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Principal's Message



Welcome back to all members of our school community for what promises to be another exciting and valuable semester of learning at Marsden State High School.

Congratulations to the students and staff who participated in the Kokoda Challenge over the last weekend. We had a record eighteen students complete the event due

in large part to the staff team leaders and support crew helpers who worked through the night. Congratulations to Miss Ward, Miss Turnbull, Mr Pratt, Mrs Steinhardt and Mrs Brown for their individual and team performances. Miss Ward's team finished at 11.40pm on Saturday night (18 minutes outside Mrs Stokes' previous team record) through to Miss Turnbull's team finishing at 8.00am Sunday morning (an amazing effort to keep going after nearly 21 hours).

Thank you to our Youth Support Co-ordinator Tristan for doing an amazing job organising our teams and entry. Thanks also to the outstanding support crew led by Tristan with Youth Support Co-ordinator Sera, School based Nurse Sarah, Miss Bobbermein, Mrs Mayo and Mrs Stokes helping to ensure everyone was well fed and looked after at the major check points. A great team effort and one that I'm sure our students (and staff) will never forget. Below is the list of teams from the 2015 Kokoda Challenge:

Miss Ward
Sam
Nathan
Josh
Randal
Mr Peach
Glory-Anne
Darren
Jayden
Dylan
Mr Pratt
Kristine
Nadia
Nyapach
Montana

Mrs Steinhardt
Mitchell
Brodie
Hayden
Mrs Brown
Rhiana
Jessica
Kathrina
Miss Turnbull
Madeline
Desire'e
Cheyenne
Kitia
Claudia
Nadia

Congratulations also to our students who have competed in a range of recent dance performances. Our outstanding MCT Dance Crew performed extremely well on the last weekend of the holidays to finish second in the House of Champions Competition by less than a point. Congratulations to Miss Turnbull who worked tirelessly to help prepare the group for success. Our students were also invited to participate in the Creative Generations performance last weekend. Well done to the girls who were part of this performance and to Miss Fallon for her dedication in helping the group prepare both during and outside of school hours.

Our Rugby League boys are also performing exceptionally well, with Corey Allen representing Queensland at the Open National Championships in Wollongong during the holidays. We also had two of our Year 7 students, Falani and Bailey, make the Under 12 Queensland team after starring for Met East at the State Championships. Congratulations also to Mr Jonson who was the coach who took the team to a narrow loss in the final. Good luck to our Open and Year 7 teams who are playing in important finals over the next week.

After the distribution of our Semester One Reports, and our second Parent Teacher Night of the year we are preparing for the second Celebrating Success Parades of 2015. Invitations will be distributed in the coming days, but it certainly is very pleasing to see some of the outstanding results achieved by our students in their academic studies. We look forward to another great turn out from parents and family members at these Parades as we come together to celebrate the hard work of our students.

It was also pleasing to see the strong response from our Year 9 cohort to the opportunity to attend NASA's Space University in 2016. While planning is only in the initial stages this trip is shaping up to be a strong educational experience and a trip of a life time. Keep an eye out for further information regarding ways you may be able to support our students in the coming weeks.

Term Three is a crucial term for our Senior Students. Our Senior School Team have been working hard all year to help prepare students for the various activities and opportunities available to students including the Year 10 Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans, the start of our Year 11 Academic Coaching in Week Five and the range of assessment requirements for our Year 12s. This includes the important Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test for students wanting to attend university after completion of Year 12.

Finally, thank you to the many parents who contributed to the feedback about our timetable structure. Consultation is continuing as we look to the ideal model for our school in 2016, with more information available in our next newsletter or at our upcoming P&C Meeting on August 5th.

Andrew Peach
Executive Principal

National NAIDOC Awards

This week at national NAIDOC awards, Friday 24th July, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be honoured for their contributions to Australian society through music, art, culture, community, education, environment, sport, employment and politics. Cassie Packer is one of these individuals, as a Marsden State High School year 12 student and one of our Indigenous captains for 2015, who represents our school in the most admirable way. Cassie is being honoured for her incredible leadership within our school and community. She has worked on countless projects and initiatives in her high schooling years. In particular, Cassie co-ordinated the Sea of Hands project last term which proved a great success, and provided a forward step in reconciliation here at Marsden in the Deadly @ Marsden unit and the entire school community. Congratulations Cassie and thank you for all of your hard work over the years.

