

# IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

*Our Vision: Ironside State School is a learner-centred community committed to excellence in education.*



## A Message from the Principal:

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Dear Parents

### SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Each year all State Schools throughout Queensland participate in school opinion surveys. Students in Years 5 and 7, all staff and a percentage of parents are asked to complete survey forms in which they express their level of satisfaction with a range of school related issues. The surveys results were available to schools last week and I am delighted in how positive our parents' responses were in relation to issues such as student outcomes, curriculum, pedagogy, learning climate and school community relations. In most of these, the level of parent satisfaction was significantly higher than the State School mean and Like School mean. Thank you parents!!

### JUNIOR ROTARY

- On Wednesday evening the 20 Year 7 students who completed the Junior Rotary Community Award were presented with certificates at a function at Kenmore South State School. Congratulations students on a great effort and I hope you will continue to participate in community oriented activities.

### AWARDS NIGHT – INDOOROOPILLY

I had the pleasure of attending the 54<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony at Indooroopilly State High School on Tuesday evening. It was an outstanding celebration of student achievement across a wide range of curricula and extra curricula activities and it was great to see how many former Ironside students have continued to excel in their secondary education.

### CHAPLAIN

Ms Liz Woolcock commenced her new role as Chaplain on Monday. She will continue taking Student Relations Classes from Tuesday to Friday and will work as a School Chaplain each Monday. Congratulations Ms Woolcock – from all members of our school community.

### FUNDRAISING

One of our Year 6 students, Connor Rattray has appealed for our help. His mother, Angela is battling aggressive breast cancer and the medication that she is taking is very expensive and not covered by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Connor is trying to raise money by undertaking a three day, 40 km trek through the Lamington National Park. He has placed a donation tin in the school foyer, however to encourage our students to further support Connor's wonderful efforts, we will also conduct a money trail at the school on Tuesday 20 November. All members of our school community will be invited to bring along gold coins to make a "money trail" in the oasis. The longer the trail, the more money is raised to help Mrs Rattray! Parents, if you are involved in organisations that may be able to take up this cause further or provide sponsorship, please let me know and I will pass on Mrs Rattray's details.

*Patricia Neate, Principal*

### PREP 2008 ORIENTATION SESSION

Just a reminder that the Orientation Session will be held here at Ironside commencing at 2pm on Wednesday 21 November. Book packs and uniforms will be on sale.

### PARKING AROUND IRONSIDE

A reminder to be considerate of other drivers and pedestrians when dropping off your child or children to school and when picking them up at the end of the school day.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal*

### REPORT CARDS

#### Semester Two Reports

will be issued on Tuesday 11 December. Each student's Report will contain achievement information about each learning area studied including English, Maths, Science, Technology, LOTE, HPE and the Arts. Achievement codes will describe the student's overall achievement for each learning area studied, against what is expected at the time of reporting.

In Years 1-3, the achievement ratings to be used are: Very High, High, Sound, Developing and Support Required. In Years 4-7, the achievement ratings are A, B, C, D and E. Teachers will also write comments describing a student's progress in each learning area. In addition to written comments, the student's Effort and Behaviour are also reported using an A-E rating.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Now that interschool sport has finished, Ironside's Swimming Carnival is quickly approaching.

It will be held over 3 days in week 9. Years 1-3 is on Wednesday 5 December, Years 4 and 5 is on Monday 3 December and Years 6 and 7 is on Tuesday 4 December.

### INDIGENOUS ARTIST VISIT

Ironside will be hosting a visit from Rick Roser in week 7 of this term. Mr Roser is a well known artist with his art and artefacts collected by the National Gallery of Australia, Queensland Art Gallery and the Queensland Museum. He has presented Aboriginal Art & Culture workshops to hundreds of Queensland schools, TAFE and Universities. More examples of his work and further information can be located at Site: <http://www.rickroser.com>

*Adam Knights, Deputy Principal*

## Library News:

End of year Christmas BookFair coming Week 8  
26 November – 30 November



We are excited to once again offer great books, at discounted prices, to our students and parents.

Each class will have the chance to visit BookFair during school. While browsing through the BookFair, the students fill out a *wish list* – a list of books that **they** would like to buy.

We try to keep this list down to 2 reading/information books and only 1 activity/game pack. Parents are under no obligation to purchase any items from the children's wish list.

