

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

FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TO CAREER – AN EXPO OF FIRST CLASS EDUCATION

State schools situated in the inner west suburbs of Brisbane have some of the highest performing students in the country. Ironside has joined with local primary and secondary schools to form an alliance to promote our achievements and what we, as State schools offer our students. Our first promotional event will be held on Wednesday 28th May from 4.30 pm at the Queensland Academy for Science, Maths and Technology (the former Toowong SHS). All of the Alliance schools will have individual booths, musical groups will entertain us and the three local secondary schools will outline their strengths. I hope to see many of our Ironside families attending this special event. A promotional flyer is attached to the Newsletter.

MOTHERS DAY

A very happy Mothers Day to all our Ironside Mums! Thanks so much to the parents who have been working hard preparing lovely gifts for our students to buy their Mums at our Mothers Day Stall. The stall was open today and will be open again on Friday from 8.15 am to 11.15 am.

E-LEARNING

Mrs Ruddick McGrath and I attended a District Leaders' Day at the University of Sunshine Coast last Thursday. The workshop was held in the ICT Learning Innovation Centre. We enjoyed several presentations relating to the impact of digital technologies on learning and recreation. Four members of our Ironside staff attended a similar workshop on Friday. We have much to reflect on at our school in that we have an excellent ICT infrastructure, we provide on-going professional development for our staff and we are already engaged in some innovative programs such as the ICALE class. I would be most interested in talking to Ironside parents in the field of ICT and Education regarding their suggestions and advice on further enhancing our students' learning through digital technology.

SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Senior students have some wonderful Science opportunities available to them.

- Three high achieving Year 7 students will join Brisbane High School students at a special Science forum conducted by the Department of Primary Industries at QASMT (Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology) on Friday 9 May.
- 7C will be visiting Indooroopilly SHS on Friday to engage in hands-on laboratory activities.
- Students in Years 6 and 7 who have a special interest in Maths, Technology, Engineering and Science have the opportunity to participate in a student conference at UQ then engage in a group investigation into New Science in the Community. The investigations will be showcased at QASMT towards the end of Term 3.

STAFF

Welcome to parent, Mrs Yolanda Robinson who has joined our school office team this week.

Best wishes to 7A teacher, Mrs Pam Warren who will be taking a few weeks long service leave. Mrs Kordic will work on full time basis during Mrs Warren's leave.

PARENT READING TUTORS

Thanks and congratulations to the group of parents who have given up their time to train as volunteer reading tutors under the expertise of staff members Mrs Richenda Wagener and Mrs Judy Maguire. These parents will volunteer their time to work in classrooms to support our Literacy programs. Well done and thanks so much!

IRONSIDE STUDENTS AUDITION FOR LABRATS

Students in Years 6 and 7 were very excited on Tuesday at the opportunity to take part in auditions for a new television show called Labrats. Unfortunately, the Year 6 students were not required at this time, however the Year 7 students enjoyed the experience and are waiting with great anticipation to learn if they have been successful. The directors of the show were most impressed with our students' confidence and communication skills.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY

As previously mentioned in our Newsletter, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in tests during the morning periods over three days next week.

Year 3 and 5 Program:

Tuesday 13th May	Language conventions and Writing (narrative) tests
Wednesday 14th May	Reading
Thursday 15th May	Numeracy

Year 7's Program

Tuesday 13th May	Language conventions and Writing (narrative) tests
Wednesday 14th May	Reading
Thursday 15th May	Numeracy (two papers)

Parents of students who are exempt or who have special consideration have been notified. If any students miss part of the tests, due to illness, there will be a "catch up" day on Friday 16th May.

Patricia Neate, Principal

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.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 30th May
Time: 7.30 am – 8.40 am
Cost: 3 Vouchers for \$5 will be presold on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th May from 8.00 am at the OASIS (quadrangle).
On Friday 30th May, you will 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.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

The Girl Guide cookies are now available to be collected from Janet Curran. If you would like to participate in this community activity please contact Janet on 3371 5980 or 0417 645 896.

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 (myI CAS) 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 you child's teacher asking to be exempt. For more information please visit:

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

Adam Knights, Deputy Principal

Language & Literacy Support Training News...



Thank you and congratulations to our parent volunteers who have completed the Ironside State School Language and Literacy Support training sessions.

The 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 look forward to having you work with our students in this area.

Richenda Wagener

Cross Country Results 2008...

Congratulations to the following students who are now through to the West Taylor Bridge Cross Country. These students will be presented with their medals at the next whole school Assembly on Monday 12th May.