International Science School



For the past two weeks I had the most incredible opportunity to delve deep into my passion for science at The Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS2015). I was one of 135 students who were lectured by leading scientists from around the world including Lawrence Krauss, David Reilly, Anita Ho-Baillie, Martin White and Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki! And so many more! Each person was truly inspiring as they strived to excel and have persistently taken leaps in each of their respective

fields that have impacted the world more than many people will ever realise. It was an incredibly rewarding experience: the staff, the accommodation, the lecturers, the food, the activities, the memories...oh my...it was all just unbelievable – words just fail to truly explain my experience! The knowledge and skills I have been able to acquire by stepping outside my comfort zone is purely unfathomable. It was a mind-boggling roller coaster ride but it was well worth the effort! It was an honour meeting such like-minded and motivated students, and I am glad to say I made many new friends (both national and international) who I know will be making a BIG difference in the not so distant future! (Note: the theme of the ISS was BIG, so hence the capitals). Unfortunately, Professor Harry Messel sadly passed away on the last week of the ISS2015 but I would just like to relay a quote from the man himself, "A life lived in the pursuit of excellence is a life well lived." I do wish everyone the best for the remainder of the year, and I am sure you will each find your pathway in which you are sure to pursue excellence!

Leelana Fabila-Hicks
Student
Marsden State High School



Bill Turner Trophy Cup

The fantastic Marsden U15 Girls Bill Turner Trophy cup run came to end after an extremely close game was decided with the golden goal rule during extra time. This was round four of the competition and Marsden played host to Palm Beach Currumbin. Despite illness and injury which affected several players every one of the girls played extremely well and matched the opponents with their effort and commitment. After PBC had nicked a late goal at the end of the first half the Marsden team raised their game to dominate the second half and earned themselves the goal which took it to extra time. The opposition started the extra time quickly and from a deflected corner scored with a tap in to win the game.

I have been very proud of the girls progression this year and with continued commitment to training and improved understanding of the game the future looks good. WELL DONE.

Andy Garside
HPE
Marsden State High School



Yr7 Rugby League

On Tuesday July 21, the Year 7 Mako Pups rugby league team competed in a Gala Day against other elite rugby league schools in SE-QLD. The Pups defeated Beenleigh 26-0, Coombabah 24-0, Alex Hills 40-6 and Redbank Plains 24-14 and drew against Palm Beach Currumbin 10-10. These outstanding performances saw the team finish at the top of the ladder, meaning we now battle against Redbank Plains SHS in the Broncos Cup Grand Final on Tuesday August 4, at a time and venue to be confirmed. While all boys represented the MSHS League Excellence Program with distinction, standout performers for the day were front rowers Wil Lupuahao and Tomasi Nanai, centres Danny Faatuga Moe and James Herring, lock and QLD rep Bailey Goulter and winger Anthony Naur. A squad of 20 players has been announced for the GF and will continue to train Thursday and Friday afternoons (July 23, 24, 30, 31), in addition to practical classes on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

Congratulations again to all boys involved!

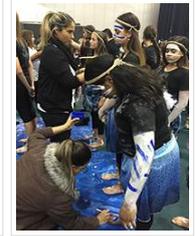
Mr Johnston (Coach)

Bangarra Dance Theatre

Over the last three weeks, many of our Indigenous students took part in an intensive cultural dance program with Bangarra Dance Theatre. The program, "One Mob on Sacred Ground" aimed to engage students in education through cultural connection with Elders from our local areas in the South East Region.

The Bangarra Dance Program is known for its ability to empower students, build resilience and assist them in gaining focus for a deadlier future. The students performed in 4 shows at this year's 'Creative Generations', held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. We are incredibly proud of all the students involved, as their hard work and dedication certainly paid off! Big thanks goes to Babette Croker, Saraya Stewart, Colin Troyahn, Melissa Jones and Paul Coppola for their assistance in the running of the program. Looking forward to welcoming more students on board in 2016!

