Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and that your children are off to a good start in their new classes. In particular, I would like to offer a warm welcome to those who are new to our school community. It was certainly wonderful to see the bright looks of anticipation on the faces of all our new prep enrolments.

Staffing 2015

It is great to welcome back some of our long term staff as we begin the new school year. Mrs Austin returns to the role of Deputy Principal, Mrs Yeomans to her classroom teaching role on Year 5 and Mrs French who is teaching Year 2. We have one newly appointed teacher for 2015 who brings with her a wealth of teaching experience - Mrs Angela Lloyd-Jones and one new contract teacher who is taking over the role of classroom music – Mr Mathew Walkden. Welcome to our new staff and welcome back to our familiar Loganholme faces.

Parent Information Evening

Parent Information Evenings are an invaluable way of providing you with information about the school's direction for the year and the management and organisation of your child’s classroom. The date for this evening is Tuesday 10 February beginning at 6.30pm in Kingfisher Hall. We will commence our evening with a brief message from some of our staff members who would like to inform you of what both you and your children can access at our school. At 7.00pm parents will move off to the classrooms to hear all about the year ahead for the children in each class. More details of the night will be given in Class Newsletters which will be issued next week. Information will also be available on our school website. Any further enquiries can be made at any time via email or phone call to our school office.

School Assemblies

Please remember that each Monday afternoon at 2.00pm we hold our whole school assembly. While this assembly does include our latest news and a snapshot of any school events ahead, we also have a weekly class performance, student vignettes, student of the week awards and our classroom blitz announcement. Each week is special and very exciting for our students – we look forward to seeing many family members there!

Facilities Update

We now have a fully air conditioned school! Yes, over the summer vacation period we installed air conditioners in our old Pre-school building and the classroom located at the end of the library. This now means all of our classroom teaching spaces have reverse cycle air conditioning keeping our children cool in summer and warm in winter. A big thank you to all of the community members who played a part in supporting us on what has been a three year project.
From the Leadership Team

Supporting Student Learning

Our whole school prevention, intervention and extension model continues in 2015. Each student’s progress is constantly monitored via collated data which in turn dictates the selection for, and direction of, each of our intervention programs. These programs are structured to attend to individual’s needs and the overarching goal is for each and every student to continually strive to improve. In next week’s newsletter edition I will be outlining the year levels and focus programs available to support our students in their learning journey.

Leadership Program

This year, our Year 6 students will be participating in the Loganholme 'Leadership Program' for 2015 to guide them in becoming independent young people. This program is designed to reward students for being positive role models. Students can work towards three levels of the leadership program.

For students to be eligible for the first level of the leadership program and to earn their Leadership Shirt they must:

- Complete eleven 'activities' with a supervising teacher signing their ‘Leadership Activity’ sheet. This week, students have commenced their activities. Year 6 teachers and Admin have discussed the types of activities that students can be involved in.
- Demonstrate ongoing respect towards all staff, students and visitors to Loganholme State School as well as all property and facilities. This includes both in person and via digital avenues such as text messaging and social media.
- Remain in the green, purple or blue zone on a regular basis on the daily behaviour chart.
- Complete all homework
- Be punctual
- Wear the correct school uniform with pride

School House Captains

The process for electing House Captains for 2015 has begun. Two captains will be elected for each of our three sports’ houses. Teachers have discussed with students the qualities required of a house captain.

The qualities expected of students who wish to become a house captain are:

- Regular attendance
- Consistently follows school dress code
- Leadership qualities, both in the classroom and playground
- Positive attitude to school life
- Ability to work co-operatively, both with their peers and adults within the school community
- Respect of staff and students
- Displays/models responsible behaviours
- Accepts responsibilities and has been involved voluntarily in school activities.
- Able to speak appropriately in public

Students will go through a comprehensive process in order for them to be selected as a house captain. Students who are interested will submit an application endorsed by both their parents and class teacher. From the applicants, short listed candidates will prepare and present a speech to Year 3-6 students in their sports’ house. These students will then vote for their preferred house captain. It is wonderful to see so many of our senior students excited at the prospect of applying for a house captain position. House captains will be formally presented with their badges at a special Leader Induction Ceremony to be held on Friday 27 February.

Playtime and Lunch Breaks

There are two designated times throughout the day for students to eat and play. The following is a breakdown of times for eating and play for each year level:

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From the Leadership Team

Second Break
Prep – Year 6
12:45pm-1:10pm – Playtime
1:10pm -1:25pm – Eating Time

It is wonderful to see students in all eating areas across the school well settled during their eating times. Many a healthy lunch box can be seen with sandwiches, lunch wraps, salads, crackers and cheese and yummy fresh fruit. It is important that students have enough healthy food to eat at both breaks. Please discuss this with your child as to whether they have enough food for both breaks.

