From the Principal’s desk .....

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter and took time to connect with family and friends. All our students returned rested and ready to jump straight into Term 2. This Term promises to be just as busy and all the others with many planned activities both in and out of the classroom. Students across the school participated in a presentation by Child Protection organisation Brave-hearts last week and were entertained by Ditto. ‘Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure’ Education Program aims to teach children a keep safe message in a fun way. Students were engaged throughout and were able to understand the message.

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff who gave up their time on ANZAC Day to support our school’s participation in the Leichhardt ANZAC Ceremony. This ceremony, like many around the country, seems to grow each year in attendance. It was a very brave effort by our students to read part of a poem in front of an estimated audience of 500 people.

This is the final week for Ms Sarah Lockwood, who starts her maternity leave next Monday. We wish Sarah well and can assure her she will be missed. We all look forward to the announcement of her new arrival and I will let everyone know as soon as we do. We will look forward to a visit from Sarah and the new baby later in the year. Sarah’s leave will provide opportunities for other staff to gain experiences in the Head of Curriculum role. This will be shared over the course of the year and I am confident those stepping up to that level will do an exceptional job. These teachers will work under the guidance of Ms Karlie Bulow and myself.

In the next week or so we will be sending reminders about our upcoming Art Show/Auction. Many of our students have been working tirelessly to develop art pieces of exceptional quality. I believe we have one the most outstanding Art programs of any other Special School. It would be great to have as many of our families as possible attending to make the night a huge success. The Art Show/Auction is on Friday evening May 23, mark that as a do not miss event. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Andrew Thompson.
Principal
LP1

Hi everyone!

Term two has gotten off to a great start. All the students have settled into their freshly painted classroom, remembered their routines from last term, and showed amazing enthusiasm for being back at school. I am immensely proud to see their achievements and progress. We have started our unit on the book *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and have already painted some *swishy swashy grass*. Our word of the week is ‘and’ and our letter is ‘p’. Stay tuned for more great work from LP1.

LP1, Miss Ish, Miss Lynda and Miss Susan.

LP2

LP2 is very happy to be back at school after a well earned rest. We have had a great start to term 2 with Daniels birthday, his mum was very kind and bought us some cupcakes to help him celebrate. They were delicious. This week we are reading the story *Who Sank the Boat?* and we were all very surprised to find it was the mouse who sank the boat. We have also been practising writing using a fun new iPad app called Eggy Alphabet and practicing counting using the Eggy Numbers app. We have worked so hard in our first week we are going to keep it up for the rest of the term.

Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

LP3

Welcome to term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. For the first 3 weeks of this term we have the pleasure of having Amanda Jones, a prac teacher from USQ in our classroom. She is in her 4th year of her teaching degree and will be teaching some lessons to our class. In English we have started learning about the emotions ‘tired’. We found a book at the town library on Monday called *Bedtime!* by Gwynyth Swain. We are going to use this book to learn about what tried feels like and looks like. We are going to take photos of the children pretending to be tried and then we will write a sentence about it. Our letter sound this fortnight is ‘ai’ like in ‘train’ and ‘rain’. Our sight word this fortnight will be ‘is’. We will be looking for this word in the books we borrowed from the library. In Maths we are finishing learning how to subtract 2 digit numbers. We will be assessing this concept this week, and then we will start learning about money. In particular, we will be focussing on learning how to recognise, describe and order coins. We will be continuing our weekly grooming sessions, learning how to clean our teeth, brush our hair and put roll on deodorant on. It’s going to be a great term!

Miss Kristy, Melissa and Fiona
UP1
Welcome to term 2. There have been some changes in UP1 this term. We welcome Shawn to the class this term. Also Ms Belinda has joined us on a Monday Tuesday and Friday as our teacher aid. I will now be teaching the class 5 days a week and look forward to a fun term ahead of learning. Everyone has settled in well after the holidays. I hope that everyone had a great break and are ready for the term ahead.
Miss Naomi, Miss Kathy, and Miss Belinda.

UP2
Term 2 began with a short week but we took the opportunity to enjoy a mini-unit of work about ANZAC day. We looked at newspapers and digital recordings on the internet which showed pictures of soldiers and told stories of bravery. We were particularly interested in the medals the soldiers wore. We decided that even though the soldiers may have been scared, they would have been very brave, or strong. We discussed times when we have had to be brave too (like going to the dentist, or getting a needle) and decided to make our own medals to wear to our schools ANZAC ceremony in Ipswich. When the soldiers were away from their families they were sometimes sent postcards and ANZAC biscuits to cheer them up. We made stitched postcards and cooked ANZAC biscuits too - one of the postcards we put on the ANZAC memorial to thank the soldiers for being brave. Here we are proudly wearing our medals we made and placing our postcard on the memorial.
Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP3
Welcome back to students and staff. The students took part in a small Anzac Parade last Thursday and we discussed in class why we have Anzac Day and its importance. I have updated the Studyladder activities for Homework and reprinted students usernames and passwords. The activities I set for Studyladder reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. Several students have achieved their Gold and Silver certificates and working towards their Bronze Trophy level. All students moved up at least one reading level last term and I would like to encourage parents to listen to their child read each night if possible as part of their Homework tasks. In English this term we are reading a book called ‘Stellaluna’ about a bat who is looked after by birds. We will be examining the language used by the author and the differences between stories and information books. In Maths this term we are learning about location, patterns and algebra and number and algebra: operations.
Sarah, Anthea, Margaret and Susan
\section*{LS1}

