Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program continues to be embedded through our rules being explicitly taught, dramatised, explained and modelled by our staff so as to promote our school as a safe and supportive environment. We are focussing upon the first rule ‘Be a listener’ for the next few weeks. This is a rule where you as families can support your child in their understanding of what it means to be a ‘listener’. We are grateful to families continuing to support our SWPBS policy with your children at home. Thank you!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:
The Queensland Plan: Queenslanders’ 30-year vision was launched yesterday by the Premier, the Honourable Campbell Newman MP at the Local Government Association of Queensland Regional and Economic Development Conference in Hervey Bay. The Premier was joined by Year 6 and 7 school captains from the Torquay and Pialba State Schools and members of the newly formed Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council.

In coming months, the Queensland Government will respond to The Queensland Plan outlining our approach and contribution to implementation. It will outline how the plan’s direction will inform policy, planning and service delivery, as well as the government’s priorities over the short to medium term.

SCHOOL/CURRICULUM MATTERS:
The South East Regional structure provides Principal supervision and support through an Assistant Regional Director. Today Alan visited the school for this purpose and toured classrooms to meet and speak with students and staff.

Principals and the ARDs reflect on these visits on school data collated in a number of ways. Alan’s role is to support my role as Principal to focus upon the following areas:

Successful Learners, Teaching Quality, Principal Leadership and Performance, School Performance, Local Decision Making and how the SER supports our school improvement agenda.

School Leaders are in classes daily at present reflecting with students on what they are learning in our classroom walk throughs. All teachers as part of this process will receive ongoing feedback on their practice.

The school will subsequently like all schools across the state undertake a Discipline audit in late August and in 2015 a Teaching and Learning audit as part of the Quadrennial School Review process all schools undertake every four years.

Great Results Guarantee update
The teachers continue their work on the three focus areas in our GRG, alongside our ongoing Annual Implementation Plan goals in curriculum areas. The Reading Our Way program is going really well with significant student progress to date. The ASDAN and YUMI Maths programs are also progressing well and students are engaged in their learning with these programs.

NAIDOC week recognition
A belated NAIDOC week activity was the demonstration of how well Jacob is learning to play the didgeridoo! It was our pleasure to hear Jacob last week on assembly. Well done Jacob!

Thank you again to all families for your ongoing support!

UPCOMING EVENTS
P&C meeting Wednesday 6 August 1:00pm All welcome!
2014 Sports Day Friday 22 August

Kindest regards to all
Roselynne Anderson
Principal
The Senior Secondary students have undertaken a highly successful fundraising endeavour here at the school. On Mondays and Thursdays, students have been offering staff a car wash service for $5 for an external car wash and $7 for an external wash and interior vacuum. All proceeds from the car wash go to supporting the senior camp.

The P&C Chocolate Drive has been very popular this year. There are still some boxes of chocolate available if you would like one. Could all those families who may have money from the chocolate drive please send it in to the school as soon as possible so we can finalise. Once we finalise our drive we will be rewarding our highest sellers with a block of Marvelous Creations chocolate from Cadbury. Thank you to everyone who has supported our chocolate drive this year.
The Breaking Barriers Opening Doors Expo held on 18 July, at the Logan Entertainment Centre was a great success with good attendance and positive responses from a wide range of directions. However, the highlight of the day, without doubt, was the singing by students from Beenleigh State High School and Beenleigh Special School! Stall holders, the Mayor and Councillors from Logan City Council, school personnel and visitors were unanimous in their praise! I would like to thank the teachers and students for their performance and support on the day! Your participation made the day extra good!

Planning for the next ‘Future Pathways Road Trip’ is under way. The trip will be held during school hours on Wednesday 27 August. This trip will look at Employment Pathways. We will visit services that support employment for people with disabilities. The aim is to show the parents/carers of ‘seniors’ where their children go with the school, but also to educate parents about what is ‘out there’ in the way of work, for their students after they leave school. This trip will include places such as Sub Station 33 at Kingston, which is a social enterprise workshop designed to recycle electronic waste and Monte Lupo at Eight Mile Plains, which is an Australian Disability Enterprise. Please mark this date in your diary and stay posted for more information.

Mary Shepherd
School Transition Officer.

Luna our physiotherapist based at Beenleigh Special School is running her first 42km marathon in the Brisbane Marathon Festival 2014 this Sunday.

She is determined to raise $4000 for Cure Cancer Australia Foundation, a cause that is close to her heart and an organisation that does some very important work.

To date she has raised $3139 Wow!

She is extremely close to her target and there is still time to help: For those of you who haven’t yet had a chance to donate, support her via the link below.


Luna will do the hard work on the day - your part is easy!! Thank you for your support.
Hi All,

Did you know your child might be eligible to access two weekends a year of overnight respite at our Bluegums Holiday Home?

Our Bluegums House is a lovely suburban home where your child can come and spend the weekend with two other children of similar age and interest, and have a fantastic time. We really treat it as a holiday for the kids who come to stay, and work hard to make it a fun and special weekend for them, as well as a relaxing break for you. Spaces are available now!

I’d also like to take this opportunity to remind you about this month’s carers morning teas. We have a guest speaker from the Logan ASD network coming on the 13th and on the 22nd we are going out for a Game of Barefoot Bowls.

If you are interested please contact us at the office on 3297 4300 or for more information.

Nicole Fletcher
FSG.