers, students and parents feedback has been extremely positive. That said, we will have more trials next week to ensure we have ironed out any issues before we implement this as a permanent change. Thank you again for your feedback.

Ekka Meal Deal Tomorrow!

Wow, what a wonderful response we have had towards our yummy tuckshop Ekka Meal Deal. Tomorrow (Friday 8 August) students who have purchased a meal deal will receive a Dagwood Dog with sauce at first break and an Ice-cream and mini Show Bag at second break. Unfortunately, orders did have to be pre-paid so no late orders will be accepted on the day. Miss Leanne has informed us that normal tuckshop food will still be available for students. A big thank you to our P&C and Miss Leanne for the work they have done to provide this Ekka Meal Deal for tomorrow. 😊

Fun Friday

The winning class for Week 3 of our Classroom Blitz was 5H. Congratulations to all 5H students, Mr Holmes and the families of 5H - your commitment to your schooling is commendable. As the winning class 5H have decided that the theme for Fun Friday this week will be:

**Pyjama and Movie Day!**

Yes, that is right! Students will be able to wear their pyjamas to school and at first and second break they are able to chill out and enjoy a movie in the hall. Watching the movie is not compulsory and neither is wearing pyjamas! Children can wear school uniform and watch the movie or wear pyjamas and play handball in their normal play area. Fun Friday is about having fun and celebrating the hard work that students do every day in every classroom. To ensure there is no need for the school to contact home regarding inappropriate clothing please read the following clothing guidelines for the day:

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If students are wearing inappropriate clothing we will be contacting parents to provide suitable attire.

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Logan Show Holiday

This is just a reminder to all families that Logan show holiday is on **Monday 11 August**. Loganholme SS will be closed on this day.

Strings and Band Day of Excellence

Next week a number of our students will be attending a day of excellence at Shalier Park State High School. Two separate days have been organised:

*Strings Day of Excellence – Wednesday August 13*

*Band Day of Excellence – Thursday August 14*

Junior Sports Day Carnival

We are excited to count down the days to one of our favourite days on our school calendar, our Junior Sports Day Carnival. To be held on **Friday 15 August**, Mr Bray has added some great new ideas to make our program even better this year. We hope to see as many families as possible attend on the day. Below is an overview of approximate event times.

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**Please Note:**

Students are to wear their normal school/sports uniform on the day. All decorations and streamers for the march past will be organised and provided by the school and classroom teachers.

Our P&C will be running their fantastic sausage sizzle BBQ which students and families can purchase and a coffee van will also available on the day. So please bring your chairs, blankets and picnic lunches and make a day of it. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

How to Support You Child With Reading

**Pause, Prompt and Praise: Supporting your child to develop confidence when reading.**

You may have already heard of Pause, Prompt Praise technique or the 3Ps as it is sometimes called. These three catchy words describe a simple technique that, used well, will support your child to practise his/her reading and to develop more reading confidence.

The 3Ps technique is best used when your child is reading and ‘gets stuck’ on words that they can’t read or are new to them. When your child encounters words that are difficult for them to read, the 3Ps technique will allow him/her the opportunity to have another go, self-correct or if needed, find out (be told) what the problem word is.

**Pause:**

If (or when) your child comes to a word they don’t know try not to jump in straight away and supply the correct word. In the first instance ‘pausing’ creates an opportunity for your child to try and self-correct or work out the word for him/herself.

**Prompt:**

If your child successfully supplies the word they have stumbled over, it’s a good idea to suggest that he/she goes back to the beginning of the sentence and re-reads the whole sentence again (to recap meaning) before reading on. If your child has not independently worked out the problem word, at this point you may intervene and prompt them with the following:

- Look for chunks that you know (e.g. ing, art, end).
- Get your mouth ready for the first sound. Read to the end of the sentence.

If prompts like these are not working, this is the point at which you simply tell your child the correct word. After a short time ‘prompting’ say:
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- Would you like me to help? Or how about I tell you the word?

You may even briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt your child to continue reading. Try not to spend too much time prompting as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

Praise:
This is the easiest part of the process for any parent because it is something that comes naturally. Praise your child’s reading efforts and successes whenever you think it is appropriate during the reading process. As well as praising the effort it is often good to tell them why. For example you might say:

- Well done, I thought it was brilliant the way that you went back, re-read the sentence from the beginning and word out that word you were having trouble with.

To find out more about this technique and other helpful reading tips, please select from the parent-friendly reading workshops below. To secure your spot at any of these workshops, please email me at rhest1@eq.edu.au to confirm your choice of date/s. All workshops commence at 1:30 sharp and will be conducted in B Block – 2H classroom.

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School Values and Rule of the Week

Value of Week – Responsibility
Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

- Responsibility is taking care of your duties.
- Responsibility is answering for your actions.
- Responsibility is trustworthiness.

You practise responsibility when you:

- complete your chores at home without being constantly reminded
- take good care of your personal possessions
- come to school on time
- eat healthy food, get plenty of exercise, and take good care of yourself
- take care of your lunch money and don’t lose it on the playground
- keep a promise
- complete your homework assignments on time and to the best of your ability
- take care of your pet
- return library books on time

School Rule – We respect the property of others
You practise this by:

- using school equipment properly
- keeping your work spaces and books tidy
- cleaning up any mess
- asking permission to take equipment that doesn’t belong to us
- taking care or the environment and walking around gardens or staying on the paths
- placing all rubbish in the bin
- eating your own lunches and not asking others for theirs
- returning all lost property items

Technology Update
Last week we mentioned about the upgrades to the internet connection speed (bandwidth) and the expansion of the wireless network in our school. This was at a cost of just under $14 000. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard (IWB) connected to a data projector. As some of these projectors were installed in 2010, they are nearing or have passed the end of their life span. To accommodate this we have just purchased four new projectors at a cost of just over $8 000 so that information and communication technologies can be used in the classrooms to assist student learning.
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Apps of the Week

Interactive Alphabet (FREE for a limited time. Normally $3.79)
Aimed at preschool children, this app develops knowledge and awareness of the letters of the alphabet. Children are encouraged to touch, type, trace and sing along with the letters of the alphabet. You can even add familiar picture and words.

Sail Through Math (FREE for a limited time. Normally $2.49)
Sail Through Math offers a fun and exciting way to practice and reinforce math skills. Students face mounting obstacles and surprising hazards as they navigate through maths facts, algebra, number sense and rational numbers.

School Website: Office information and payments

Our friendly office staff, Mrs Muldeary, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bardell, are happy to answer your queries in person or over the phone. To find out more about the office hours or how and when you can make payments via cash, EFTPOS or the internet, head to the Loganholme State School website on https://loganholmess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx. Then click on the Support and resources tab on the top right of the Home page. Next select the Payments page from the dropdown box.

Kind regards
The Leadership Team