Welcome back after a happy, restful and enjoyable Easter break. A special welcome to Bryton Predo a new student in our class and to Ms Carol Waddell our new Teacher Aide. The students have settled in well and are ready to do some interesting learning. This term Lower Secondary students will demonstrate how they use ICT to enhance their learning. In English they will understand that verbs can be used to make inferences about characters’ feelings. In Maths they will learn about Measurement. Many sporting activities have also been planned for this term. The AASC golf and dance programs which the students thoroughly enjoyed last term have been replaced with Soccer and Hockey programs. On Thursday, 8\textsuperscript{th} May students will participate in the Indoor Cricket Carnival and every Friday, if permission is received, students will be going to Claremont Special School to play soccer. An interesting term ahead!

Mrs. Singh, Carol & Kylie

\section*{LS2}

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a relaxing break. Term 2 has seen LS2 slip back into routine with ease and getting on with our work. Thursday saw the whole school commemorate the ANZACs at our school ceremony at Baines Park with our captains laying down wreaths and all of us paying respect with a one minute silence. LS2 then continued down the road to visit Ipswich Library. Students returned books they borrowed from last term; they then browsed through the aisles of books until they decided on the ones they would borrow for our class reading sessions. Our class goals for this week are to get our Mother’s Day gifts started. We are certain that our Mums will love our handmade presents this year. In English we are continuing on the unit retelling of a story. This week we will be looking at another indigenous story Girawu the Goanna. We have come to the assessment stage of our unit Data. This will take us a week to complete. Next week we will be starting on math unit fractions. CBL this week will see us walking down to the pet shop to purchase or “adopt” the new additions to our class, three lucky hermit crabs. Our class will share the duties of looking after our pets which will include life skills we need and use to look after ourselves such as making sure that the crabs have fresh water to drink, food to eat, bathed on a regular basis, played with and have their place (tank) tidied and clean. We will be filling out the adoption forms for our hermit crabs tomorrow. This means we will have to be able to read the form and fill it out correctly which will be easy for us as we have been practicing how to fill out forms last term. LS2 would like to thank you all for your support in our camp fundraiser Easter BBQ luncheon. We raised approximately $300. This money will be divided between LS3 & LS2 to assist with camp expenses.

Miss Laura, Sheryl and Kathy
**UP4**

Welcome to Term 2. The boys have had a relaxing holiday and have come back settled down ready to work hard. I am proud to say the boys in UP4 were extremely respectful in regard to ANZAC Day and understood the meaning of it.

The cooking and gardening program is going well and the boys are enjoying each part of it.

I would love to share that the boys in UP4 have been commended on MANY occasions by other staff and the Principal on being Safe, Respectful Learners. Parents should be really proud of the improvements and progress these students have made to date.

Next week we will be going to indoor cricket so watch this space for more good news.

Neve, Debbie and Gwen

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**LS3**

Lower Secondary 3 is off to a flying start. It's great to be back at school and already learned so much.

In history we have been exploring two types of history: *personal* and *significant*. We have investigated several historical events and how they impacted peoples' lives, and also how personal events have influenced our own daily lives. In maths we have concluded our investigations of place value to the thousands group. We will now continue our exploration of angels. Our English unit is also going very well. We are enjoying our novel, *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*, and will begin constructing our zombie-related storyboards next week. In science we have learned that Earth spins on an axis, which is really an angel, or tilt, of 23.5 degrees. This tilt influences the duration of day and night, the seasons and even temperatures on different parts of the planet. CBL is continuing to go very well. Already we have completed one excursion and we are looking forward to many more this term.

Mr. Tom, Miss Justine, Miss Margaret

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**ART STUDIO**

We have continued to be very busy workers in the Art Room this term, despite a relaxing holiday break over Easter!! All students are making fantastic progress on their art projects, showing much enthusiasm and pride in watching their artwork grow and develop. Wonderful to see! Invitations to families went out last week to our Art Auction. We hope that many of you can attend this celebration of the amazing efforts and talents of our students. Please get your RSVP in as soon as you can for us to finalise needs.

We are still looking for donations from businesses for our raffles, so if you know of any, please contact them in support of our school. We hope you all had a wonderful and safe Easter break.

From Sarah B, Justine and Sheryl
This term in the kitchen we are continuing to learn about different types of carbohydrates (rice, pasta, noodles, bread, gnocchi) and how every culture includes them in their main meals because they keep you feeling full for longer! We have made different dishes using each of these. We have also been looking at what fruit and vegetables are in season at the moment, and using as many of these as we can get our hands on! The students are very keen to start growing some of these things in our own school garden so that we can cook these recipes again using our own fresh produce. Mmmmm!

Miss Helen

This term in the garden has started off very busy. The students have planted cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, silver beet, and beetroot, they have used problem solving skills to erect netting over the garden beds to keep out the possums. Also they helped to install a sprinkler system! The next couple of weeks will include, building an arbour for the passionfruit to grow over and digging and preparing a garden for bamboo.

Happy planting! Melissa.