

# 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

On Tuesday I accompanied staff to the funeral service of former Ironside Deputy Principal, Mrs Pam Swales. We laid a wreath on behalf of the Ironside School Community. Many previous staff members from Ironside also attended the service. Mrs Swales will long be remembered at our school for her dignity, her love of the Arts and her special ability to interact with and counsel students.

What a busy time of the year this is!!! This week, we've had the excitement of three swimming carnivals, and our popular talent quest keeping us all entertained. Tonight our Festival of Carols will top off our musical program for the year and herald in the Christmas season.

### STAFF

- Congratulations to Year 7 Teacher, Mrs Jane Backhaus who has been appointed as Head of Curriculum at the Royal Childrens' Hospital for next year. I would like to thank the many relief teachers who have supported us throughout the year. These teachers have worked from occasional
- casual days to quite extended contracts. We are so fortunate to be able to call on experienced teachers who are well known to members of our school community.

### STATE LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

Students in Years 3,5 and 7 will today receive their individual reports from the State Literacy Tests in Literacy and Numeracy. These reports are quite comprehensive and indicate to parents how their child's achievement may be compared to the year level cohort and the State Mean. Generally our students performed extremely well on these tests with many "topping the State".

### IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Tuesday 11 December   | Semester 2 reports sent home.<br>Class lists announced and displayed on the library windows |
| Wednesday 12 December | 7.00pm Year 7 Graduation<br>(A short newsletter will be sent home)                          |
| Thursday 13 December  | 9.30am Whole School Assembly  |
| Friday 14 December    | Clean Up Day  |

*Patricia Neate, Principal*

### FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

A wonderful evening of music and song will be held on the oval, tonight, Thursday 6 December commencing at 7.00 pm. If it is raining, the event will be held in the Hall. This year we are having a Giving Tree. Ironside Families are invited to bring along a gift which will be forwarded to 'Aussie Helpers'. Please label your gift stating if it is for a girl, boy, female adult or male adult. Also on the night there will be a Christmas Hamper raffle with all proceeds going towards purchasing instruments or music for the Music Department. Thanks parents for donations received. We are also selling glowsticks for \$2 each and a coffee van will be here selling hot and cold drinks.

### YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thanks parents for supporting Ironside's fun swimming carnival yesterday. It was wonderful seeing how well the students are now swimming.

### MUSIC PERFORMANCE UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

If music performance accessories were hired prior to 2007, a refund will be given to those students leaving Ironside at the end of this Term. A letter has been given to the students with refund details.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal*

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the children in all year levels who have taken part in the swimming carnivals over the past few days.

There have been some outstanding results and wonderful behaviour from the students. Well done.

### REPORT CARDS

Semester Two Reports will be issued on Tuesday 11 December. The Key Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science, Technology, LOTE, HPE and the Arts will be reported on via an overall achievement rating, a rating for effort and a comment. All State Schools throughout Queensland are using the new standard format.

*Adam Knights, Deputy Principal*

## P&C News:

The P&C Committee is currently looking for a Secretary. If you would like to become more active in the school community and may be interested, could you email Tanya Jeavons on [tanya.jeavons@activesoftwaredynamics.com](mailto:tanya.jeavons@activesoftwaredynamics.com).

### SCHOOL FETE

The final figures for the school Fete are now available. The profit was \$22.13 short of **\$50,000**. The raffle (convened by Vivienne Edwards and Narelle Mercer) generated the biggest profit of over \$11,500. The rides (Libby Rainbird, Danielle Dean and Leesa Behrens) also generated over \$10,000. Stalls making over \$5000 included the International Food (Nada Burt and Anu Suresh) and the International Cookbook (Anne Matthew). Many thanks again to all the conveners and volunteers who helped make this the best Fete ever.

*Christine Tod*

## Year 7 News:

Year Seven has been a memorable and enjoyable experience. Learning about Ancient Civilisations this term was very exciting, especially reading about how some civilisations were different compared to modern times. The excursion to GoMA, QGA, and the Museum was great, we enjoyed it. Observing all types of art at GoMA and QGA showed how different an artist's perspective of something was to another artists. We all enjoyed the Swimming Carnival where everyone tried their best. We are looking forward to Graduation Night and High School but our memories of Ironside will never be forgotten. On behalf of Year 7, we would like to thank all of the Ironside staff who have taught us for the past seven years, making it a wonderful learning experience for all of us.

**Year 7**

### Important Dates for 2008

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday 24 January | Pupil Free Day                 |
|                     | Uniform Shop Open 2pm-6pm      |
| Friday 25 January   | Pupil Free Day                 |
| Monday 28 January   | Australia Day - Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 29 January  | School Commences               |
| 21 - 24 March       | Easter Holidays                |
| 5 - 13 April        | School Holidays                |
| Monday 14 April     | Pupil Free Day                 |

## Year 3, 5, 7 Test 2007

Congratulations to the following, very talented students. They each scored the highest mark in the recent State-wide testing in **one or more** areas. This is a spectacular achievement for these students and for our school. We are all very proud of their achievements and will watch them grow through their academic life.

