

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

Welcome back to school for Term 2 – it's great catching up with staff, students and parents. A special welcome is extended to all our new families who are joining our Ironside community from Queensland, interstate and overseas. Your contribution to our school is valued.

Welcome to Mrs Susan King who is taking over 3A

Some of our staff are taking leave and relief arrangements are:

Ms Julia Harper for Mrs Margy Knudson

Mrs Robyn Verwey for Ms Ngairé Aboud

Mrs Jen Taylor for Ms Andrea Read and

Mrs Sharlene Howell for Ms Sarah Walters.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Year 5 student, Shikhar Mishra who is the April Aussie of the Month.

Shikhar completes all tasks to the best of his

ability and is a role model in all aspects of schooling. Well done Shikhar – you are a credit to yourself and Ironside.



JAPAN STUDY TOUR

Our school has been involved in a Japanese exchange program since 1981. This year, the three school communities in Japan from Kobe, Sakai and Haga will visit Ironside – all during the first few weeks of Term 3. We will be sending home information to parents soon seeking families to billet students and adults. Please consider this opportunity to share your home for a few days – You will certainly be enriched by this cultural experience and never think that your home isn't big enough!!

YEAR 6 CAMP

Best wishes to our Year 6 students who are off to camp next week. They will be attending Camp Goodenough near Bilambil in northern NSW and will depart on Monday 21st April and return on Thursday 24th April.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thanks and congratulations to all our students who participated in Jump Rope for Heart last term. Not only did they improve their fitness, but as a school we were able to raise \$7642.15 for this organisation. Well done everyone.

YEAR OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION

Our school has been attracting attention lately for our commitment to Smart Moves – the Education Queensland program which focuses on development student fitness. Our students engage in two hours physical fitness activities each week. During the last week of Term One, we featured in the television program, Extra on Channel 9. We have posted this on our website for your enjoyment. Special congratulations to our school leaders, James Riseley and Gina Lee who did a wonderful job in escorting journalist, Mrs Jillian Whiting around our school and speaking about our physical education and sport programs.

SCHOOL CHARITY

The Year 7 students have decided that this year's school charity, will be the RSPCA. Funds from our non uniform days and other events will go toward this very worthy charity.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Our Staff were involved in a range of professional development activities on Monday, ranging from Early Years Curriculum, Term 2 planning, asthma management, a workshop on Indigenous history and hands on art. We are in the process of making a communal mural for our Staffroom.

UNIFORM

Parents can you please ensure that your children are wearing correct school uniform for the cooler weather. Jackets are available from the uniform shop and tracksuit pants must be royal or navy. Thanks so much to parent Leesa Wapple and Tuckshop Convenor Jane Wurth for organising the Year 7 shirts – there was much excitement on Wednesday when the students received them.

Patricia Neate, Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Senior Band Workshop – Wednesday 30th April from 8.45 am – 1.00 pm (commences after morning rehearsal)

Junior Band Workshop – Thursday 1st May from 8.45 am – 1.00 pm

Junior Band Rehearsals – commence as from Thursday 8th May at 7.30 am

PREP NEWS

Starting now in Term 2, Prep students will be able to order lunch from the Tuckshop. Please write your child's name and order on a paper bag and include the correct amount of money in the bag. Any orders are to be left in the classroom tuckshop box in the classroom in the morning. Please remember that the Tuckshop is closed on a Friday.

2009 PREP ENROLMENTS

An information session for parents and carers will be held in the school Hall on Wednesday 11th June commencing at 6.30 pm with light refreshments. At this session, you will be given the opportunity to make an appointment in Term 3 to enrol your child /children in to Prep for 2009. If you are unable to attend the session, please contact the main office on 3258 3111 as from Thursday 12th June to make an appointment to meet with Deputy Principal, Mrs Janice Ruddick-McGrath.

MEETING DATE REMINDERS

Friends of Music – Tuesday 22nd April at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom.

Overseas and Australian Family Network (planning for International Breakfast) – Wednesday 23rd April at 2.00 pm in the Staffroom.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 30th May Time: 7.30 am – 8.40 am

Cost: Vouchers will be presold in May (dates and the cost will be advertised in the School Newsletter)

Come along and taste food from:

Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Indonesia, Switzerland, Germany, France, Slovakia, Australia, Indigenous Australia, Brazil, South Africa, China, Chile, Malaysia and India

If your country is not represented and you would like to participate, please contact Deputy Principal, Mrs Janice Ruddick-McGrath.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

An ANZAC Day Service will be held at Ironside State School commencing at 9.30 am on Thursday 24th April in the Hall. All parents and community members are cordially invited to attend. If attending, please be seated in the Hall by 9.25 am. Students who belong to organisations such as Scouts or Girl Guides are encouraged to wear their special uniform. The Year Seven students who are members of the Senior Concert Band, will be performing at the service and are required to wear their performance uniform to school and to bring their school uniform to change into after the service. ANZAC Day badges and stickers will be on sale for 50 cents each on Thursday morning from 8.15 am in the OASIS.