School Resources and Uniforms

When students are enrolled at Loganholme SS there are two expectations required of families. The first expectation is to ensure children are dressed in their full school uniform according to our School Dress Code. The Dress Code not only outlines the expectations of the school uniform but also includes the colour of shoes, socks and hairstyles. Please ensure your child is in their full school uniform each every day.

The second expectation is the school is supplied the full year level booklist and resources at the beginning of the year. To ensure you child is set up for success, they need the right tools to complete their work. Please endeavour to provide these resources to the classroom teachers as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulty in meeting this requirement for any reason, please inform your child’s classroom teacher or a member of the Administration team to discuss this further.

Please note if you order your resource packs through Bedrock Books they will deliver bulk items including tissues and paper straight to the school. This is happening in week 2. This is a standard practice for all supply companies, as most schools (including ours) are not ready to receive such items until after the commencement of the school year. All learning resources are delivered to families prior to school starting to ensure that learning takes place from day one.

If there are any further questions regarding school resources, please do not hesitate to the school.

Dropping Students at School

The beginning of the year is the perfect time to remind all families of the before school procedures. It is imperative that students arrive on time each and every day! You would be surprised how unsettling it is for children when they arrive even 5 minutes late to school. The affect it has on children trying to catch up on lessons that have already commenced is very evident. Please ensure you give your child the best possible start by making sure they arrive at school before the first bell at 8:20am.

There is no reason for students to be on school grounds prior to 8:00am. There is no supervision until this time; therefore it is unsafe for students to be on the grounds. It is parents’ responsibility to arrange before school care to ensure the safety of your child is not at risk. This is a very serious matter and families will be contacted if this continues in the future.

Once students and families arrive, they must assemble in one of the two allocated areas of supervision.
Prep students (only) = Under covered area at the end of the Prep Block
Year 1 -6 students = In front of the tuckshop

We ask that parents and students do not wait in front of their classrooms. For safety reasons, all playground equipment is not accessible for children before or after school hours.

Just to remind parents here is an overview of our bells:-
• 1st bell 8:20a.m – students dismissed from the supervised areas and classroom doors open
• 2nd bell 8:25a.m – students should be in classrooms and the school day has commenced

Picking Students up From School

During the School Day
We understand that there are times you may need to pick your child up during school hours. If this happens please be aware that you must come to the school office first and not go straight to the child’s classroom. At the office you will be issued with a slip which is given to the classroom teacher when you collect your child. Students will not be released until this slip has been collected first.
At the End of the School Day
All Prep students must be collected from their classrooms while all Years 1-6 students will be dismissed from their classrooms at the end of the school day. Please ensure you discuss, with your children, where you plan to meet at the end of the day. Whether this is outside the classroom, under the tuckshop area or at one of the three school gates it is important that you are both very clear as to where this pick up point will be.

Loganholme Behaviour Expectations
At Loganholme State School we pride ourselves on providing a supportive school environment where teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn.

Every classroom has the following expectations of students so that they are aware of the consistency across the school. Teachers will regularly discuss these rules with their students giving examples to check that each student understands what the rule means. We would appreciate it if you could also discuss these expectations with your child.

- We follow instructions
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- We respect the property of others
- We do not say things that hurt others
- We listen when others are talking.

Statistics have proven that our whole school behaviour program has been successful in reducing the incidents of inappropriate behaviour across our school. Every class uses a daily behaviour zone chart shown below. Students commence each day on the green zone. Throughout the day they have the opportunity to move up and down on the chart depending on their behaviour.

1. **Blue Zone**: Outstanding behaviour
2. **Purple Zone**: Great behaviour
3. **Green Zone**: Expected level of behaviour
4. **Orange Zone**: Warning
5. **Red Zone**: Time-out

The **Believe and Achieve Thermometer** is designed to track students throughout the school year. This is to regularly acknowledge and celebrate those students who are continually modelling good behaviour and to give all students the opportunity to redeem themselves if poor choices are made at certain times.

**Recognition of the Positive**
At the completion of each term, the school recognises a different group of identified students from the Believe and Achieve Thermometer. This can range from the top five students in each class to the students who have shown the greatest improvement in each class. This term, these students will be the top five achievers on the Believe and Achieve Thermometer.

The end of term **Rewards’ Day**, is seen as a coveted event within the community. Students see it as both an honour and privilege to be invited to participate in this event.

