

# 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 LEADERS

Congratulations to the thirty-four Year 7 Leaders who were presented with their badges at Assembly on Monday. Thanks to the parents and family members who attended the Assembly and applauded the efforts the students have made to become School Leaders.

### FAREWELL STEVE

Many parents would know by now that our After School Care Director, Steve Burnett is leaving Ironside to take up a position in the Queensland Police Service. Steve's last day will be Friday 28th March. On behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate and thank Steve for the wonderful job he has done over the past eleven years in caring for our students. He has become our children's trusted friend, a confidant for parents and a much loved member of our school community. We will be farewelling Steve at next Monday's Assembly and invite parents to come along and join us.

### YEAR 7 CAMP

Best wishes to our Year 7 students who are going to camp next week at Glastonbury Recreational Park via Tewantin. Thanks to our teaching staff, including Mr Erpf who will be attending. Alternative class arrangements have been made for the students in 6F and those Year 7's who will not be attending camp.

### EASTER AND END OF TERM ONE HOLIDAYS

Usually our end of Term One holidays are combined with the Easter holiday period. This year, however the Easter break will be from Friday 21st March (Good Friday) and include Monday 24th March (Easter Monday). School will resume on Tuesday 25th March.

Term One will end on Friday 4th April and there will be one week's holiday. School will resume for Term 2 on Tuesday 15th April. Please note that Monday 14th April is a Pupil Free Day and our staff will be engaged in professional development activities.

### GRADUATION 2008

Year 7 parents are invited to attend a meeting regarding Graduation. This will be held at the St Lucia Golf Club on Friday 14th March at 9.30 am. Please come along and join us to develop fund raising ideas and plan for a very successful 2008 Graduation.

### STAFF LEAVE

Best wishes to Mrs Ruddick McGrath who is taking a few days long service leave from Wednesday 19th March until Monday 31 March and to our Teacher Librarian, Ms Roche who is also taking leave from Tuesday 25 March until the end of Term One.

*Patrica Neate, Principal*

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN/WALK

Thank you to the staff, parents and students who participated in last Sunday's event. I am sure we can get more Ironside participants in 2009.

### OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK

At Wednesday's meeting, we discussed and planned Ironside's International Breakfast which will be held on Friday 30th May commencing at 7.30 am. As this is a most popular school event, we need many families to help. If you are interested but can't come to planned meetings, please contact me by e-mail or phone. Thank you to the families from Japan, Korea, Brazil, Lebanon, Indonesia, Switzerland and China who have offered to help on the day. Our next planning day is on Wednesday 23rd April at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom.

### FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING

The first meeting for parents was held on Tuesday 11th March. At this meeting we discussed the events planned for the choral and instrumental groups for 2008 and the assistance that parents can offer at these events. Thank you to the ten parents who attended the meeting. You do not have to be musical to be part of the group. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 22nd April at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom.

### PREP – YEAR 3 EASTER HAT PARADE

Date: Tuesday 18th March

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Assembly Hall

This will be an afternoon of colour and song. Years 1,2 and 3 students are invited to decorate a hat and bring it to school on the Tuesday morning. Prep students will be making their hat at school. As the parade will commence at 2.00 pm, parents and other family members are advised to arrive and be seated at 1.45 pm. Hope you can come to our special event!

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal*

## P&C News...

The Voluntary Contribution Letters have now been sent out to all families, if you did not receive a letter extra copies are available at the school office. Due to ongoing works at the school the committee's preference is for Contribution Money to go to the Building Fund.

All P & C Membership Application Forms returned by the AGM will be lodged at that meeting. Anyone wanting to join after the AGM must attend a monthly meeting to lodge their Application for Membership.

The next meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be the AGM.

*P & C Committee*

## 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.

*Amanda Cooper, Curriculum Officer*

## Language and Literacy

### Support Training News...

Ironside State School would like to offer training to parents or volunteers wishing to assist children with reading. We are trying to build up a bank of people who would be willing to volunteer their services each week to work with students who require additional one-on-one reading support.

The support program has been designed around the central concept that, through daily reading in a supportive environment, the child will be helped to become an independent proficient reader whose improved self-esteem will promote further learning.

The training sessions will run for approximately 2 hours on each of the following days:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 8:45 am – 10:45 am and

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 8:45 am – 10:45 am

Volunteers who wish to work in the school will require a Blue Card, but this can be organised through the school.

