IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

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

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A Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents

CHAPLAIN
I'm pleased to welcome Miss Amaris Hernandez to our School. Ms Hernandez will be working as Chaplain every Monday until Miss Woolcock returns. She is happy to be known to our students as Miss Amaris.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Congratulations to the Year 7 students who were nominated for the School Captain positions. The students are to be congratulated on their posters and electoral speeches. Congratulations to the successful candidates:
School Captains: James Riseley and Gina Lee
Vice Captains: Jack Medhurst and Emma Morton
We will be holding our Captains' Investiture Ceremony on Monday 25th February from 10.00 am. All parents are most welcome to attend.
All Year 7's have the opportunity to become School Leaders and I would like to commend the students who are working hard towards achieving this special position. Students in all classes in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity each term to become Peer Leaders. The Peer Leaders for Term One will be announced next week.

USE OF PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL
Due to concerns about safety, students will not be able to play on any school equipment before school from next Monday. At this stage they can still use the equipment after school as long as they are supervised by their parents. New signs will display these new arrangements and students will be reminded in class and on Assembly. Parents, I would appreciate your help in supporting this decision, thanks.

PEANUT ALERGY
A number of students in our school have allergies to peanuts which range from mild to life-threatening. Our Tuckshop ensures that no products containing peanuts are sold. I would ask all parents to help by not using products such as peanut paste or satay sauce on children's lunches. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter – I'm sure that the parents of those students with peanut allergies appreciate your support.

PARENT REP MEETING
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this meeting on Wednesday. The role of parent reps at our school is to help create a class "family" by welcoming new families, making up a class parent register and supporting the teacher by coordinating class help. I frequently use the parent rep group as an email consultation forum and sincerely appreciate the feedback I can receive about school issues.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE
The School Council met on Wednesday evening with the main agenda being to review the draft Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2008. Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 26th February from 7.00 pm in the Staff Room. I am looking forward to several new parents attending this and future meetings so that decisions regarding the school can be made by a more representative group of parents.

Patricia Neate, Principal

2008 CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAMME
Thank you to the students who have joined our Choral Music Programme for 2008. I'm sure we are going to have a great year of music and song.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN/WALK
Date: Sunday 9th 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
Parents, please reinforce the principles of road safety to children by teaching, showing and setting good examples.
Teach children to stop, look, listen and think:
STOP at the kerb
LOOK right, look left and look right again
LISTEN for approaching traffic
THINK before crossing the road
Encourage your child to always use a crossing where provided. At unsupervised crossings, ensure traffic has stopped before stepping onto the road and, at traffic lights, wait for the green walk signal and wait for the traffic to stop.
If a Crossing Supervisor is on duty, teach children to listen to them and only cross when the Supervisor signals to do so. The Crossing Supervisor makes sure everyone crosses the road safely.
Above all, lead by example. Children usually imitate adults so always try to do the right thing when crossing roads.

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 26th 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-NEW DATE
The first meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday 11th 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.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

P&C News...

It was great to see so many attend the P & C social gathering following the Parent /Teacher meetings.
Our next P & C meeting is Tuesday 26th February at 7.00 pm in the school Staffroom.
Some of the items to be discussed will be the oval redevelopment and water tanks progress.
Also being a non Fete year, what family fun events to have this year. So please come along if you have any ideas, or would like to help organise a function.

Thanks. P & C Committee

COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE
Over the next few weeks Ironside will have some major work completed to the school's network infrastructure. This will not only increase the schools wireless capacity and coverage but also provide new equipment across all areas of the school.

SWIMMING NEWS
Last week our swimming team represented Ironside at the WTB swimming carnival. I am proud to announce that four of our team members have subsequently made the West Taylor Bridge Swim Team for 2008.

Lucy Van Baarle - Freestyle
Yuka Kanoh - Breastroke
Olivia Lawler - Breatstroke
Yuya Kanoh - Backstroke

Congratulations girls and to all students who have represented our school at swimming this year.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Ironside State School Cross Country will be held in week 3 of Term 2 on May 1st. To prepare for this event Ms Walters will start Cross Country Training before school during week 6. Time and date will be confirmed next week.

Adam Knights, Deputy Principal

STUDENTS REQUIRING MEDICATION...

Only Prescription medication can be administered by the school. If your child requires prescribed medication, you will need to do the following:

- If you child is on medication on regular or just one off, you will require to complete an Administration Medical form at the Front Office when handing over the medication. This form needs to be signed by the parent.
- Parent/guardians need to explain to the staff how the medication should be administered once the medical form has been completed. Staff also need to be advised how the medication should be stored.
- Any unused medication should be collected from the office when no longer required.

Mother's Day Meeting News...

