

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

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Jessica McLeod is always polite and well mannered. Her happy nature and lovely smile always brightens our classroom. Jessica is kind to her classmates and is always willing to help. She can be relied upon to complete any task to the best of her ability. Congratulations Jessica!



HOC

Congratulations to Mrs Richenda Wagener on her promotion to Acting Head of Curriculum for the rest of the Year. Mrs Shirley Morrow will replace her - teaching alongside Mrs Venuto on 5A.

E-LEARNING

- This Thursday, May 1st, Mrs Ruddick McGrath and I will attend a District Leaders' Day at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The focus of the day will be on innovative and effective ways to incorporate
- ICT into school management and curriculum. Workshops will include eLearning Environments, Games in Learning and Adaptive technologies to improve student learning. On Friday, 2nd May, Mr Knights, Mrs Wagener, Mrs Lee and Mrs Belford will also participate in a planning workshop at the University. I am most fortunate to have been selected as one of three Principals in the District to attend a three day conference on eLearning at the University on May 14th, 15th and 16th. It is so important for teachers to keep up to date with new technologies especially as a tool for improving student engagement and learning.

WEBSITE

Term 2 year level overviews will be sent home this week and posted on our website.

Have you seen our presentation on our recent SMARTS day on our website? It really is very special and reflects the fantastic day the students had. Check it out!

PARENT TRAINING

This week, our newly appointed HOC, Mrs Wagener will commence training ten volunteer parents to assist students with reading. Thank you to the parents who are giving up their own time. What a wonderful resource you will be to our students!

Best wishes to all our Ironside families for a most enjoyable long weekend.

Patricia Neate, Principal

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT IRONSIDE

Thank you to the parents and members of the Ironside community who attended last Thursday's ANZAC Day Service here at Ironside. A special thanks to members of the Indooroopilly State High School Concert Band who joined the Year 7 Senior Concert Band members to perform during the service. Thank you also to the families who sent flowers for the wreaths and to the Ironside staff and students for their contribution and support of this special school event.

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 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.

WAKAKIRRI

Congratulations to the 100 students from Years 3 - 7 who have been selected to participate in this year's Wakakirri performance. Wakakirri is the ultimate performing and visual arts festival for schools. Wakakirri challenges young Australians to create a story, share it with Australia and have a positive impact on the world around them. Thank you to classroom teachers, Ms Alyssa Kimball and Ms Rachele Domenici for their organisation of this performance with the students. Thank you also to the parents who have offered to assist. Even if your child is not in the performance and you would like to assist, please contact Ms Kimball or Ms Domenici. A working bee is planned for parents on Saturday 24th May in the School Hall. Refreshments will be provided at the working bee. It is also a requirement that recycled items are used even for costumes. The teachers are looking for green and or black T shirts or shirts and green and or black pants or tights. If you can provide any of the required clothing, please contact either Ms Kimball or Ms Domenici. Thanks parents for your support of this special event.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 30th May

Time: 7.30 am – 8.40 am

Cost: Vouchers will be presold (dates and the cost will be advertised in next week's 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, India and Thailand.

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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to Jemma, Frances and Cathy from 5A whose entry for Friday's data collection has been selected as the winning entry. The winning title is 'Fit Feet Friday.' Starting this Friday, all classroom teachers will be tallying the number of students who ride a bicycle to and from school, who catch a bus, who carpool or who walk to and from school. The class with the highest tally will be acknowledged at the end of Term 2.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents and carers, please be reminded yet again about observing all road safety signs around our school when driving your child /children to and from school. It is very unsafe to expect your child/children to run across busy roads to meet you. It is also unsafe to do U turns. Please keep our streets safe at all times for our students.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

The Walk Safely to School Day is held across Australia tomorrow, Friday 2nd May and we want you to participate. The day is an annual, national event when parents and primary school students are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. If you usually drive your child/children to school, why not try parking the car at least 10 minutes away and walk your family to school. Let's get behind this community event and promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

Year 6 Camp News...

Last week the Year 6 students spent 4 days and 3 nights at camp near the town of Bilambil in Northern New South Wales.

Year 6 Camp was at Camp Goodenough and was great fun! We did lots of activities that included abseiling, flying fox, high ropes, giant's playground, etriers and archery. We needed to wear harnesses a lot because some of the activities involved climbing. The most difficult activity would have to have been the Giant's Playground where you had to climb a vertical obstacle course.

