

IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

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



A Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents

RECONCILIATION

To mark the Prime Minister's apology in Parliament for the past treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, our school has displayed three flags on our flagpole on Wednesday– the Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER

Thanks so much parents for supporting our Parent Information evenings so well. Attendance was excellent and I received many positive comments about the meetings, how informative they have been and how good it's been to hold them so early in the term. Thanks also to those parents who were able to attend the P and C welcome meetings. This week, parents will receive Year Level Term Overviews including assessment tasks. I hope this provides you with further information about what your child is learning at school and how the learning will be assessed. Teachers are also working on updating their class websites.

SECURITY

Our school has relatively few incidents of wilful damage or graffiti, however last week-end, a group of youths gained access to the swimming pool and damaged some equipment. This has happened before and I ask our school community members to help keep our school safe by reporting any suspicious activity to State Government Security on 3224 6666 or the Indooroopilly Police on 3878 5077. Can you please keep these phone numbers available for future use. Thank you.

STAFF NEWS

I would like to warmly welcome new members of staff to our school: Ms Rachele Domenici has been appointed to Ironside as the teacher of our new class – 5D and Mrs Nahoko Mulvey and Mrs Janet Matthew commenced teaching Japanese Language and Culture to students from Prep to Year 4 this week. Year 2 teacher, Mrs Cavu is on leave for the week and Mrs McIntyre is taking the class.

PARENT REPS

Thank you to all the parents who have accepted our teachers' invitation to become class Parent Reps for 2008. I look forward to working with you throughout the year. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 20th February at 2.00 pm in the staff meeting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education classes commence this Friday. A special welcome and thank you is extended to the local ministers of religion and the kind members of our community who volunteer to take our students for religious education lessons. Students whose parents have indicated that they do not want their children to attend these classes will be supervised by our Ironside staff.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council generally meets once a term and their role is to support the principal in strategic matters such as the development of planning documents and the school budget. Members of our school council include Jason Hines as P&C President, parents, Denise Nicol (Chair), Lisa Dopking and Brad Hartmann, staff members, Adam Knights, Julie Kordic, Kim Donaldson and myself as Principal. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 6.00 pm.

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2008 CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

Our choral teachers this year will be classroom music teacher, Mrs Hay and Year 5 teacher, Mr Gann. It's wonderful having Mrs Denning as one of our accompanists along with Prep teacher Mrs Upham. We are looking forward to a year of great singing here at Ironside. It is not too late for your child/children to sign up to be a member of one of our choral groups.

Rehearsal times:

Monday at 7.30am – Senior Choir with Mr Gann

Monday at 1.10pm – Junior Choir (Year 3) with Mrs Hay

Tuesday at 7.30am – Intermediate Choir with Mrs Hay

Tuesday at 1.10pm – BVG's (Boys' Vocal Group) with Mr Gann

Wednesday at 1.10pm – Senior Glee with Mrs Hay

CHANGE TO BAND REHEARSAL TIME

Senior Band will now consist of Years 6 and 7 students. Rehearsal will be held in the Hall on Wednesday mornings commencing at 7.30 am with Mrs Rosewarne. Junior Band (Year 5) will rehearse with Mr Davidson on a Thursday morning commencing in Term 2 at 7.30 am.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN/WALK

Date: Sunday 9 March 2008

Time: 7.30 am

Venue: South Bank Parklands

As 2008 in the Year of Physical Activity, a number of staff would like to make this a special event for interested female staff, students, parents, relatives and friends. Entry fee is \$20 per person with a percentage of each entry fee directed towards helping volunteer surf lifesavers fund lifesaving services on Queensland beaches. You can enter on line at www.womensdayfunrun.com.au or send or fax an entry form. A copy of the entry form is available from the main office.

There is a trophy awarded to the school with the most entries, so make certain you complete the school name as Ironside on the form.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of our students, please do not do a U turn at the corner of Swann Road and Hawken Drive.

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK

An invitation is extended to Ironside's Overseas and Australian families to attend the first meeting of our network on Tuesday 26 February at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom near the main office. At this meeting we will be discussing Ironside's International Breakfast which will be held in Term 2.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING

The first meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday 5 March commencing at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom. At this meeting we will be discussing the events planned for the choral and instrumental groups for 2008 and the assistance that parents can offer at these events. You do not have to be musical to be part of the group.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Brienna Wapple whose entry, 'Transporting Terrifically on Thursday' has been chosen as the title for Term 1's data collection each Thursday. All classroom teachers will collect data on the number of students who walk to and from school, who catch a bus, ride a bicycle or who carpool to and from school. The class with the highest tally will be announced at the end of Term 1 at Assembly and also in the school Newsletter.

Patricia Neate, Principal

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following 13 students who represented Ironside at the WTB Swimming Carnival today.

Evie Bingham	7A	Fiona Hoegh-Guldberg	7C
Yuka Kanoh	5A	Yuya Kanoh	7C
Olivia Lawler	7B	Sam Medhurst	6A
Emma Morton	6/7F	Sam Ngugi	5B
Ayla Uysal	4B	Lucy Van Baarle	6A
Lili Wackwitz	4D	Brienna Wapple	7B
Nicholas Wu	6/7F		

A special thank you to Bronwyn Lawler for volunteering to be the parent Marshal for Ironside.