Simone Fallon
Dance/Drama Teacher



MCT Dance Crew

Saturday 11th July saw the Senior MCT Dance Crew compete at the House of Champions Competition. The crew of 24 placed 2nd out of 9 schools and scored less than a point behind first place. This meant that they took home another \$2000 which puts our total prize money at \$7000 in 3 years! A massive congratulations to this group of passionate students and good luck for their next competition at Dancelife Unite on 26th July at the Lingo Lin Theatre, Ormiston College.



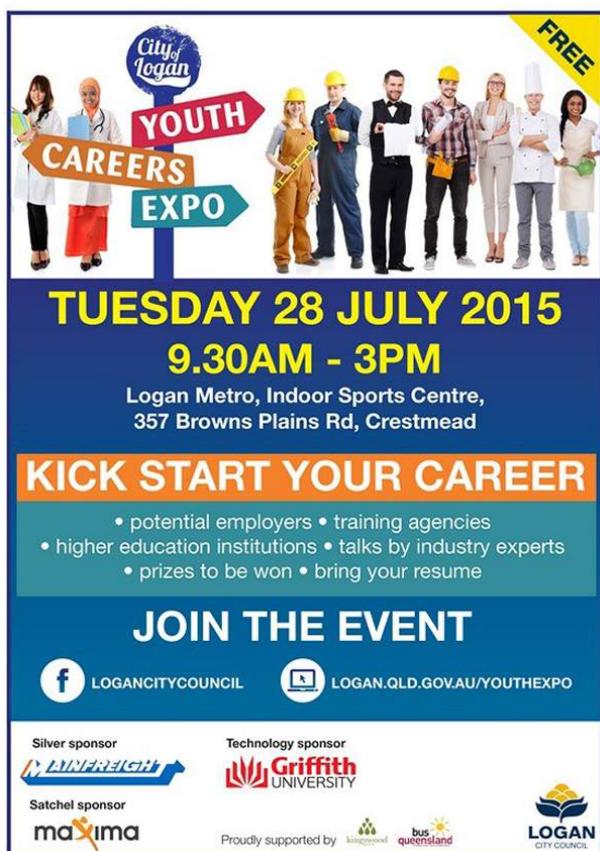
Our Junior MCT Dance Crew are also busy rehearsing for 'Under This Sky' (Queensland Music Festival). If you would like to support the Juniors please come along to Logan Brothers Rugby Club on the 1st or 2nd August to see a wonderful performance. This is a FREE event, so bring along the family, picnic baskets and chairs, and enjoy an evening of entertainment. More details:

<http://qmf.org.au/whats-on/underthissky/>

Year 10's planning their futures @ Marsden

This term see's our year 10's engaging in life altering choices and making some big decisions around their futures.

Students are already investigating different career and further education pathways as part of their HWF class. In addition to this, the entire year 10 cohort will attend the Logan Youth Jobs and Careers Expo on Tuesday July 28th. Permission forms for this need to be back ASAP, Logan city council is providing FREE transport and this is a FREE event for all Logan Students.



City of Logan
YOUTH CAREERS EXPO
TUESDAY 28 JULY 2015
9.30AM - 3PM
 Logan Metro, Indoor Sports Centre,
 357 Browns Plains Rd, Crestmead

KICK START YOUR CAREER

- potential employers • training agencies
- higher education institutions • talks by industry experts
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 Crystal Warner - Childcare
 Keegan Taua - Hospitality
 Kety Oryem - Hospitality
 Scania Dudley - Hospitality
 Kloe Schackow – Aged Care
 Lydia Benea – Aged Care
 Todd Lawrence - Carpentry
 Hayden Rhodes – Warehouse Operations
 Sahar El-Sayed Ahmed – Business

Both Kloe and Lydia will be working at the Logan Hospital. Kloe will be in Rehab while Lydia will be working in Emergency. This is the first time the hospital has taken on school based trainees. Only seven were chosen from hundreds of hopefuls throughout Logan City. Well done girls!

Congratulations to all these students. I have noticed some common traits amongst them– they want to be responsible for their lives and they want a bright future. They are on their way! What about you?

If you are in Year 11 or 12 and want an apprenticeship, then you need to get your resume done and come and see me. Interviews will be held in Week 3 for construction, auto and engineering. You need resumes to me ASAP so I can check over and then go through interviewing questions and techniques with you. You will not get an interview without going through this process.

