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## Principal's Outlook

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Triennial School Review - Parent Consultation

Last Tuesday evening (August 4), staff, parents, students and community members participated in a very successful strategic planning meeting. Community and parent input into the strategic planning process is significant to ensure future school direction meets community and family needs. Parents focused on student achievement as well as needs and their insight into the strategies needed to achieve improvement in performance was both insightful and valuable. Thank you to all who attended the evening, members of the P&C and to Cubby Early (Canteen Convenor) and Ellen Whitmore who catered for the function.

### Open Day – A Big Success!

I have always said that Loganlea State High School is the best kept secret in the area. Having the opportunity to showcase the school to the community was a privilege. Around 300 prospective parents & students attended the afternoon. Our staff and students aptly showed why Loganlea is now the comprehensive school of choice in Logan City.

### \$1.5 million – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science Academy

Planning is well underway for this exciting opportunity to upgrade our science facilities to provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century science education. As a former Medical Scientist prior to my entry into the teaching profession and Head of Department (Science), I see this school facility upgrade as an exciting, as well as challenging, step for the school. How do we convert 28 year old science labs to state-of-the-art teaching laboratories that provide teaching capacity for the future with the competitive edge?

Watch this space for updates.

### Subject Selection Evening

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, all Parents/Carers and students of years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to a Subject Information Evening. At this event you will be provided with valuable information to assist students in making subject choices for 2010.

From Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August to September 11<sup>th</sup>, all students entering year 11 in 2010 and their parents, will be required to attend a 30 minute interview to establish and sign off Senior Education and Training Plans (SET Plans). This is a compulsory process.

\*see insert for more details.

Allison Crane

## Defence 2020 Youth Conference



Students with service men and women at the conference

Four of Loganlea State High School's future defence recruits attended the Defence 2020 Youth Conference. Students had to prepare research presentations on Peacekeeping and the role of the Defence Forces. They were also able to meet current members of the forces and chat about their future careers. Allan Sheppard hopes to join the Navy, Tiarnah Graham and Jarrad Johnson hope to join the Airforce and Ashleigh Stanford is considering a career in the Army. You may have seen Tiarnah on the news and Jarrad and Ashleigh in the Logan Albert Newspaper. Congratulations!

Katherine Bannon  
Yr 12 Coordinator

## Playgroup is Making a Difference

This semester, Playgroup, is being run weekly by our students. They have to follow a program designed to assist in the development of social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of children aged between 0 and 5 years of age.



The first week back saw an influx of new excited parents and little ones joining *Munchkins*. There are now 30 children attending playgroup each week which means students in Early Childhood are getting a real taste of what the industry is like. They are developing a clear understanding of industry expectations in relation to the dress standards and correct behaviour including clocking on and off for work. Students have shown their willingness to lead in fields they feel comfortable in. Parents have commented positively on the beautiful way in which the students interact with the children attending. (This makes me a very proud teacher) *Playgroup in the Park* last week was a great success and everyone had a lovely morning in the sun. Students were excellent in their behaviour and ability to complete assessment items whilst attending to the children.

Robyn Gooley—Early Childhood Coordinator

## Congratulations Matt (Dusty) Clifford

Recently Matthew (Dusty) Clifford went to the Caboolture Homestead Country Music Club's junior talent quest. He won first place in the 'Anything Goes' category in which he performed what one of the judges christened "Rappin' Matilda". The judges commented that it was the best performance they had seen all day and the whole audience loved it. He also won the Junior Encouragement Award for the day.

Well done Dusty. We are proud of you.



## Breast Cancer Awareness

The seniors of Loganlea State High recently put on a great fundraiser to help raise awareness of Breast Cancer. Unfortunately, Breast Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in women and effects approximately 106 men annually. Early detection remains the key with survival chances up to 90% if the cancer is contained to the breast tissue. The key is to regularly check for any changes that are abnormal for you and may include:

- \* A lump, lumpiness or thickening (not related to the normal monthly cycle and remains after your period or if change occurs in only one breast),
- \* Discharge from the nipple
- \* Changes in the skin of the breast (such as, puckering or dimpling of the skin, unusual redness or other colour change)
- \* Persistent unusual pain
- \* Change in the size or shape of the breast, pain, swelling under the armpit  
(\* breast tissue starts under collar bone and extends to under the armpits)

If you notice any of these changes, it is important that you visit your local doctor so they can investigate what is the cause. The vast majority of women who find a breast change will be relieved to

know that it is not Breast Cancer. For those women whose changes are due to Breast Cancer, the sooner the Breast Cancer is diagnosed, the better the chance of survival. For further information, contact Breastscreen on 132050.



Jodie Fisher, Youth Health Nurse  
Source: National Breast Cancer Foundation, 2009.

## RACQ All Schools Pedal Prix At Willowbank



This year we had the opportunity to enter two teams into the Annual RACQ All Schools Pedal Prix. We were lucky to have both teams on new bikes, along with our brand new trailer to transport all our gear to the Willowbank Raceway. Loganlea looked very professional with our set-up. A big thank you to all those who helped make this possible. All aspects of the race take a lot of time and commitment.



Each team had five riders and two pit crew who helped out their team throughout the race. Once we got through scrutineering with a clean run, some of our riders had a chance to go down the quarter mile track to gain times for the starting grid. Unfortunately one of the bikes had a minor mishap and had to be towed back up the quarter mile. With a new brake nut we were back in the race. All participants were treated to a sausage sizzle, sandwiches, biscuits, fruit and a few lollies for a sugar boost - helping to get us through the three hour endurance race.



For most of the day our two teams were in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place. Our main competition was the Beenleigh High team who gave us a good race. By the end of the race we managed to have one team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the other team in 5<sup>th</sup> place. It was great for all the team riders to have a practice run for the Holden Maryborough 24hour Race that will run from 11-13<sup>th</sup> September.



Good luck to all our riders who continue onto this race.



## Big Day Out At Logan Brothers

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July we had 28 students join in the fun for the annual Big Day Out at Logan Brothers. The event included a number of a mini Olympic style events that were all about fun and participation. The events this year included mini cricket, tug of war, gum boot throwing and the giant space ball. Everyone also had the opportunity to visit the animal farm - who can pass up a cute pig or baby goat? The other big hit of the day was the face painting and fake tattoos. This year we had three teams participating in all the games. Everyone had a great time participating and a nice day out of the normal school routine. Unfortunately we didn't come any place this year however all students were awarded with a medal for participation. A big thank you goes out to the teachers who helped out on the day.

Melissa Goldie

