

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

I hope you all had a most enjoyable and safe Easter holiday. This is a lovely time of the year in Brisbane as Autumn brings the cool nights and clear, sunny days.

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter our Head of Curriculum (HOC), Mrs Amanda Cooper has been promoted to Acting Deputy Principal of Hilder Road State School for the rest of the year. As a consequence of that promotion and complying with Education Queensland policy, the HOC position at Ironside will have to be advertised. In the interim period of a few weeks, one of our teaching staff will act in the role.

YEAR 7 CAMP

The students and staff arrived back from camp very late on Friday due to one of the buses becoming temporarily bogged. I would like to thank the Year 7 parents for their good humour, understanding and patience that they showed as they waited for their children. Thanks so much to the members of our teaching staff – it's not easy taking students on camp, but they willingly gave up so much of their own time to ensure that the camp was an excellent learning experience for the students.

P&C EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to our 2008 P&C executive who were elected at the P&C meeting this week:

President: Jason Hines
Vice President: Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke
Treasurer: Malcolm Badgery
Assistant Treasurer: Karen Hartmann
Secretary: Marion Lawie
Assistant Secretary: Miranda Dunning

PARENT REP MEETING

Our next parent rep meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd April from 2.00 pm. I hope you can all attend.

RIDE TO UQ

To celebrate Bike Week and its focus on riding to work or school, families are invited to ride to UQ and back next Wednesday 2nd April. Students and their parents should meet at the Hawken Drive gates at 6.45 am and breakfast will be served at UQ.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Our first non uniform day for the year will be held on Tuesday 1st April! Students are encouraged to wear "free dress" and donate a gold coin to this year's school charity, which is currently being considered and will be decided early in Term 2.

WORLD EARTH HOUR

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is hosting a 2008 Earth Hour on Saturday 29th March from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

Earth Hour is a global event that is focussed on how individual, government and corporate actions can collectively reduce our carbon footprint through behaviour change such as turning off lights and other unnecessary electrical appliances.

Details on actions that communities can take are found at <http://education.qld.gov.au/news/earthhour2008.html>

Patrica Neate, Principal

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Well done to the cross country squad who are training before school. It's great to see so many of our students and parents enjoying the extra workout.

The group plans to leave the school by 7:30 am so come prepared with a drink bottle and hat and get fit.

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 provides.

Each exam costs the student \$7.00 and this cost has been added to the Term 1 students 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.

Important Dates:

Thursday 29th May – Science Test
Tuesday 29th July – Maths Test
Tuesday 12th August – English Test
Wednesday 27th August – Computer Test

Adam Knights, Deputy Principal

HPE News...

A big congratulations to Ellie Baulch for making 11 year olds West Taylor Bridge District Netball Team, Well done Ellie!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Any parents/friends etc who have sponsored a child for the Jump Rope for Heart Program that require a receipt for tax purposes need to indicate this with a "post-it" note on the sponsorship form itself. All forms are then sent back to the Heart Foundation and they will send out individual receipts from there. Thank you.

Sarah Walters, HPE Teacher

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. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th April in the Library at 2.00 pm.

TERM 1 EXCURSION STATEMENT PAYMENT

Thank you to all the families who have paid for their Term 1 excursions so promptly.

Unfortunately there are still a great number of families who have not paid by the due date of 14th March 2008. If you should have any queries in regards to your statement, please do not hesitate to contact Jill Tait or Kelly Jackson at the School Office.