Please contact me if you are interested or have any queries.

*Amanda Cooper, [acoop37@eg.edu.au](mailto:acoop37@eg.edu.au)*

## Music News...

Congratulations to Ellie Baulch and Thalia Prakash who were successful in securing a place in the choir which will be performing at QPAC as part of the Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage 2008. The Creative Generation performance is made up of very talented students from both State High Schools and Primary Schools from all over Queensland, and it is an honour for Ironside State School to be represented by such talented, hard working students. Once again, congratulations girls, and enjoy the wonderful musical experience that is ahead of you.

*Robynne Hay, Music Teacher*

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Sponsor books have gone out and students have started learning different routines with skipping ropes. On Thursday March 27th we will be visited by the Sherwood Arrows Skipping Team in preparation for our jump off day on Wednesday 2nd April. Sponsorship forms and the money maybe returned from the **25th-28th of March** and more information will follow. **Please do not send any forms or money back before those dates.**

## ROBOTICS CLUB

I am very pleased to announce that the Robotics club will kick off again in Term 2. Mr John Scott and Mr Kim Peterson will be training you this year. This very popular club will recommence on Tuesday 1st April from 3.00 pm - 4.15 pm. It will be held in the Smarts Room, formally the Centre of Excellence and cost will be \$15 per week.

This year we will be offering 20 places for students in Years 4-6 only. At the culmination of this project students will have the opportunity to compete in the Robocup which is to be held in August at the University of Queensland. More information regarding the process will be handed out next week so watch for updates.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport began successfully on Friday. Our soccer teams looked great in the uniforms and hopefully it will only be a short wait for the rest of the Jerseys to arrive. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our teams for their efforts on Friday and thank the teachers who give up their time before school and at lunch times to coordinate training.

## BASKETBALL AND NETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Arabella Creagh and Ellie Baulch who will represent Ironside at the WTB Netball Trials. Also congratulations to Zac Gains and Steve Kim who will represent Ironside at the WTB Boys Basketball.

## UNSW COMPETITION 2008

As in previous years, this year, Ironside State School will participate in the UNSW Competitions involving Computers, Science, Maths and English for Years 4-7.

Direct links are made to all curricula in Australia ensuring relevant questions and topics. These tests also provide an opportunity for schools, students and parents to gain valuable experience in answering real questions under exam conditions.

In previous years the take up rate has been close to 98% with parents appreciating the external nature and feedback the test provide. Each exam costs the student \$7.00 and this cost will be added to the students term invoice.

Every student who participates in these tests receives a detailed diagnostic paper and online reports (myICAS) measuring their progress from previous years and a UNSW certificate acknowledging their level of achievement.

*Adam Knights, Deputy Principal*

## Chess Club News...

Good luck to our 11 students attending the chess competition this Friday: Sam Watson, John Watson, Sandy Labrom, Harry Hodge, Lili Wackwitz, Anna Raftery, Billy Boulton, Hugo Wong, Steve Reid, Yuya Kanoh and Nicholas Shen. Competitors are to meet at the school office at 7.40 am and leave at 7.45 am. Students will be dropped back at approximately 3.15 pm. Thanks to those in the Chess Comp Drivers Pool for providing transport: Sue Boulton, Tina Leung, Catriona Labrom and Ray Watson. And a big thanks to Tina Leung for the excellent supervision she provides on the day. Parents please instruct your children to stay with the Ironside group at all times when they are not competing and to wear the full school uniform.

### 1A Get Together

This Sunday the 16th of March class 1A will have a BBQ in Guyatt Park from 3.30 pm. Hope all parents and children can come, please bring your own food, drinks and picnic blanket.

Diana Kleine, 1A Parent Rep

### IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

Casual Schools Officer/Groundsman

38 hours per week

From Monday 21st April 2008 to Friday 6th June

2008. Please telephone 3258 3111 for a

Position Description or check website

[www.ironsideeq.edu.au](http://www.ironsideeq.edu.au)

Applications close 26th March 2008

## Tennis Court Hire News...

The P&C raises extra funds for the school by hiring the tennis courts at weekends and school holidays, to members of the school community. Permanent bookings are made for a whole year, and paid for in advance. Where there is competition for slots, the allottee is decided by competitive tender. At the moment, there are plenty of available slots, so no-one should be disappointed. Minimum annual fees start at \$90.00 for one hour per week for a whole year!

