From the Principal’s desk …..

I would like to thank both Sarah Lockwood and Karlie Bulow for leading the school for the two weeks I was on Long Service Leave. It allowed me to relax knowing the school was in great hands.

As this is the last week of Term 1, I would like to reflect on what had been a very busy but productive term. We started the term with the news we had received additional funding under the Government’s Great Results Guarantee. This was welcomed news and has given us the opportunity to implement programs that would not have been possible in the past. For example, we have 3 teachers attending a Professional Development program today to become facilitators in the ‘First Steps in Maths’ program. These teachers will work closely with their colleagues in Term 2 so as all our teachers have enhanced skills in teaching Maths.

During the June school holidays two of our teachers will travel to Victoria to undergo intensive training in the ‘Four Blocks Literacy Model’. This is a five day program and will give them advanced skills in teaching reading and writing to students with Intellectual Disability. These teachers will also work closely with their colleagues in developing our skill base across the school. I envisage a great improvement of our student’s ability to read and write over the course of the next couple of years. This is a lot to take on on one year but we are not sure if this funding will be available in future years.

This year as in past, we have been invited to participate in the ANZAC day ceremony held in One Mile. This requires some of our Lower Secondary students to read part of an ANZAC poem along with students from 3 other schools. We will also be laying a wreath. I have asked students in the Lower Secondary if they are willing to participate and have begun practising the poem. The ceremony starts at 9.30am on ANZAC day in front of the War Memorial in Leichhardt on Old Toowoomba Road, One Mile. If you would like to come and support the students.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter and has the opportunity to share the time with loved ones.

Andrew Thompson.
Principal
**LP1**

Hello Everyone, The holidays could not have come sooner! We are all ready for a well deserved break. This fortnight we have been working on our beautiful Easter bonnets and baskets to collect some yummy eggs this Thursday. Next term we will be continuing our math unit on patterns and algebra, and will be starting a new English unit called “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. We look forward to sharing our great work with you. Have a happy and safe Easter break.

LP1, Miss Ish, Miss Lynda and Miss Susan.

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**LP2**

LP2 has been very busy this term. We have learnt some letters and have read lots of stories. Our favourite stories are Brown Bear Brown Bear, The very cranky bear and We’re going on a bear hunt – we really like stories about bears. In maths we have been practicing sorting shapes and matching numbers and colours and we are getting really good at it. We have enjoyed lots of other activities as well in particular cooking, swimming, music and threading. We are looking forward to the Easter Bonnet Parade and disco on Thursday and have spent lots of time making our Easter Bonnets and will be very proud to show them off. We are looking forward to our holidays and will come back next term full of energy and ready to learn.

Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

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**LP3**

LP3 have had a fantastic term! In English we have learnt about the emotions ‘sad’, ‘happy’ and ‘angry’. We have made these expressions ourselves and written simple sentences to explain how we are feeling. We also found people expressing these emotions in magazines and in story books. We have thoroughly enjoyed our weekly visit to the Ipswich Town Library every Monday. Each week we choose two books each to bring back to keep in our classroom library. Also, we take turns at choosing a video to borrow out, which we watch Friday afternoon. In Maths we have learnt how to do basic addition sums. We have started learning how to do subtraction; however, we will spend more time on this next term. In P.E we have enjoyed going to the pool every Friday and swimming with Mr Paul and Tanjil. In Science we have enjoyed learning about the weather with Miss Kali. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. See you next term.

Miss Kristy, Melissa and Fiona
UP1

Welcome to week 10, UP1 have been safe respectful learners. This term has gone by so quickly with many things that the students have learnt and experienced. During this last week of term the students have enjoyed working on their Easter activities with exciting things to bring home. In Maths they have been working on subtraction with larger numbers. Science has given them the opportunity to look at the 5 senses through different experiences. Many new sight words, blends and word families have been introduced in Literacy. They have been learning how to structure sentences using 'Who, What and Where'. Students have all enjoyed the swimming lessons this term improving their water safety skills. I wish you all a great Easter and enjoy the 2 weeks holiday.

Miss Krystle, Carol & Kathy

UP2

Upper Primary 2 have had a really busy term and already are making good progress in their work. We are getting very good at recognising how to greet people in different situations. We know that in the bus we need to sit still in our seats and use quiet voices. In the playground, with our friends, we can use our loud voices. In the classroom sometimes we have to be quiet when we are listening, but sometimes we can be loud, like when we are singing and dancing. We also learnt that when we have a conversation we have to take turns. Here is Lilly and Aaron using their PODD book to have a conversation with the teacher.

Outside of the classroom we have been enjoying a weekly gross motor program with the school physiotherapist, Miss Melanie, to help us build our core and upper body strength. Here is Hallie on the scooterboard.

We wish all the students and their families all the best for a safe and happy Easter break!

Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP3

The class has been learning about why we celebrate Easter. They have listened to the Easter Story and recalled parts of the story and written about them. They are looking forward to the Easter Egg hunt and School Disco. In Math we have been practising telling the time to o’clock, half-past, quarter to and quarter past. The boys received certificates last week for reading more than twenty books at school. It would be great if they can continue to read over the holidays either books from home or from the public library. Students can still access Studyadder online activities over the holidays and I will update the activities next week. It would be wonderful if I can print off more certificates for achievement when we come back to school next term. Happy Easter

Sarah, Anthea, Margaret and Susan
UP4

We have survived 10 weeks of school!!! YAY!!! Thank you parents and teacher aides for being so patient and understanding this Term. We have been through many incidents in this class but have come through stronger. I am looking forward to a relaxing holiday, ready to come back and give my 100% to the students. I am excited to work with these boys again because I have seen their potential and their constant effort to succeed. Happy Easter to everyone, stay safe and rest well.

Neve, Debbie and Gwen

LS1

The last week of term 1! One quarter of the year has passed us by! Much learning has been achieved in all the Key Learning Areas. In Numeracy students are able to tell time to the quarter hour in both Analogue and Digital clocks. They know which parts are the same/different on the analogue and digital clock faces. In English they enjoyed listening to the stories "Stolen Girl" and "The Shack that Dad Built". They were able to answer questions on these stories to ascertain whether they understood what the stories were all about. In Science they learnt about Rotation of the Earth on its axis causing Day and Night. The Stephanie Alexander Program with Ms Helen and Melissa proved a huge success with all the students. They enjoyed gardening and cooking during this program. Extra-curricular activities this term included Golf, Dance, Drumming, Vital Program and a swimming carnival. Hope you all have an enjoyable Easter.

Mrs Singh, Belinda & Kylie

LS2

YAY we have survived first term (a few more days to go but I'm sure we will make it). This term has seen students work towards individual goals set for CBL. These goals include listening to instructions, road safety, topping up go cards, borrow books and following recipe steps independently, navigating their way around the aisles at Coles to purchase certain items and to find the cheaper item between same items. All students have progressed in areas such as English with their reading and spelling, Math and Science. Keep up the great work girls; I hope to see this continue in term 2. The past few days have kept us busy; on Monday we participated in the interschool swimming carnival at Inala Primary School. All the lower secondary classes participated and did the school proud with their swimming efforts. Kimberley, Monique, Sheridan and Courtney walked away with place ribbons which was awesome to see. Keeley, Vanessa and Tiffany were our school cheerleaders and after a few warm up sessions became the loudest cheer squad out of all the schools. Thursday will see LS2, with LS3, hold their first fundraiser for camp. The girls will assist with the BBQ at lunch time by handing out food and drinks as well as decorating the room ready for the senior school disco. Friday will have us enjoying a class break up day with fun games and party food in the classroom and a farewell party in the afternoon for Andrew Jensen who is starting at Claremont Special School next term. We wish him all the best. Have a safe and relaxing term break and hope to see you all refreshed for an exciting term 2.

Kathy, Sheryl and Laura.
**LS3**

It’s hard to believe the term is drawing to a close! LS3 has achieved so much this term and we can be very proud of all we have accomplished. In maths we have completed the first phase of our investigation of angles. We are almost finished developing our eBooks about angles and we’re having a great time making them. In English we are absolutely gripped by our text *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* and we should be up to chapter 12 by the end of the week. The students are exploring verbs and procedural interactions within the story. Our next task will be constructing procedural texts via storyboards and drama/role-play scenarios. In science we are continuing to explore the rotation of earth on its axis and how this procedure affects everyday life on earth. For CBL the students have been doing an exemplary job whilst traveling in the community. Overall, the students of LS3 have conducted themselves in a mature, respectful manner and have represented our school well while traveling. They are making steady progress at counting money when making purchases and identifying the best value between items. As for the swimming carnival, the students of LS3 once again conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, setting a great example for their fellow students. The demonstrations of effort and sportsmanship were nothing short of remarkable. It has been a great term for LS3, and we are looking forward to an even better term 2. Have a great break!

Mr. Tom, Miss Justine, Miss Margaret

**ART STUDIO**

What a busy and productive Term it has been!! Our students have been putting in such great effort with their project work and producing artworks for our upcoming Art Auction in May.

Our Art Auction will be a celebration of our student’s artistic achievements and creations over the last year. We will be auctioning a number of larger artworks, and also have individual and class artworks for families. As part of our fundraising on the night, we are having a raffle. Prizes will be gift vouchers, tickets and donations from various businesses. It would be greatly appreciated if you know of any businesses that would make a donation to please ask them to support our School. And invite them to our Auction!! Invitations will be given out to families after the holidays.

Wishing you all a safe and happy break!!!

From Sarah B, Justine and Sheryl

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