As a staff we have decided to implement the Magic 100 Words program which will replace the current sight words program. Magic 100 Words is a sight word program where students are encouraged to learn to quickly recognise and process the magic 100 words so that they can recall them easily and store them in long term memory. Through this quick recall students' reading, fluency and comprehension skills can be greatly improved.

In English there are 100 frequently occurring words that make up on average half the words found in reading and writing. These words are levelled according to frequency. Students will move through the coloured levels as they demonstrate that they can instantly recognise and process the words at each level. Once the first 100 words are known, students will move to the second 100 words.

On average, students need to see a word about 70 times before he or she can recognise it. With this in mind, we encourage you to read and practise sight words with your children daily. Also reading to children and discussing what you have read together will greatly enhance their oral language and comprehension skills.

When playing word games or using sight word flash cards, it is imperative that children are not “overloaded” with too many new words. Ideally, it is important to choose around nine familiar words and around three unknown words to play card games such as memory or fish. Once the student has achieved total familiarity with the new words, remove three (initially) familiar words and add three unfamiliar words.

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy reading from all the Staff at Lakes Creek State School.

How can I help at home?

*Magic 100 Words HELP AT HOME*

*Magic list*

*Magic Words M100 Warm-up PowerPoint*