Sarah Walters, HPE Teacher

Boys 1995 (13yrs)		Girls 1995 (13yrs)	
Place	Name	Place	Name
1	Alex Arnold	1	Amy Zander
2	Alex Waung	2	Ellie Peden
3	Ben Croll	3	Claudia Gaines
Boys 1996 (12yrs)		Girls 1996 (12yrs)	
1	Philip Henderson	1	Katie Lehane
2	Lachlan Hinchliff	2	Ashley Baxter
3	Corey Phillips	3	Evie Bingham
Boys 1997 (11yrs)		Girls 1997 (11yrs)	
1	Daniel Radford-Smith	1	Katrina Riese
2	Connor Lehane	2	Sakurako Kobayashi
3	Nicholas Wu	3	Jessica Lehane
Boys 1998 (10yrs)		Girls 1998 (10yrs)	
1	Craig Ferrier	1	Katia Peden
2	Zac Hartmann	2	Nina Mulvey
3	Jake Roseler	3	Liza Prosselkova
Boys 1999 (9yrs)		Girls 1999 (9yrs)	
1	Ben Stanley	1	Ruby Pandolfi
2	Taishi Okutsu	2	Emma Van Baarle
3	Isaac Jenkinson	3	Emma Downes

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just to let everyone know, Ironside has registered for this years Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is an initiative of the Queensland Government and is aimed at promoting reading for pleasure and learning.

This year the Challenge has expanded to include Years 6 and 7 and the Premier is challenging every state and non-state student from Prep to Year 7 to experience or read 20 books between 28th May and 5th September 2008. More information will be available soon.

Cathy Roche, Teacher/Librarian

Prep News...

The Prep classes have been planning an Afternoon Tea Party for their Mums which will be held this week.

The children brainstormed ideas about *what our Mums do for us* and *why we love our Mums*.

There were many great quotes from our 5 year olds.

I love my Mum because ...

"she made me a Ballerina Angelina cake for my birthday"

"she can construct with little lego"

" she tries really hard to make pancakes"

"just because I do"

"because she pretends to be a monster at night time"

At Planning time the children have planned to make presents, tableclothes, flowers, paintings of their Mums and then during inside time the children have become industrious as they follow through with their plans. We then reflect on what they achieved and make plans for the next day. The children have been totally involved with literacy and numeracy during their planning.

We wish all Mums a Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. Enjoy!

From the Prep Classrooms.

Year 7 Graduation News...

A sausage sizzle will be held on Friday 23rd May as a fundraiser for the Year 7 Graduation. An order form is attached and needs to be bought back by Friday 16th May.

Year 7 Graduation Committee

Year 7 Parents...

An invitation is extended to Year 7 Parents interested in being involved in fundraising for this year's Year 7 Graduation. We're meeting on Friday 16th May at 8.45 am at St Lucia Gold Club. All welcome.

School Crossing News...

One of our staff members is on LSL for four weeks and we do not have any temporary School Crossing Supervisors. Therefore the crossing on Swann Road will be unmanned during this period. We have recruited a staff member and are awaiting for a Blue Card to be issued and once this is completed that person will be able to man this crossing.

Shop News...

Tuckshop Roster - Term 2

Mon 12/05 Tania Krutak, Lisa Sugg

Tue 13/05 Shobha Rooney, Theresa Stolz, Mahshid

Wed 14/05 Susan Gibson, Carolyn Biddle, Marie Lee-See

Thu 15/05 Midori Kinoshita, Rie Ojima, Masae Yoshikawa

Homebake Roster - Term 2

Mon 12/05 Genevieve Bruce, Kathy Clarkson

Tue 13/05 Linda Tonge, Theresa Stolz

Wed 14/05 Kallayane Epp

Thu 15/05 Lisa Fogden, Bianca Phillips



Spectacular Sausage Sizzle

A sausage sizzle will be held on Friday 23rd May at morning tea as a fundraiser for the 2008 Year 7 Graduation.

Sausages must be pre-ordered.

The cost will be \$3.50 each: a sausage on a fresh roll with a popper.

Please indicate which type of sausage you would prefer:

Lean Beef

Chicken Halal

Vegetarian (small)



Please put your order in an envelope with the correct money and place in the classroom Tuckshop Box.

All orders and money must be bought in by Friday 16th May.

Orders will be delivered to the classroom at morning tea.

Thank you,

Year 7 Graduation Committee

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

No. of sausages: _____

I have enclosed the total amount of \$_____.



All proceeds to the Year 7 2008 Graduation.