**Also, we need someone to act as Tennis Court Hire Convenor.**

For further details, or to apply, contact P&C Treasurer, Malcolm Badgery at [pandc@ironsideeq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@ironsideeq.edu.au) or 0402 032 518

## Mother's Day Meeting News...

This year's stall will be held on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th May from 8.15 am until the end of morning tea. This year most of the gifts will be purchased, however we are also happy to receive donations of either money or gifts.

A collection box for donations will be in the Library. If you are able to help, please let Amanda Teo know [amandateo07@hotmail.com](mailto:amandateo07@hotmail.com). The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th April in the Library at 2.00 pm.

## HPE News...

### SPORT RESULTS WEEK 1

Sport	Team	Score	Opposition	Score
Boys Soccer	Senior A	2	Corinda	7
	Intermediate A	0	Corinda	6
Netball	Senior 1	10		2
	Senior 2	0		10
	Intermediate	3		16
	Junior 1	6	St Aidens	2
	Junior 2	3	St Aidens	2
League Tag	Mixed Senior	3	Graceville	0

### ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

Will be held at Ironside State School on Saturday 15th March from 8.00 am. A selection of home baked cakes, slices, biscuits and healthy treats will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices. From 11.30 am a BBQ sausage sizzle will be available for hungry lunchtime voters.

Please come along and support your local community Kindergarten.  
ST.THOMAS'S RIVERVIEW KINDERGARTEN

### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ironside State School.

Remuneration \$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 26/03/08

## Shop News...

Please note: the price difference between sandwiches and wraps. Wraps are more expensive because the lavish bread is more expensive. So if you don't send enough money a sandwich will be sent instead. 1/2 wrap is \$1.80 and a full wrap is \$3.60.

### Tuckshop Roster - Term 1

Mon 17/03 Muriel Chieh, Lisa Thomas

Tue 18/03 Marg Rackemann, Gabby Elliott, Kylie McNaught

Wed 19/03 Emily Dickson, Seung Eun Cha, Christine Tod

Thu 20/03 Rie Ojima, Masae Yoshikawa, Midori Kinoshita

### Homebake Roster - Term 1

Mon 17/03 Jenny Baxter

Tue 18/03 Celia Wickramasekera, Karen Morik

Wed 19/03 Inta Comino, Mary Burrell

Thu 20/03 Lisa Fogden, Bianca Phillips



## 2008 MUSIC CALENDAR

### Term 1

- Monday 10 March BVG's to perform at assembly  
Tuesday 18 March Easter Hat Parade at 2.00 pm – Junior Choir

### Term 2

- Wednesday 16 April Junior Band Workshop (all day)  
Thursday 24 April ANZAC Day Service Senior Concert Band  
and Senior Choir  
Tuesday 29 April Senior Band Workshop (9.00 am – 1.00 pm)  
Friday 2 May Intermediate and Senior String Workshop  
(8.30 am – 12.00 noon)  
Wednesday 21 May Ipswich Eisteddfod – Intermediate, Senior and  
Glee (times to be notified asap)  
Tuesday 27 May 'The Big Samba' – in hall for all classes  
( Nexus Arts)  
Mon 2- Fri 6 June WestCent Music Camp (students to be selected)  
Wednesday 18 June 'Jazzin' Up the Hall' Junior/Senior Band (6.30 pm)

NB 'Fanfare' is organised by Education Queensland and is held between Monday 19 May and Wednesday 28 May. You will be notified asap if any of our groups will be participating.

### Term 3

- Tuesday 22 July 'WALA: The Spirit of Ghana' – in Hall for all  
Classes (Nexus Arts)  
Wednesday 23 July Choral Workshop with Indooroopilly SS  
Thursday 28 August Choral Soiree (7.00 pm)  
Thursday 11 September Senior Band Workshop (9.00 am – 1.00 pm)

### Term 4

- Friday 10 October Junior String Workshop (8.30 am – 2.30 pm)  
Thursday 16 October Sounds of Strings (7.00 pm)  
Friday 24 October Intermediate and Senior String Workshop  
(8.30 am – 12.00 noon)  
Monday 24 November Community Concert and Morning Tea at 10.00 am  
Thursday 4 Dec Festival of Carols on oval at 7.00 pm

NB 'MusicFest' is a competition that is held in Oct/Nov in the evenings and on weekends. All String groups will be participating.

**You will be notified of any changes and additions via the school Newsletter by  
Deputy Principal, Janice Ruddick-McGrath**