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Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 3 and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining our Ironside community.

I would also like to welcome the following staff:

Welcome back Ms Liz Woolcock and Mr Andrew Stoff. Welcome to Mr Sean Chapman our new Physical Education Teacher who will be working each Tuesday and teaching Year 2 and 3 classes. Welcome to Michael Rowell who will be working at our school as a relieving teacher. Welcome back from leave Mrs Jeannie Black. The following teachers are currently taking leave: Mrs Cathy McInerney, Mr Terry Edwingsmith, Mrs Karen Crawford, Mrs Kim Donaldson and Mrs Di Harwood.

More staff news: Ironside teacher, Mrs Ros Creedon and her husband have had a baby daughter, called Harriet. Both Mum and Baby are doing well!

Parents may also remember former Ironside teachers, Paul Dack and Karen Forster who married in Malaysia recently.

Much loved Ironside teacher, Mrs Madeleine Denning will officially retire from Education Queensland on August 5 this year. We will be making arrangements for a farewell to Mrs Denning, as I know that many present and past students, parents, and staff would be keen to thank her for her long career and wonderful dedication to teaching and wish her well in retirement.

This Friday, we will welcome our first Study Tour group from Japan. They come from the small country town of Haga. Their school is called Nohara Primary School which is beautifully situated in front of a pristine stream and surrounded by mountains and forests. The school is small – comprising approximately 50 students but extremely well resourced. When our school group visits Haga, the whole village welcomes us into their homes and hearts! Thank you to the host families who will be caring for students and adults. All parents are invited to the school welcome ceremony for Haga which will be held in the Hall at 2.00 pm on Friday.

Congratulations to the eighteen Year 6 and 7 students who have been selected to participate in the Brisbane Central and West District Kids' Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Conference, which will be held at UQ this Friday 18th July. The students will be transported by bus which leaves the school at 8.00 am and will return by 3.00 pm.

Congratulations are also extended to our students who are representing the school at the Walter Taylor Bridge athletics this week (weather permitting).

Congratulations to our two new staff representatives for our School Council – Ms Bronwyn Maher and Mrs Mary Rose Boyd. These two teachers are replacing Mrs Julie Kordic and Mrs Kim Donaldson. The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st July at 6.00 pm.

I look forward to working with all members of our Ironside Community this semester, in ensuring that our school is a happy, safe learning environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Neate
Principal

Shop Rosters

Date

Monday

21/7

Tuesday

22/7

Wednesday

23/7

Thursday

24/7

Tuckshop

Muriel Chieh, 1 volunteer needed

Miho Scott, Shizuho Yamamoto, Tomoko Yoshida

Karen Hartmann, Miranda Dunning, Kathy Lathauras

Rie Ojima, Masae Yoshikawa, Midori Kinoshita

Homebake

Jenny Baxter

Marg Rackemann, Graham Baxter

Stephanie Twigg, Kathy Lathauras

Julie Creagh, Linda Richards

Tuckshop Vacancy: 2nd Monday of the month.

Menu price changes: please obtain Term 3 menu as most prices have increased.

Year 7 Graduation

FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE

The Year 7 parents will be running a Pie Drive mid Term 3 to contribute to fundraising for the end of year Graduation activities, including the Party and the printing of the Year Book. Please support us and the Year 7 students by ordering lots of winter treats. More details early Term 3.

*Year 7 Graduation
Committee*

News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

2009 PREP ENROLMENTS

If you were unable to attend the parent information session held last term, please telephone the Main Office between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm to make an appointment to enrol your child either in Term 3 or early Term 4.

MUSIC NEWS:

VOCAL WORKOUT

On Wednesday 23rd July, choir members from Ironside State School and Indooroopilly State School will come together for a fun filled day of singing, dancing movin' and groovin' here at Ironside. Thanks to choral teachers, Mrs Hay and Mr Gann who have been working very closely with teachers from Indooroopilly State School for producing what is going to be, a very exciting day. A BBQ lunch has been organised for the students. If you are able to assist with the BBQ, please contact me on 3258 3111.

WOODWIND AND PERCUSSION TEACHER

Rebecca Verbeek will now be replacing Mrs Rosewarne and not Mr Mick Morgan as previously advertised. Ms Verbeek will commence here next Monday and will follow Mrs Rosewarne's timetable.

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quote from the story here."*

A Warm Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Kim Milford (Acting Head of Department Mathematics) from Indooroopilly State High School. Mrs Milford will be working with a group of our Year 6 and 7 students each Wednesday this term on a range of exciting mathematical concepts. We look forward to seeing and hearing what this group have discovered during these valuable sessions.

*Richenda Wagener
Acting Head of Curriculum*

will be performing in the Queensland Performance Heat at the Logan Entertainment Centre on Thursday 24th July. Thanks to the parents who have been making costumes and assisting with props etc. The students and staff will be travelling by coaches to the Centre at 12 noon next Thursday for a rehearsal prior to their heat. The students will need to take lunch and extra food for a healthy evening snack, preferably in a back pack.

JAPAN STUDY TOUR

Just a reminder to the families who are billeting our Japanese guests from Haga and Kobe to return the forms that were sent home on Tuesday. Also I am still requiring help with the lunch time BBQ's and with wrapping the individual gifts.

YEAR THREE EXCURSION

The Year Three excursion to Ngutana Lui Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre has been rescheduled for Thursday 31st July.

