FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. I’d like to extend a warm welcome to new students and their families. I’d also like to welcome new and returning teaching staff, Natalie Parker Year 5P, Miranda Powell 3/4P, Danni Calaby Year 3BC and Rebecca Kerslake, NCT Teacher release.

RETURN OF STUDENTS

Thank you also to all parents who have ensured their children have returned to school in uniforms including hats. Attendance at school and arrival on time are keys to a positive learning attitude and consequent successes and achievement. The school looks forward to working with parents to ensure this is the case for all our students.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA

Our School Improvement Agenda in 2016 will again focus on Literacy and Numeracy with targeted percentage increases for students achieving the upper 2 Bands in NAPLAN Reading and Mathematics. Strategies will include continued Literacy Coaching provided by Ros Richardson, and an additional Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy (STLAN) Chris Genrich to work with Omilla Haripersad. Additionally Teaching Staff will collaborate in their Year Level Professional Learning Teams to implement a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum in Mathematics. Explicit Teaching and monitoring of student learning will be the focus supported by the additional funding provided by the Investing for Success Initiative.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Students who have to wait for a little longer to be picked up after school should wait inside the school grounds at the main gate, near the Prep 1 classroom, not around the Assembly Hall. Our Hall is utilised by Camp Australia Outside School Hours Care Program each morning and afternoon and their staff are busy with the students attending OSHC.

PARENT PARKING

Our parking facilities are sometimes stretched at the busy times especially around 3.00pm, but if everyone follows the appropriate procedures, our students’ safety will be ensured. The Stop, Drop and Go Zones are not parking spaces where parents can leave their vehicle. Also, parking or drop off within the staff carpark near the administration building is not available for parents/caregivers. Parking is available at the southern end of our top oval adjacent to the swimming pool. Parents are reminded the main carpark is not the property of the Department of Education and is subject to Council, Transport and Police Department’s parking and traffic regulations.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM...

2016 STUDENT RESOURCE

We will be invoicing for the Student Resource Scheme as the forms are returned. Payments for the 2016 Student Resource Scheme is due by 11th March 2016. Please return a completed form for each child indicating whether you are or are not joining the Resource Scheme.

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

SWIMMING TIMETABLE FOR TERM 1

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**PARK RIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB**

Park Ridge Panthers - Hubner Park – Hubner Road Park Ridge

2016 Trials and Training

Under 9,10 & 11 - 6-7.30pm Mon and Weds until teams are formed.

Under 12 to 16's - 6-7.30pm Tue and Thurs until teams are formed.

Friday 5 Feb Under 6, 7 & 8's - 6-7pm

Under 18, 20 & Senior Men, 7-9pm Tue and Thurs.

Under 16 girls and Senior Women – 6.30 - 8.30pm Mon and Weds. March – May & June to August Under3-Under 5’s

Sign –on can be done online (myfootballclub.com) then bring in a copy of the invoice. We will be at the club to help and take payments every training night while teams are being formed.

For more information call Mick on 3809 0022, 0411 864 937 or mick@parkridgesoccer.net

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

The Uniform Shop will open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am – 9.30am.

**P&C MEETING**

The first meeting for the P&C Association is on Monday night 8th February at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to come along. The P&C are the parent body of the school who plan and make decisions for all of our school community.

**TUCKSHOP**

Munch Monitors is available at the Tuckshop allowing you to place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance. You will also be able to view online account statements. Munch Monitors costs just $2.50 per family account per term.

To set up a pre-paid account to order online or to allow your child a pre-paid card for counter purchases simply go to: www.munchmonitor.com

Enter username: parkridge Enter password: munch4125

Click on 'sign up' and follow the directions. If need any help in setting up the account, simply email help@munchmonitor.com

**IN THE COMMUNITY...**

**CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Tena Koutou Katoa. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and are ready for another great year at Park Ridge State School. I am very pleased to see we have a significant increase of new enrolments bringing this term to the largest number of children I have seen in my 3 years at Camp Australia. We have kicked off this term with our efforts in sustainability. We have implemented a recycling program to go along with our water and energy programs. We are also a drop off zone for mobile buster where we take in old mobile phones, chargers and other mobile accessories at no cost to you. We believe our environment is important and would like to teach children good habits in this area. This fortnight we will be focussing on growing familiar with our routines and of course growing rapport with educators and making new friends. Children have enjoyed making candle holders, Aboriginal cl oth art and the one and only group game Bullrush. **We always accept new enrolments please feel free to check us out in person or online via campaustralia.com.au.**

Kind regards Haylee 0421144467.

**COMMUNITY BOOKSALE**

At Logan West Library Grand Plaza Drive on Saturday February 6th starting at 9am. Ex library books, cds and magazines, good quality, excellent prices. All proceeds go to the Anglican Parish of Logan, Good Shepherd Church.

**CRICKET**

Park Ridge Cricket are looking for players of our U10 teams (aged 8-10years) interested players contact Lewis Mills 0413 656 058. Training is Tuesday night 6-7.30pm. Park Ridge is running U13’s and U15’s junior teams in the Winter Warehouse Competition starting end April – Mid August and anyone interested contact Lewis Mills on 0413 656 058

**LIVE WELL LOGAN**

*Going Crazy? Food for a Happy and Calm Househol* *d*

Saturday 27 February 1-3pm @ Logan West Library (Browns Plains) Discover which food additives in everyday healthy food choices are linked to health, learning and behaviour problems (including asthma and hyperactivity). Funded by Logan City Council’s Live Well Logan program. Bookings are ESSENTIAL - go online to save your seat www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events

*What’s for Dinner? MEAL PLANNING FOR BUSY FAMILIES*

Friday 11 March 2016 at 10:00am - 12:00am (Jimboomba)

Save time, money and stress by attending “Meal Planning for Busy Families” on Friday 11 March from 10:00am - 12noon at Jimboomba. At this Live Well Logan session Home Economist and Additive Alert Community Talks Presenter Louise D’Allura shares how ANYONE can eat healthy - even if you hate planning ahead and you shop at the last minute. Registering is essential: www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events

Any questions? Contact Louise D’Allura on 0408 723 559

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**LOGAN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Wineglass Drive - Hillcrest*

**Fri 5th Feb**

Logan West Community Centre

**Blue Light Disco**

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Ages 6 - 14

$5.00 entry - no pass out's

Full Police supervision - Cloak room - Canteen

WWW.BLUELIGHTDISCO.COM

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