

**P & C Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. All Welcome. Ph. 3451 8777**

Issue 4

## ***Principal's Outlook***

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Brett Raguse MP, Federal Member for Forde, was enthusiastically welcomed and applauded on school parade by students and staff. Mr Raguse handed over a cheque for \$164,000 from the *National Secondary Schools Computer Fund* for the purchase of 164 new computers. This will move the school closer to our ICT access target of 1:2 (Yrs 9-12) for 2009. We have already purchased the first 50 of these computers and once these are installed the next batch will be ordered. We are considering laptops as well. For further information please refer to the "Digital Education Revolution" website at:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/DigitalEducationRevolution/Guidelines>.

Loganlea was also successful in receiving funds for classroom renewal from the *State Schools of Tomorrow* Renewal Program. We were successful in receiving up to \$653,250 for the Library Upgrade and we will be working closely with our Regional Facilities team on the planning and delivery of this project. This is an exciting time in schools with opportunities to provide world class facilities for learning.

Continuing with our **NAPLAN Test** preparation there will be a year 9 Narrative (Short Story) Competition. This writing task competition will occur on Friday 3 April during period 1 class. Ten movie passes will be awarded to the top ten short stories as judged by Mrs Cryan (Head of Department English). Please ensure all students are in attendance.



An interclass **Word Smart Tournament** will commence on Monday 6 April and will continue right up to the **NAPLAN test (May 12 13 14)**. Prizes for improvement in spelling will be given weekly, as well as prizes for the top 10 **Word Smarties**.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all parents and staff who attended our P&C Annual General Meeting and introduce the **P&C Executive for 2009**. President Natasha Nicolson, Treasurer Belinda Gledhill, Secretary Cheryl Hewlett. I encourage you all to come along and support this friendly and hard working team. The next P&C meeting will be held in the common room Wednesday April 12 at 4.00pm.

The **Triennial School Review (TSR)** will commence after Easter. This is a strategic process that informs our school planning for the next 3 years. Parent and student involvement in this process is vital as we

settle on the set of priorities that we will enact. If you are interested in being a part of the TSR process you can email me on [info@loganleashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@loganleashs.eq.edu.au) or call the school office on 34518777.

### ***Calendar of Events***

Mar	25	Year Eight Excursion to the Smart Tip
Mar	26	All About Me All About You Day (Anti-bullying/Health/Nutrition)
Mar	27	Magazine naming competition
Mar	30	Mid-term reports issued
Mar	31	Senior Dance Excursion
Mar	30 to	Apr 3 SEP Girls' Survivor Camp
Apr	1	Engraving Service by QLD Police (bikes/scooters/ipods/phones etc)
Apr	7	Parent/Teacher Night
Apr	10	Good Friday and beginning of Easter Holidays
Apr	20	Pupil Free Day
Apr	21	School resumes for students

As the end of the term draws to a close, please ensure your students continue their focus on attendance every day and learning. It is important that all items of assessment are completed before the reports are finalised and I look forward to meeting with many of you on Parent/Teacher night on April 7.

Allison Crane

## QR Reds tackle rail safety with Loganlea students

Loganlea State High School students packed down with the QR Reds to tackle rail safety head on.

Year eight students kicked off their morning with their Queensland rugby heroes learning how to stay safe around train tracks and level crossings.

The visit by the QR Reds to the school forms part of QR's wider RailSmart safety campaign designed to raise public awareness of rail safety.

Their visit last year was so successful Loganlea's students were inspired to start their own rugby team with thirty boys in the Year 8 RE class.

Executive General Manager QR, Paul Scurrah, said it was important to bring the message of rail safety to students, teaching them to 'be alert' and 'be aware' from a young age.

"Loganlea's youth are the region's future and we want to make sure we

can not only keep them safe around railways but ensure they are also able to teach safety to their mates, family and the wider community,"

Mr Scurrah said.

Allison Crane, Principal of Loganlea State High School said she was proud of the keen interest students had taken in learning about rail safety.

"This is a serious matter for each and every one of us and our students have shown great maturity and understanding of this today," Ms Crane said.

"It's been a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear about rail safety from the QR Reds and QR's safety officers, teaching them about working as part of a team to keep themselves and their mates safe.

"In fact they were so impressed last year by the QR Red's messages about working together and looking out for each other that they formed their own

rugby team. It's great to see the program making a positive difference for our students."

QR's education officers visit about 460 schools each year, reaching 150,000 students, urging them to think about what rail safety means for them.

Mr Scurrah encouraged Queenslanders, particularly students, to keep up the good work by being alert and aware of their surroundings when near railways.

"Fortunately accidents on our railways are not common but QR wants to reduce accidents even further," he said.

"People can help us to do this by using designated railway crossings, staying behind the yellow line on platforms and by not trespassing on the rail corridor."

Amanda Gray  
QR Corporate Affairs



## Yr 11/12 Dance Studies Workshops

As a part of their SAS program, the Year 11 and 12 dance studies have been doing a workshop with hip hop teachers from 'Aus Dance for Schools'. They have been working with teachers, Bessy and Josh, to learn a new hip hop routine for their assessment and for future performances. Students are to be commended for their hard work and persistence throughout the last month!

You may have also noticed the fantastic letters up on the outside of our dance shack. Thanks to the senior design students last year our shack is looking great!

Katherine Bannon- Dance Teacher



## Welcome To The Year 8 Parents

Loganlea State High School held their first Welcome BBQ for Year Eight Parents on 25<sup>th</sup> February which went well. We went through all of the bread rolls and sausages with a good turn out of both parents and staff. Thankyou to everyone for attending and the year twelve students (with Miss Murray) for catering the event.

Lachlan Thatcher  
Year 8 Coordinator

## Textile Education At Loganlea



The new Textile Education Loganlea program (TELL) commenced in Term 1 2009 and already the students are producing some great designs. The first project for this Year 9 group was to design and construct a shoulder bag. The students were both creative and enthusiastic participants and have produced bags from recycled fabrics, fabrics they have dyed, painted or embellished themselves. Their skill and keenness to learn new techniques has been very rewarding and I look forward to treating you to more of their achievements in future newsletters.

Their next project is creating a textile from shopping bags and constructing a useful household item.

Susan Hoy  
Technology Teacher

## School Rejuvenation

Mr. Riordan's Year 11/12 Work and Leisure students have begun a project which will see the gardens around school get a facelift. Using plants that Mr Tregga has been given each week a different garden will be weeded, planted and watered to improve the look and feel of the school. So far we have replanted the garden out the front of the library and will soon be moving to the gardens outside of B-Block.

Andrew Riordan  
SEP Teacher