Please note: I have moved office! You can find me in the office closest to Muchow Road in Admin block – just near the front gate. Come through the gate into courtyard, to access the office. Don't forget that you need to let Student Foyer sign you in first if it's during school time. You don't need to sign in if it's before/after school or break time.

Helen Close
Industry Liaison Officer

SET Planning is continuing and Information sessions for parents begin on the 27th of July @ 3pm. Parents are required to attend at least one of the 7 sessions which are on offer.

Please refer to the information letters that have already been sent home for all the information session AND Parent SET Plan interviews.

The World of Work....

Recently, the Logan City Council held a 'Get Job Ready' program at the Marsden Library for school leavers and Year 12 students. Only one of our students attended – Hassida Tofilau. She has gained a wealth of knowledge in ways to find jobs, write resumes and interviewing techniques. Added to this, a former model – Carolyn Donovan gave a session on dressing for interviews and work life. It was a very useful program and if the council decides to run more, I hope more year 12 students attend!



Hassida Tofilau with Carolyn Donovan

Here are the latest students to sign on in June for school based apprenticeships and traineeships:

Corey Allan - Carpentry
 Blake Booth - Business
 Cody Tracy-Bower - Tiling
 Brea Abrahams-Towner - Childcare
 Stephanie Armstrong - Childcare
 Hannah Benussi - Childcare

EAL/D Update

In Term 2, Ms Mahoney's EAL/D - English as an Additional Language or Dialect - class had many interesting learning experiences. In Science, the students learnt about sustainability whilst creating a worm farm in the school's vegetable garden. In English, students wrote and illustrated their own original story books. Thank you to Ms Eula Arthur for all her hard work on the story book project. Students also had the opportunity to go on an excursion to Queens Park Nature Centre in Ipswich, where they observed many Australian animals. Well done students on a great term of work, collaboration and learning.



EAL/D students observing native Australian animals at Queens Park, Ipswich



Showing Mr Peach the Worm Farm



Original Story Books written and illustrated by the EAL/D students

Garden Project

The Vegetable Garden by the Science Block is currently undergoing revitalisation thanks to Todd Little, our groundsman, Tristan Hill and students. Ms Mahoney's EAL/D class have also been getting involved as part of their Science class.

If you would like to help in the garden come along on Fridays during second lunch break.



Todd and student working in the garden



EAL/D Students making a Worm Farm



UQ - Careers that Shape the World

On Wednesday 17th July around 70 year 11 and 12 students attended workshops at the University of Queensland 's, St Lucia campus. Careers that shape the world is an exciting student experience day specifically designed to help year 11 and 12 students choose a career that's right for them.

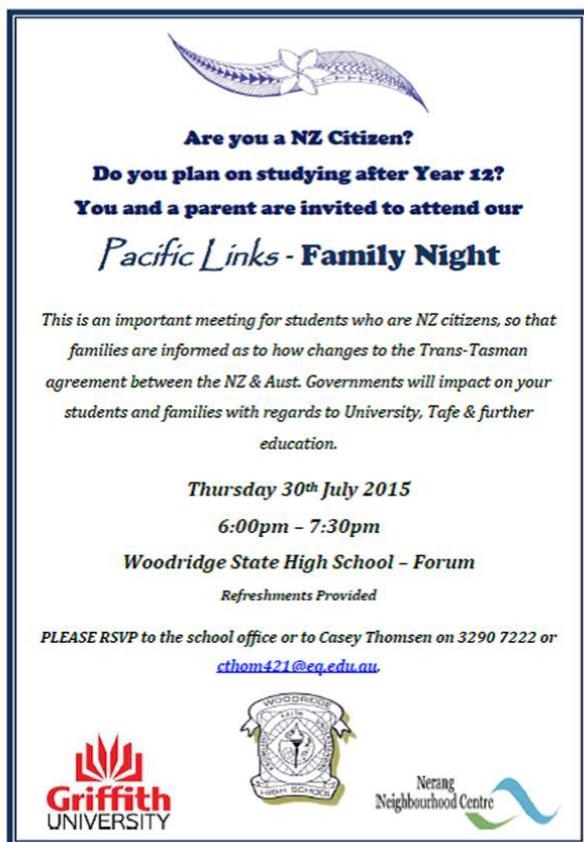
The annual event enables students to discover the wide range of exciting career opportunities made available to them through studying at UQ.