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK

Term 3 meeting will be held in the Staffroom on Monday 21st July at 2.00 pm prior to Assembly to review the International Breakfast. The money raised at the breakfast will be donated to the Rosie May Home in Sri Lanka. The Rosie May Memorial Fund is dedicated to helping children orphaned by the Asian Tsunami. A representative from the Memorial Fund will be at Assembly to accept the cheque.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION MEETING

An information meeting for parents will be held in the Staffroom on Friday 1st August in the Staffroom. Come along to the meeting if you would like to know how the Walking School Bus operates.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAMME

This term, I will be collecting data from all classes each Wednesday, looking at students walking to and from school, catching a bus, car pooling or riding a bike. I am inviting students to suggest a title for the Wednesday data collecting day. Suggested titles can be left at the Main office by 9.00 am Tuesday 22nd July. Don't forget to include your name and class.

Library News

The second pizza party draw will be on July 30th. Get your reading challenge sheets into the barrel in the Library before July 30th.

*Cathy Roche,
Teacher/ Librarian*

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath
Deputy Principal*

News from Mr Knights

FAMILY PLANNING

A brief reminder that Family Planning for years 5, 6 and 7 will begin on Monday 28th July. The cost of the programme is \$16.50 for the three sessions and this will be included in the Term 3 Invoice.

SPELLATHON

This Term Ironside State School will be running a Spellathon. Over the next few weeks more information will be given out about the fantastic prizes on offer.

UNSW COMPETITION 2008

Our science results will be handed out shortly and the next test in the UNSW testing agenda is Mathematics on Tuesday 29th July.

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 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.

Tuesday 12th August - English Test
Wednesday 27th August - Computer Test

If there is any reason that you would like you 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

Invitation to Parents and Carers

DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

ADOLESCENCE - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

\$55 per person. ...tickets are limited

Registration via the school office will **CLOSE WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY.**

Venue: Graceville State School, Cnr Acacia Ave & Oxley Rd Graceville

Date: **Thursday 31st July** from 3.15 pm - 5.00 pm

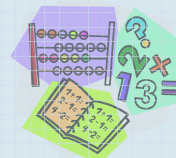
Join us as one of **Australia's leading Psychologists** unlocks the mystery of coping with the developing adolescent psyche. Learn how to better understand and communicate effectively with young people....

Understand the effect of teachers, parents and family life on adolescent behaviour.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is an author of 5 best selling books Princess Bitchface Syndrome, Surviving Adolescent, Girls Surviving Adolescents - The must-have manual for all parents Surviving Year 12 - A Sanity Kit for students and their parents.

A founding member of the National Centre against Bullying and an official ambassador for the National Depression Initiative - Beyond Blue, as well as Mind Matters - one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government. A regular presenter on MELBOURNE RADIO 3AW and CHANNEL 7 "SUNRISE" programme.

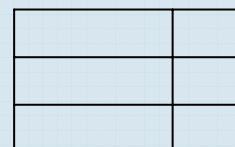
MATHS QUIZ



Each Week I will be putting a small MATHS QUIZ for you to "grapple" with! The answer will follow in next week's Newsletter. How many do you think you will be able to get correct this term?

Enjoy,
Ms Wagener.

While flying over farmland, a pilot notices the rectangular shape of the fields below. She sketches the lines that divide the fields. When she returns to the airport, she wonders how many different rectangles can be formed by the lines drawn?



Children's Self Defence Classes

Will be held on Tuesday afternoon's from 3.10 pm until 4.10 pm in the Music Room. The first lesson is free and you can join anytime. For more information phone 3268 5501.

Parent Calendar of Events – Term 3 2008

Week 3 28 July – 1 Aug	Yr 1 – Henny Penny Family Planning Early Years Assembly	Kobe departs UNSW Maths Test P and C 7pm	2.00 pm Parent Rep Mtg	Michael Carr Gregg Year 3 to Ngutana – Lui Centre	8.45 am Year 7 Graduation Meeting at Golf club 2.30pm Walking School Bus meeting
Week 4 4 – 8 Aug	Sakai arrives 2pm Welcome Assembly Family Planning Full Assembly – Aussie of the Month	7.30am Senior Choir recording	7pm ICALE meeting for 2009 parents	Year 4's to Pullenvale Ed Centre – Gas Program	Sausage Sizzle for Grad 2pm Farewell Assembly for Sakai Olympics Begin
Week 5 11 – 15 Aug	Sakai departs Family Planning Senior Assembly	Prep – 3 Sports Day UNSW English Test	Public Holiday Melbourne Study Tour	Pupil Free Day – Teacher aides at Maths PD Melbourne Study Tour	ISS Science Day
Week 6 18 – 22 Aug	SCIENCE WEEK Enrolments and waiting list for 2009 open Full School Assembly Olympics Day	7.30am BVG recording	7.40am – 1pm Senior Band workshop	7pm Sounds of Strings in hall	Olympics End
Week 7 25 – 29 Aug	Early Years Assembly	P and C 7pm	UNSW Computer Test		Interschool Sports Start
Week 8 1 – 5 Sept	Full school assembly (Aussie of the Month) Snr Concert Band to perform at assembly	Reverse Garbage – Year 2 Parent-Teacher meetings	Inquiry Learning 8am Possible Kids' Science Conf Expo Reverse Garbage – Year 2		Vision screening for Prep Fathers Day BBQ prep
Week 9 8 – 12 Sept	Early school assembly	Parent-Teacher meetings	Kids STEM Forum -	Senior Band Workshop 9.00 am – 1.00 pm 6.30pm Child Protection Dinner - Chamber Orchestra	<i>Vision screening for Prep Possible icecream fund-raiser for Year 7 Grad</i>
Week 10 15 – 19 Sept	Full School Assembly	Parent-Teacher meetings			RE Concludes