REQUEST FOR FLOWERS

Ironside's Teacher Aides will be making floral wreaths for our ANZAC Day Service. If you are able to donate some flowers, please bring the flowers to the Library courtyard at 8.00 am on Thursday 24th April.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

YEAR OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COMPETITION

As part of the launch of the Year of Physical activity, our school has again been selected to help promote a new video competition that is due to be launched soon. As part of this video two class groups from the school will be filmed whilst participating in sporting activities and used in a Promotional Competition for students and schools to create their own training video.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics Club kicks off next Tuesday. Mr John Scott and Mr Kim Peterson will be training you this year. This very popular club will recommence on Tuesday April 22nd 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.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport will begin again on Friday. I wish all of our teams the best for this week and hope their hard work and that of their coaches pays off.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country will be held on Thursday May 1st. Notes will be going home to students next week and will need to be returned by Monday 28th April. Thank you to all those students and parents who turned up for a run on Tuesday Morning. Next Tuesday will be our last gathering before the actual event in Week 3. I thank you for all your support and effort.

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

School Crossing Supervisor

Parents please note: As of May 2008 Ironside will be down to one School Crossing Supervisor. Could consideration please be given to the position below as otherwise one of the crossings will need to be unmanned in the mornings.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

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

4 1/2 hours on a roster system, 3 days per week

Applications available from the Main Office

Applications close 30/04/08

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. The last day for donations will be Thursday 1st May. If you are able to help, please let Amanda Teo know amandateo07@hotmail.com.

A note from Mrs Black...

Dear Ironside Community,

I want to sincerely thank all of you for your expressions of sympathy at the passing of my beloved husband, Allan. The outpouring of kindness has meant so much to me. It has been a great support during this very sad time. As I heal day by day, I find great comfort in the knowledge that others care.

Fondly, *Jeannie Black*

2008 Packaging Design Challenge...



Attention All Year 6 and 7 Students

Do You Like a Challenge? Could you design packaging for any imaginary product to sell here in Australia?

In the National School Packaging Design Challenge that is exactly what you will be required to do.

Students work in teams of two, and will need to address simple technical considerations, environmental issues and display a high level of originality, creativity and innovation.

If this has you intrigued and you would like further information please see Ms Wagener as soon as possible registration is needed by April 24th.

Dorothea Mackellar



Poetry Competition...

Attention ALL Students from Prep to Year 7

Forests, Feathers, Fins and Fur. Could you write a poem on this theme?

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition is open to all students from Prep to Year 7. With many fantastic and exciting prizes to be won I encourage you all to consider entering. For further information please see Ms Wagener, entries close June 2nd.

QAGTC Inc. Annual Children's Conference...

8th & 9th July 2008 at Clayfield College Brisbane

Attention all students looking for a challenge! You are invited to an exciting two-day program of holiday activities that will extend you beyond the regular school curriculum. Programs include Music Composition, Broadway, PC game design and Forensic Science, Animal Physiology and dissection. Check out www.qactc.org.au/cc2008 for more information.

Language & Literacy Training...

Ironside State School would like to offer training to parents or volunteers wishing to assist children with reading.

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 two days: Wednesday 30th April (8:45 am-10:45 am)

Tuesday 6th May (8:45 am-10:45 am)

Venue: Library

R.S.V.P: Thursday 24th April

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Richenda Wagener, rwage2@eq.edu.au



Shop News...

Menu Changes for Term 2 are as follows:

Morning Tea: there will no longer be sausage rolls or nachos. There are new additions of mini meat pies with potato topping for \$1.00 and frozen yoghurt may be purchased over the counter.

Lunch: there will now be baked potatoes with creamed corn for \$3.00.

Homebake vacancies: 1st Thursday, two people for the 2nd Wednesday, 3rd Monday on the roster system.

Tuckshop Roster - Term 2

Mon 21/04 Susanne Boy, Muriel Chieh

Tue 22/04 Shizuho Yamamoto

Wed 23/04 Karen Hartmann, Miranda Dunning, Kathy Lathauras

Thu 24/04 Joan Schubert, Ruth Whitehill, Martha Walker

Homebake Roster - Term 2

Mon 21/04 Jenny Baxter

Tue 22/04 Marg Rackemann, Graham Baxter

Wed 23/04 Stephanie Twigg

Thu 24/04 Julie Creagh, Linda Richards

