

# 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

### CONGRATULATIONS

To William White from 3A for his terrific art work.



### EASTER HAT PARADE

Our traditional Easter Hat Parade was held on Tuesday and was a great success. We had a huge range of hats reflecting the ingenuity and creativity of the children and their parents. Thank you to the parents and family members who came along and special thanks and congratulations to our Ironside "Bunny".

### PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

- All parents are encouraged to accept their invitation to attend an interview with their child's class teacher over the next few weeks. It is very important to discuss students' progress early in the year, so that parents and teachers can work together to help our students achieve the very best they can within a supportive environment.

### YEAR 7 CAMP

I visited the Year 7 campsite on Tuesday and was impressed with how the students are meeting the challenges of the bush setting. There is a strong focus on physical activity, supporting each other and self-reliance. I anticipate that the students will return on Thursday with a greater appreciation of the comforts of home! Thank you to parent, Peter Henderson who volunteered to attend camp.

### YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Thanks so much to the Year 7 parents who attended the first Graduation meeting last week. The attendance was very strong and we had so many parents willing to volunteer and take on fund-raising jobs. This year's coordinators are Lisa Dopking, Jennie Baxter and Jan Zander. Our next Graduation meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45 am at the St Lucia Golf Club – please mark this on the calendar!

### HELP NEEDED

Thanks so much to parent, Allison Bates who has voluntarily managed our Science resources for the past year. Allison has worked in our Science Resource Room, one morning a week to organise loans and equipment for teachers. This has been a wonderful support for the teaching of Science and our teachers have really appreciated her efforts. Is there anyone in our community with an interest in Science who could take over this valuable position?? Please contact me if you're interested.

### EASTER

Best wishes to all our Ironside families for a safe and enjoyable Easter break. School resumes on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### P&C

Please note that the next P&C Meeting is the Annual and General Meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting and for this month it will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 pm in the Staff room.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our HOC (Head of Curriculum), Mrs Amanda Cooper who has been appointed to Hilder Road State School as Acting Deputy for the rest of the year. Mrs Cooper has made a major contribution to Ironside both as a teacher and an administrator. She is a much loved and respected member of our school community and we wish her well in her new position.

### PREP – YEAR 3 EASTER HAT PARADE

Thank you to the parents and family members who attended Tuesday's Easter Hat Parade. It was certainly a colourful afternoon with some special singing from the students. The Easter hats were all spectacular. Thanks parents for your support of this special school event.

### BIKE WEEK

Bike Week is a community project to encourage cycling from the Queensland Government through Queensland Transport and Bicycle Queensland. Bike Week is from 29<sup>th</sup> March to the 6<sup>th</sup> April and Queensland schools have been invited to participate from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will be recording the number of students who cycle to school during that week here at Ironside. All bicycles will be kept in the cage on the oval.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal*

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAP)

This year all Australian schools will be involved in the National Assessment Program. The national tests will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** and will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as they have been done in the past. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer.

The main difference is that all students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be doing the same tests on the same days in May 2008. Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

National tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national benchmarks and support improvements in teaching and learning.

More information may be found at: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/> and also on the schools website.

### 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.

If there is any reason that you would like your child not to participate in these competitions please send a short letter to your child's teacher asking to be exempt. For more information please visit:

<http://www.etc.unsw.edu.au/faqs>

Important Dates:	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May –	Science Test
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July –	Maths Test
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August -	English Test
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August -	Computer Test

*Adam Knights, Deputy Principal*

*Patrica Neate, Principal*

## 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.

We have postponed the training sessions until Term 2 and will contact interested volunteers once dates have been set. The training sessions will run for approximately 2 hours on two days.

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@eq.edu.au](mailto:acoop37@eq.edu.au), 3258 3111

## HPE News...

### SPORT RESULTS WEEK 2

Sport	Team	Score	Opposition	Score
Boys Soccer	Senior A	3	Indooroopilly	0
	Intermediate A	0	Indooroopilly	5
Netball	Senior 1	2	Indooroopilly	16
	Senior 2	2	Corinda	15
	Intermediate	8	Indooroopilly	10
	Junior 1	6	Ironside	2
	Junior 2	2	Ironside	6
League Tag	Mixed Senior	10	Corinda	1
AFL	Senior	3	Nudgee	51
	Junior	19	Graceville	52

## 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*

### 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 26/03/08**

### 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.ironsidess.eq.edu.au](http://www.ironsidess.eq.edu.au)

**Applications close 26th March 2008**

## Penny Biddlestone Tennis Coaching

The tennis program for Ironside State School consists of classes held before and after school, holiday programs and the Ironside school championship.

Fees are charged by the term and are payable by the second lesson.

Term Two fees are as follows:

Monday – 8 weeks (Holidays - 14/04, 05/05, 09/06)	\$128.00
Tuesday – 11 weeks	\$176.00
Wednesday – 11 weeks	\$176.00
Thursday – 11 weeks	\$176.00
Friday - 10 weeks (Holiday - 25/04)	\$160.00

Coaching is available for all children from Prep to Year Seven at the school tennis courts. Lessons are designed to teach correct stroke technique, good sporting habits and a love of the game. Tennis is great for developing hand eye co-ordination, nurturing social skills, enhancing concentration and promoting fitness.

In the event of wet weather lessons are conducted under G Block.

Please note all children must wear a hat when playing tennis.

### APRIL 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, match play skills and reinforce correct court etiquette.

Modifications are made for those players who have difficulty with their serve.

Venue:	Ironside School Tennis Courts
Dates:	Monday 7th April– Thursday 10th April 2008
Morning Session:	8.30 am - 11.30 am \$108 for four day session (incl GST)
Afternoon Session:	1.00 pm – 4.00 pm \$108 for four day session (incl GST)

For further information regarding the tennis program or if you wish to attend the above programme please contact:

**Penny Biddlestone 3371 2849**  
ABN No 32 409 660 865

## P&C News...

If you have not done so please return your Membership Form to the office by that date or it can be lodged in person on the night. Only those who have joined the P & C are eligible to vote for the Executive Committee. Drinks and Nibbles will be served so come along and have your say about important decisions to be made in the upcoming year.

## Shop News...

### Tuckshop Roster - Term 1

Mon 24/03	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 25/03	Miho Scott, Shizuho Yamamoto
Wed 26/03	Karen Hartmann, Miranda Dunning, Kathy Lathauras, Hera Mason
Thu 27/03	Joan Schubert, Martha Walker, Ruth Whitehill

### Homebake Roster - Term 1

Mon 24/03	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 25/03	Marg Rackemann, Graham Baxter
Wed 26/03	Hera Mason, Stephanie Twigg
Thu 27/03	Julie Creagh, Linda Richards