Our Mothers day stall will be on again this year.
Our first meeting will be on the Wednesday 5th March in the school Library. Please come with any great ideas, or if you can help in anyway, it will be greatly appreciated by our children, who look forward to buying something special for their Mum.
Look forward to seeing you there, Amanda Teo, phone: 0416262397.

SMARTS Day News...

This year Ironside State School will again have a SMARTS day. Children will be involved in a variety of activities related to different intelligences, eg. body, nature, word, maths, art, people etc.
Smarts Day will be held this term on April 3rd. If you are interested in joining in and sharing your own talents, please contact your child's teacher.

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

Prep News…

Angus Corder tries out a scooter board

The Prep students are currently entering into the 'Year of Physical Acitivity' with great enthusiasm. Each week the four Prep classes rotate through a range of activities which focus on developing the childrens' gross-motor skills. Activities include:

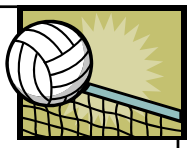
- Participating in the Perceptual Motor Program
- Engaging in sand and water play
- Playing on the 'fort' and in the Prep/Year 1 playground using a range of equipment
- Negotiating obstacle courses
- Enjoying 'movement to music' sessions involving dance, action songs and musical games

Development of the children's gross-motor skills enhances both their fine-motor skills and cognitive development. It is also loads of fun!

Prep Teachers

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ironside State School.
Renumeration $21.33 per hour, 1.5 hours per day on a roster system, 2 days per week currently available
Application packs available from the Main Office
Applications close 27/02/2008.

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 Prosselkov on 0405 119 157 or email pasha@uq.edu.au



Shop News:

Uniform News: School Bags now available.

Lost Property: All clothing needs to be named with **both** first name and surname so that the uniform volunteers are able to locate the owner from an alphabetical list.

Thank You, Jane Wurth

Tuckshop Roster - Term 1

Mon	25/02	Amanda Teo, Maria Clark, Melissa Morrison
Tue	26/02	Miho Scott, Shizuho Yamamoto
Wed	27/02	Karen Hartmann, Miranda Dunning, Kathy Lathauras
Thu	28/02	Joan Schubert, Martha Walker, Ruth Whitehill

Homebake Roster - Term 1

Mon	25/02	Anne Riachi, Angela Smith
Tue	26/02	Marg Rackemann, Graham Baxter
Wed	27/02	Stephanie Twigg, Hera Mason
Thu	28/02	Julie Creagh, Linda Richards

GROUP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

St Lucia Kindergarten is seeking enthusiastic and dynamic team members for its new 'after care' program. Must hold or be willing to commence relevant qual's (Diploma OR Cert III – Childrens Services; Suitability Card; current First Aid certificate).

Casual rates.

Email Tracey Jenkinson at jenkoes@hotmail.com or phone the Kindergarten on 3870 9213 to obtain a copy of the Selection Criteria.

Closing date: 29TH February 2008

ST LUCIA KINDERGARTEN AFTER CARE SERVICE

TRIAL TO COMMENCE ON 17/03/08

The proposed after care service for children aged 3-6 years will commence on Monday, 17th March. The service will operate on a trial basis for 14 weeks (starting on 17th March through to the end of Term 2). Approximately 4 weeks prior to the end of the trial, the Committee will assess the feasibility of the service and advise enrolled families whether or not the service will continue for the rest of the year.

Families who submitted a 2008 application form by 15th February will have an offer of their permanent booking sent to them shortly. Casual bookings (cost of $18 per session) will only be possible if vacancies exist on a particular day.

Some vacancies currently remain each afternoon. Cost for permanent bookings is $18 per child per session. Any other families interested in securing a permanent booking should email jenkoes@hotmail.com or telephone 3870 9213 so that an application form can be emailed. The service is classified as 'registered care' for Child Care Benefit purposes.

St Lucia Kindergarten is a not-for-profit organisation managed by volunteer parents. It has offered quality early years education to the community for more than 50 years.

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

Gifted and Talented Information Session News...

Do you know this child?

More intense, sensitive, perceptive, persistent or energetic?

That child may be "gifted"

Introductory Information Nights for parents and teachers

The program will be made up of four talks of about 25 minutes each.

1. A speaker on the general topic of giftedness and characteristics
2. A pupil telling what it has been like for them in school
3. A parent telling what it has been like for them living with a gifted child.
4. A teacher talking about their experiences teaching gifted children.

The speakers will vary with the schools, but the general topics will remain the same.

Wednesday 27th Feb	Sherwood SS
Thursday 6th March	Stafford QAGTC rooms

Thanks, Ian Burgess, for QAGTC 07 3379 1318