The **Whole School Behaviour Management System** at Loganholme has been designed to achieve the following:
- Set high expectations for the behaviour of all students.
- Develop and implement a system that demonstrates consistency, equity, and transparency for all classes and year levels.
- Encourage and motivate students to strive for excellence with their behaviour.
- Acknowledge, reward and celebrate students who consistently follow the school rules.
- Set consistent and logical consequences for students who do not follow the school rules.
From the Leadership Team

- Improve the communication between school and home so that parents and carers are informed regularly about both positive and negative behaviour.

Curriculum Corner

Welcome to 2015!

A warm welcome is extended to all families whether returning for yet another year, or ready to experience their first year at our school. To our new families, I am certain you will be amazed at the number of exciting events which will unfold before you in the coming year and years to follow. As Head of Curriculum, I am here to assist parents and students in the journey through their years at Loganholme State School. My work with teachers and students is focussed on improving the school’s curriculum, teaching, assessment and reporting. I feel very fortunate to be working in a school community that embraces change, challenges and supports teaching and learning. This year our teachers will continue to plan, teach, assess, moderate and report on the Australian Curriculum which ‘focuses on learning area content and achievement standards that describe what students will learn and teachers will teach.’ Structured moderation meetings to view student work samples and assessment tasks are conducted regularly by all teams to achieve consistency of judgements for all achievement standards.

In the following weeks I will inform you of ways you could support your child with literacy and numeracy. Appointments to meet with me can be made by emailing me at rhest1@eq.edu.au. I look forward to getting to know our new families and reigniting relationships with our many families from 2014.

A Great Start for our 2015 Prep Students

Well done to our wonderful new Prep students who commenced their first year of formal schooling this week. It was a treat to see such happy, smiling and excited four and five year olds join us as they embark on their primary education.

The beginning of the school year is action packed and our younger students are usually very tired by the end of Week 1. You may need to assist your children in making the transition back to early morning wake ups, packed lunches, rules, times, uniforms and schedules. Like so many things in life, back-to-school time is an exercise in regaining balance. So here are some tips for making the transition a little smoother:

1. Ideally, before school starts (maybe a tip for next year), start moving back to the school-year bedtime by half-hour increments. At the same time, have the children wake up earlier each day until they are up at their regular school time for about a week. Make a conscious effort to re-establish regular mealtimes and talk about their day.

2. Teach your children how to plan and pack a healthy lunch so they (and you) can be more independent. Brainstorm lists of the healthy foods they like. Children can choose one item from each category to create a variety of healthy balanced lunches.

3. Encourage them to organize their bags in preparation for the day. Again, this is their responsibility. Provide the necessary supplies so they can be organized. You can tell them what you would do, but you need to let them figure out what works for them.

4. If you walk in to school with your child each morning, allow them to carry their own bag and if needed assist them to unpack it but don’t do it for them. Even our Prep and Year One students can manage this with a little guidance and patience which in turn will help to build independence and resilience.

Effective transitions happen gradually and help prepare children for the impending change. By involving them in the planning and giving them choices about how the change occurs, they will manage the transition and change better. They’ll also learn important life skills and be more independent, responsible and confident.

Kind regards
The Leadership Team

Community Billboard

Slacks Creek Tigers Soccer 2015 Sign On
24th - 25th Jan 9am-2pm
31st Jan -1st Feb 9am - 2pm
It’s that time of year again, soccer sign on is just around the corner, and we’d love to see you at “Creek” for the 2015 season.

IMPORTANT SIGN-ON INFORMATION!!!

New Football Queensland regulations require all players and coaches to use the MyFootballClub to self-register online themselves.

As a club we are willing to help those who are unsure of how to do this on our sign on weekends. If you have not self-registered online it would be appreciated if you could please bring your FFA number and password to the club with you so we can help you register your child to play Football this season. If you are unable to get your FFA number and password we will need to have access to your email so we can get a password sent out to you when you come down to the club on the sign on weekends to register your child.

We encourage all new and existing players to register online via the MyFootballClub system prior to the sign-on weekends.


You still need to come to the club on the sign on days with your receipt from MyFootballClub to prove registration, to make payment and to check or fill out the club membership form.

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Shailer Flames Netball Club Inc.

Sign on for Junior Netball in 2015
For players aged 5-16

Saturday 31st January 2015
and
Saturday 7th February 2015

9.00am to 12.00pm

Outdoor Netball Courts – Cornubia Park
Cornubia Park drive Off Bryant’s Rd Shailer Park Behind Ipswich

Come meet some of our players, make new friends and see what netball with Shaler flames in 2015 is going to be all about.

The 2015 Junior Netball season runs from 26th February to 5th September, excluding public holidays and school holidays.

See you there!