The fair is open from **8am until 5pm** and late night **Wednesday 28th - until 7:30 p.m.**

*The BookFair accepts cash, Visa, Mastercard and cheques (please make out to The BookWarehouse),*

Thankyou

Cath Roche, Teacher Librarian



**Term 4 Excursion Statement  
Payments are now overdue.  
Please make your payment as soon as possible.  
Any queries please contact the  
main office on 3258 3111.**

## Chaplaincy Update...

Hi there! I wanted to inform you that I have been officially appointed as Chaplain at Ironside for one day per week (Monday). This chaplaincy service has been funded for the next three years by the Federal Government as part of their National School Chaplaincy Programme. At the moment, the Local Chaplaincy Committee is beginning to look at the specific requirements of the chaplaincy service. More information and the latest chaplaincy updates will be attached separately in forthcoming school Newsletters. Particular thanks to all those people who have been so supportive in the lead up to this appointment. I feel very honoured to serve Ironside in this capacity.

Liz Woolcock

## HPE News...

### SPORTS RESULTS WEEK 5

#### Basketball

Yr 7 Boys 1	8	Indooroopilly	8
Yr 7 Boys 2	4 0	Graceville	1 2
Yr 7 Girls 1	2	St Aiden's	1 0
Yr 7 Girls 2	4	Indooroopilly	8
Yr 6 Girls 1	1 4	St Aiden's	1 0
Yr 6 Girls 2	6	Indooroopilly	1 4
Yr 6 Boys	2 2	Indooroopilly	2 2

#### Flippaball

Senior B	9	OL R	8	Nice friendly game – WIN!
Junior B	3	OL R	3	Nice friendly game – TIE!

#### Cricket

Senior	130	Graceville	88	Ironside bowled Graceville all out for 88. Ironside 130 runs with one out.
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#### 10 Tin Bowling

Everyone enjoyed themselves.



## Music News...

### CHORAL SOIREE

All choral groups will be performing in the Hall commencing at 7.00 pm on Thursday 22nd November.

### COMMUNITY CONCERT AND MORNING TEA

The Senior Instrumental and Choral Music groups will be hosting a Pre-Christmas community concert and Morning Tea at Ironside in the Hall on Monday 26th November commencing at 10.00 am. As this is a special event for the Year 7 students who are in the choral and instrumental music programmes, the students have received a letter requesting that they invite grandparents, relatives, elderly neighbours or friends to the concert. If you do not have a child in Year 7 but you know of a relative or an elderly member of the community who would like to attend, please contact me either by e-mail or telephone as they are most welcome to attend. We would like to have as many guests as possible at this special end of year event.

### FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

A wonderful evening of music and song will be held on the oval on

Thursday 6th December commencing at 7.00 pm. If it is raining, the event will be held in the Hall.

## Year 5 News: 5A have found Golden Tickets

We are currently doing a novel study on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and have been doing many different and exciting activities. Here are some samples of creative writing where the students took on a character from the book and described the moment they found their ticket.

Today I have found a golden ticket... Well, more like that repulsive woman that works at Dad's factory found it, but it's MY TICKET! I will get daddy to buy the Chocolate Factory and everything in inside it, only because I WANT IT and what I want... I get.

Anyway, this diary is most repulsive, with little repulsive flowers and I'm only using it because Daddy says I have to.

Phoenix Qu

I wish I had never found the golden ticket. Then camera men wouldn't bother me. The tour around the factory will be a waste of time. I will also miss my favourite show. After that show, I would have played my favourite video game, "Gangster World."

I'm not excited at all! The tour is in two days. Anyway, if I was excited, I wouldn't want that big old Wonka man to tour me around. I would just look around myself.

This is the worst part of my life. I don't even like chocolate. My parents are excited although I wish that they would just forget about it.

Raymond Lau

Dear Diary,

Guess what? I found a golden ticket today! There were so many people taking pictures, it was hard to show all of them my glorious gum. When they say my gum, they all looked devastated. It was probably because they were jealous of all my achievements. I mean who could blame them? Anyway, I am so excited about going to Wonka's Factory. I hear

### CLARINET FOR SALE

Yamaha clarinet, very good condition, \$290. Please phone Linda Tonge 3371 0618 or email ltonge@bigpond.net.au.

### Book Pack Invoices

Book Pack Invoices were due last Friday. As there are still a lot that have not been handed in could you please make sure they are returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of November otherwise your child's book pack will not be ready on collection day Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you, Book Pack Committee

he makes everlasting gum with everlasting taste! I'm hoping he has fish flavoured gum, or gum flavoured fish. Fish and gum are the best combination.

Anjni Saxena

### Tuckshop Roster - Term 4

Mon 19/11 Alyson Bates, Muriel Chieh  
Tue 20/11 Gabby Elliott, Marg Rackemann, Peter Henderson  
Wed 21/11 Rosario San Martin, Jenny Nicol, Christine Tod  
Thu 22/11 Liz Prior, Julianne McKenna, Joan Schubert

### Homebake Roster - Term 4

Mon 19/11 Chintha Wakwella, Celia Wickramasekera, Denise Nicol  
Tue 20/11 Jennie Baxter  
Wed 21/11 Chris Rackemann, Mary Burrell  
Thu 22/11 Julie Creagh