Students took part in interactive, career-focused sessions from areas across the University, delivered by industry professionals, academic experts, UQ graduates and current students from UQ.

Sessions were from areas including: Business, Economics and Law; Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology; Health; Humanities, Social Science, Education and Arts; and Science. Congratulations to the students for their outstanding behaviour and representation of our school and Thank you to Mrs Hartman, Mr Le Couteur, Sera, Carolyn and UQ for helping to get the students there and looking after them during the day.



Pacific Links – Family Night



Are you a NZ Citizen?
Do you plan on studying after Year 12?
You and a parent are invited to attend our
Pacific Links - Family Night

This is an important meeting for students who are NZ citizens, so that families are informed as to how changes to the Trans-Tasman agreement between the NZ & Aust. Governments will impact on your students and families with regards to University, Tafe & further education.

Thursday 30th July 2015
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Woodridge State High School - Forum
Refreshments Provided

PLEASE RSVP to the school office or to Casey Thomsen on 3290 7222 or
cthom421@eq.edu.au



PARENTS MAKING PAYMENTS VIA CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a great service that Marsden SHS offers as a way of making regular payments against your student's school fees. Please note that even if you have subscribed to Centrepay, you must still advise the payment office when you want to use the credit on your account to pay for excursions or extra-curricular items or activities such as Sports Carnivals. Payments through Centrepay do not automatically get assigned to these activities.

If you are interested in setting up a Centrepay deduction for your schools fees, please contact the payment office for an application form.

Keeping Our Children Safe – Increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols

The Queensland Police Service have advised that they will be increasing traffic patrols around our school over the next few weeks and have asked that we share the following information with you to avoid any unnecessary penalties and to keep our kids safe.

Across the Logan District, Police are regularly contacted by schools and concerned parents in relation to inappropriate driving and behaviour's around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off and pick-up areas and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe. They also help to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day

it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Logan Police are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some of the offences that have been witnessed are parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) and allowing children to get out of the vehicle, u-turns over double white lines into on-coming traffic, running red lights, speeding, unrestrained children, and road rage (use of offensive language whilst children were in the vehicle).

Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by performing proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones throughout Logan. So remember the road rules and don't break them just to save a few extra minutes. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life.

Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

SPEEDING

School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is 7–9am and 2–4pm.

- <13km over the speed limit \$151 and 1 point
- 13-20km over the speed limit \$227 and 3 points
- 21-30km over the speed limit \$379 and 4 points
- 31-40km over the speed limit \$531 and 6 points
- 41km and over the speed limit \$1062 and 8 points

PARKING

Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Remember most schools are around residential areas please be courteous and respectful to these people by not parking over their driveways.

- Stop across Footpath \$45
- Stop contrary to flow of traffic \$45
- Double Parking \$45
- Stop Contrary to continuous yellow line \$45

OTHER COMMON OFFENCES

- Seatbelts – As the parent you are responsible that your child has their seatbelts on and if required the correct car seat. Penalties for not wearing a seatbelt is \$341 and 3 points. If your child is under 16 and is not wearing a seatbelt you get the ticket.
- U-turns – Illegal u-turns when not signed to do so - \$91 and 2 points
- Red Traffic Light - \$341 and 3 points
- Cross Double Lines - \$204 and 3 points
- Disorderly conduct - \$341

Brisbane/Queensland Open Days 2015

(Includes supplied dates for tertiary level College & TAFE Open Days & Education EXPOs & Fairs Brisbane & Queensland schedule - more updates being added when available)