We had a special guest "Mr Small", the smallest Olympian in the world who came along to the skit night. He happened to look a lot like Mr Erpf, 6B's teacher! Year 6 Camp was heaps of fun and I'm sure if we could, the whole of Year six would do it all again!

Victoria Patapan 6A

Year 6 camp was a great experience for me as well as a lot of other people. I liked camp because it made me feel more independent.

At camp I overcame my fear of heights on the high ropes as did many others. The activities were challenging and fun and the food was great. Overall the camp was good fun and I know the entire Year 6 group would agree with me.

George Burt 6A



Ironside Swimming Club Season Results News...

Congratulations to all the swimmers for their outstanding performances during the recently completed swimming season. The Ironside Swimming Club is based at the school pool and encourages participation and friendly competition.

The Ironside Swimming Club, swim each Friday night during Term 4 and Term 1 of the school year. It is a competitive yet friendly environment with the focus on the children improving their own performances each week. Points are allocated based on improvement on the child's personal best for a particular stroke.

This year's top 5 points winners were:

First	Billy Boulton	216 points
Second	Nathan Meiklejohn	194 points
Third	Alex Shimmin-Clarke	189 points
Fourth	Liam Schwarz	177 points
Fifth	Bill Bingham	173 points

The season concludes with our club championship where children compete in their age groups. This year's age group winners were as follows:

Age	First	Second	Third
5	Lauren Jeffreys		
6	Aimee Boulton	Georgia McGinley	Charlotte Terry
7	Laura Shimmin-Clarke	Eva Dobson	Madison Jeffreys
8	Phoebe Finlay	Elizabeth Dunning	Emily Rainbird
9	Eloise Morton	Emma Van Baarle	Lakshme Croll
10	Sophie Rasheed	Caitlin Henderson	Sarah Dunning
11	Emma Morton	Lucy Van Baarle	Brienna Wapple
12	Fiona Hoegh-Guldberg	Evie Bingham	Sonja Panjkov
5	Tim Rainbird	Mitchell Labrom	
6	Cael Kennedy	Alex Meiklejohn	Liam Elliott
7	Billy Boulton	Sandy Labrom	Hamish Nation
8	Hugo Medhurst	Bill Bingham	
9	Nathan Meiklejohn	Zac Hartmann	
10	Sam Medhurst	Rhys Gibbon	Fraser Labrom
11	Nicholas McGinley	Liam Schwarz	Lachlan Hinchliff
12	Jack Medhurst	Cameron Barnes	Alex Shimmin-Clarke
13	John Badgery		

Missing - pink & clear computer mouse. If found please return to Library.

TERM 2 PEER LEADERS

Congratulations to the Peer Leaders for Term 2. This term we will continue the paper recycling that was started in Term 1 and will also be having a Mobile Muster to collect your old and disused phones. The Peer Leaders are as follows:

- 5A Jemma Lee-See and Jack Biddle
- 5B Kelsey Riachi and Aaron Teo
- 5C Sathumi Wijesooriya and Justin Greenhalgh
- 5D Liam Clarkson and Georgina Sheu
- 6A Caitlin Henderson and Joseph Bingley
- 6B Andrew Walker and Ellie Baulch
- 6C April Travis and Jack Radford-Smith
- 6F Margaret Schubert and Raymond Lau

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of those people who competed today in the Cross Country. Those students who are selected to represent the school at the WTB Cross Country on 12th May will be able to train again with Ms Walters on Tuesday Mornings.

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>

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 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th 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.

More information may be found at: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/>

Adam Knights, Deputy Principal

Shop News...

Tuckshop Roster - Term 2

Mon 05/05	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 06/05	Akane Okutsu, Yoko Inoue, Nobuko Yano
Wed 07/05	Lydia Wu, Janet Curran, Need Volunteer
Thu 08/05	Libby Bingley, Wendy Munchkoff, Karen Hayden

Homebake Roster - Term 2

Mon 05/05	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 06/05	Sandy Smart, Nicola Seaton
Wed 07/05	Janet Curran, Kylie McNaught
Thu 08/05	Margaret Henderson, Kathy Lathauras