### "Top Mark in the State"

Yr 3, 5, 7 Aspects of Literacy and Numeracy Tests, 2007

| Year | Measurement and Data  | Space   | Number  |
|------|---|---|---|
| 3    | Nicholas Shen<br>Emma van Baarle<br>Alexander Collins   | Alina Kereszt<br>Miranda Russell<br>Caitlin Zhou<br>Nicholas Shen<br>Bella Harman-Schufft<br>Taichi Yoshikawa<br>Alexander Collins<br>Prudence Edwards<br>Kiana Segal |   |
| 5    | John Hwang<br>Ming Liu<br>James Witherspoon<br>Sanjay Saxena<br>Max Yang<br>Amy Hartmann<br>Caitlin Henderson<br>Cherry Liang   | Allen Gu  | Raymond Lau<br>Sherwan Raeside<br>Allen Gu<br>Max Yang<br>Joseph Bingley<br>Nana Hayashi<br>Cherry Liang  |
| 7    | Shenal Abeyasinghe<br>Gabrielle Davis<br>Becky Kim<br>Angin Kizil<br>Rachel van Baarle<br>Cameron Barnes<br>Roy Teng<br>Lucy Wang<br>Erin Ferrier<br>Jack Gregan<br>Victoria Kia<br>Emma Nicol<br>John Badgery<br>Margie Dickson<br>Dion Loetscher<br>Nicholas Salmon<br>Alex Tod |   | Justin Goldizen<br>Dilshan Rajapakse<br>Rachel van Baarle<br>Cameron Barnes<br>Daniel Zhang<br>Daniel Docherty<br>Roy Teng<br>Emma Nicol<br>Michelle Woods<br>Nicholas Salmon |

*Amanda Cooper, HOC*

## Talent Quest:

The Final of our Talent quest will be on **Tuesday 11 December** in the Assembly Hall.

We have been most impressed with the wide range of talents on show over the past couple of weeks.

The second semi final will be held tomorrow (Friday) and the names of students who get through to the final will be posted on the Hall door on Friday afternoon at 3.00pm.

Parents are most welcome to come along to the **Final at 1.10pm** and students who are performing are encouraged to dress up for their performance.

### ST LUCIA KINDY MANGO DRIVE

The Mangoes will be delivered to St Lucia Kindergarten on Monday 10 December for collection from 2.30pm at the Kindy. Phone Miranda on 38708250 if any questions.

## Shop News:

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### Clothing and Books

Thursday 24 January 2.00pm - 6.00pm

### Clothing and Books

Tuesday 29 January 8.15am

Wednesday 30 January 8.15am

Thursday 31 January 8.15am

**Tuckshop Opens (food starts)**

Monday 4 February 2008

### AFTER HOURS CARE PLACES

Unfortunately, an insufficient number of applications were received to run the trial after care program at St Lucia Kindergarten in term 4. The Kindergarten (located in Ironside St) is still interested in offering this service next year if / when sufficient applications are received to run one full group.

#### Details of the proposed program:

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|--------------------|--|
| Hours of care:     | 2:30/3:00pm to 5:30pm, Mon – Fri   |
| Eligible children: | 3 – 6 years old (kindy & school children)  |
| Cost:              | \$18 per afternoon   |
| Inclusions:        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Quality early education program run by qualified early childhood staff</li> <li>▫ collection from Ironside school</li> <li>▫ healthy afternoon snack</li> </ul> |
| How to apply:      | Contact the Kindergarten on 3870 9213 for an application form or download the form from the Ironside School website.   |
| Rebates:           | For Child Care Benefit purposes, this service is classified as <u>registered care</u> . Refer to the Family Assistance Office for rebates available for this type of care.                               |

- Cost is determined by higher staff/student ratios and specific staff qualifications required for this age grouping.
- Some vacancies remain in our 2-day and 3-day C&K Kindergarten programs for next year (9:00am-2:30pm). Enrolled Kindergarten children can apply for positions in the After Care Program which would operate from 2:30pm-5:30pm if sufficient applications were received.

## Penny Biddlestone Tennis Coaching



### December Holiday Programmes TOURNAMENTS

The holiday tournaments are designed to accelerate your child's ability to play matches. **Children will be placed in a suitable section according to standard and age.** The aims are to improve technique, court coverage, matchplay skills and reinforce correct court etiquette. Modifications are made for those players who have difficulty with their serve.

December 2007

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|---------------------|---|
| *Venue:             | Ironside School Tennis Courts                       |
| *Dates:             | Monday 17 December -<br>Wednesday 19 December, 2007 |
| *Morning session:   | 8.30am – 12.30pm                                    |
| *Afternoon session: | 1.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |
|                     | <b>\$105 for three day session (incl GST)</b>       |

If you wish to attend the above programme please contact:

**Penny Biddlestone: 3371 2849**

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