Queensland	Date/Location
Australian Catholic University (ACU)	July 25th 2015 (Saturday) Brisbane campus
Bond University (BOND)	July 25th 2015 (Saturday) Gold Coast Open Day 2pm-6pm
CQUniversity (CQU)	August 9th 2015 (Sunday) Bundaberg Open Day 9am-2pm August 15th 2015 (Saturday) Mackay Open Day 9am-2pm August 20th 2015 (Thursday) Brisbane Open Day 2pm-6pm August 20th 2015 (Thursday) Noosa Open Day 2pm-6pm August 23rd 2015 (Sunday) Rockhampton Open Day 9am-2pm August 29th 2015 (Saturday) Cairns Open Day 9am-2pm August 29th 2015 (Saturday) Townsville Open Day 9am-2pm September 6th 2015 (Sunday) Gladsville Open Day 9am-2pm
Griffith University (GRIFFITH)	July 26th 2015 (Sunday) (Gold Coast campus) August 9th 2015 (Sunday) (Nathan and South Bank campuses)
James Cook University (JCU)	August 23rd 2015 (Sunday) (Cairns Campus) August 30th 2015 (Sunday) (Townsville Campus)
Queensland University of Technology (QUT) (QUT)	July 26th 2015 (Sunday) (Gardens Point campus)
Southern Cross University (SCU)	December 11th 2015 (Friday) (Gold Coast campus)
University of Queensland (UQ)	August 2nd 2015 (Sunday) (St Lucia campus) August 16th 2015 (Sunday) (Gatton campus)
University of Southern Queensland (USQ)	August 2nd 2015 (Sunday) (Fraser Coast campus) August 9th 2015 (Sunday) (Ipswich campus) August 16th 2015 (Sunday) (Toowoomba campus) August 23rd 2015 (Sunday) (Springfield campus)
Queensland TAFE & Colleges	

Queensland	Date/Location
JMI Jazz Music Institute	July 4th 2015 (Saturday) Open Day Bowan Hills 11am-2pm September 19th 2015 (Saturday) Open Day Bowan Hills 11am-2pm
Queensland EXPOs & Fairs	
Gold Coast Careers Expo	May 7th 2015 (Thursday) (9am-7pm)
MBA & Postgrad Studies Expo	September 17th 2015 (Thursday) Brisbane City Hall
Tertiary Studies Expo	July 18th 2015 (Saturday) Brisbane Showgrounds July 19th 2015 (Sunday) Brisbane Showgrounds
Careers & Employment Expo	May 29th 2015 (Friday) BCEC May 30th 2015 (Saturday) BCEC
Queensland TAFE & Colleges	
AIAS Australian Institute of Applied Sciences	August 18th 2015 (Tuesday) Info Evening Brisbane Campus 5pm-7.30pm

Early Departures & Absences – Please notify us

Just a reminder to parents that apart from a family emergency, no student will be permitted to leave the school without prior written notice, so please ensure you provide a note or an email to advise us if your child will be leaving school early. The ladies in Student Foyer will then call you to confirm that they have received your notice. If your child will be away from school, please phone the attendance line on 3299 0555 then press '1' to report your student absent or you can email to parents@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au before 8am.

Uniform Shop Jacket Update

Regrettably, I have been given a vague delivery date of mid-August. The current supplier will not give me a specific date. Because of this we are currently in the process of sourcing a new supplier.

When stock is received, I will make one attempt only to contact those that have placed orders already. A notice will then go on the electronic noticeboard that the jackets have arrived and it will become a first in, first served basis. I will only hold jackets for those that have already paid or those that arrange a specific date when I contact them. (This is due to past experience of people ordering and then not coming to pick them up)

I apologise once again for any inconvenience but please remember that I am not a mind reader and cannot know if your child is going to follow or create new uniform trends. It is not practical for the P&C Association to carry huge amounts of stock each year in the hope that trends will continue or that a new trend may start.

Thank you for your patience.

Regards

Pauline Pokoina

Uniform Shop Convenor

Dates to Remember

Monday July 27	Year 10 SETP Information session
Tuesday July 28	Logan Youth Jobs and Careers Expo
Wednesday July 29	Year 10 SETP Information session
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August	Queensland Music Festival
Monday 10th August	Ekka Show Holiday
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th August	Junior Secondary Camp
Monday 31st August	Arts Showcase Rehearsals

Little Athletics



Bring the family, meet new friends and get active while having fun!

Who: ages 6-16 (**NEW** - Tiny Tots U5)

Where: Oliver Sporting Complex,
Logan Street, Eagleby

When: each Friday night from 5.30pm

Sign on days: Friday 21st August 5-7pm
Friday 28th August 5-7pm

Introduction Night: Friday 4th Sept @ 5.30pm

For registration forms, go to our website:

www.beenleighla.org.au or call 0459 129 822



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