As soon as official results are received they will be published.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Friday 7 March will once again see Interschool sport start for Ironside State School students. This year we are offering an extended program that includes Athletics Coaching at the University of Queensland, Swimming Skills at the Ironside pool and also Jujitsu.

If you have not completed your preference form as yet can you please return it as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education will recommence this Friday for 2008. The times are the same as previous years with Years 4-7 attending from 11:15 am to 11:45 am and Years 1-3 attending from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm.

If your child is not attending RE please send a note.

LOST PROPERTY

I would like to ask all students and parents to please ensure that items of clothing and property are clearly named. There has been a steady increase in items placed in the box located outside the Tuckshop near the Hall.

Adam Knights, Deputy Principal

Year One News...

Congratulations to the Year One students for the way in which they have settled into their new classes and routines. The children have successfully made the transition from Prep and are enjoying the new challenges of more formalized work.

We have welcomed several new families to the Year One classes and these children have quickly adjusted to their new environment. All the specialist lessons have now commenced with the familiar routines of music, student relationships and library borrowing lessons and the introduction of swimming, perceptual motor and Japanese Language and Culture lessons.

We are looking forward to a happy and productive year with our classes.

Year 7 Parents News...

We are looking for two or three parents to coordinate the ordering and handing out of the Year 7 school shirts. As you are probably aware, each year the students in Year 7 have their own special shirt that has the names of all students in their year level written on the back. As this has happened for many years all the information to help you do this task is readily available and if you would like to help please see Jane Wurth at the Tuckshop.

IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL
Permanent Cleaner
23 1/2 hours per week
Please Telephone 3258 3111
For Position Description
Closing Date: 22 February 2008

WELCOME IRONSIDE FAMILIES

A big welcome if you are new to this school, this suburb, this city, this state or this country!

To help you meet some other families and let the kids run around I am organizing a picnic/barbeque.

Venue: Sir John Chandler Park, it is by the river, with open space, barbeques and some play equipment.

Address: Meiers Rd Indooroopilly (at the end of the road)

Date: Sunday February 24th from 3.30 pm until it gets dark

Bring.....In good Aussie style it will be BYO which means bring your own everything! There are barbeques, so bring food to cook on a barbeque or food to have for your dinner, drinks, cups, plates and cutlery. Throw in balls and bats for the kids if you have unpacked them and a picnic rug!

I will have an Ironside shirt "flag" to mark where we are so you can find us.

If it rains then we will postpone it to the next Sunday afternoon.

Everyone is welcome! If you were once a new family to the school and remember how that felt, then we would love you to come and enjoy and informally share your experiences and survival tips!

Please call if you have any questions

Jennie Rothwell 3700 9788 or 0400 844 907

THE GALLERY

Located next to Liqurland will donate to the school \$1 from every coffee sold during February, to purchase sporting equipment or library books. Just mention that you are a parent or teacher from Ironside State School. We're open from 9.00 am Monday to Friday and from Midday Saturday and Sunday for Coffee and Cake, Toasted Sandwiches, Freshly made Painis, Bread Rolls, Sandwiches and Salads.

VOLLEYBALL FOR KIDS

For girls and boys from 8 years of age.

Fun practice sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm at Brisbane Boys College.

For more information contact Pavel Proselkov on 0405 119 157 or email pasha@uq.edu.au



Important Dates for 2008

21st - 24th March	Easter Holidays
5th - 13th April	School Holidays
Monday 14 April	Pupil Free Day

Shop News:

The Uniform Shop desperately needs plastic bags - your donations will be gratefully accepted.

Thank You, Jane Wurth

Tuckshop Roster - Term 1

Mon 18/02	Muriel Chieh
Tue 19/02	Emily Dickson, Gabby Elliott, Kylie McNaught
Wed 20/02	Marg Rackemann, Seung-Eun Cha, Peter Henderson
Thu 21/02	Rie Ojima, Masae Yoshikawa, Midori Kinoshita

Homebake Roster - Term 1

Mon 18/02	Chintha Wakwella, Jennie Baxter, Denise Nicol
Tue 19/02	Celia Wickramasekera, Karen Morik
Wed 20/02	Chris Rackemann, Mary Burrell, Inta Comino
Thu 21/02	Lisa Fogden, Need Volunteer x 1

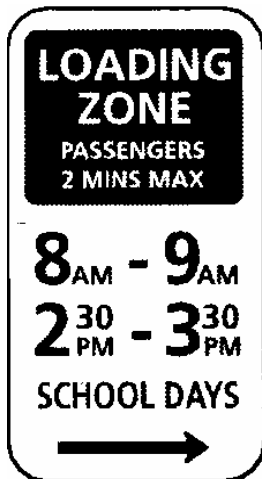




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Two minute drop off/pick up zones

Parking around schools is limited and drivers have been parking in Two Minute zones, and No Stopping/Standing/Parking zones and bus stops. These actions are dangerous for children travelling to and from school. Some parents often park in driveways which results in calls from irate home-owners unable to get their cars in or out of their own driveways.



Police and councils have advised they will visit schools periodically during the year to issue traffic offence notices to offending drivers.

The success of the two minute zones requires cooperation from all parents to ensure quick

movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe the time frames (see above example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children.

In some instances parents stop their car and stay in it waiting for somebody to take their children to class and then come back. **PLEASE NOTE!** This area is designed to **keep the vehicles moving**. It is not to be used in this manner.

Please do

- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car's kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not

- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
- Use staff parking areas

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone Queensland Transport on 1300 360 135.