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Important Dates:

Wednesday 4 March Spelling-Parent Information Night

Friday 13 February Money Trail to support flood and fire victims



Thank you to all the parents who have attended our parent information evenings. I hope you have found the meetings very useful in understanding your child's year level curriculum focus and classroom procedures. Thanks to our teachers for their professional presentations and willingness to put in the extra hours to provide evening meetings for parents.

Parents of students in Years 3, 5 and 7 would have received a letter from the Premier earlier this week about the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests which Queensland students sat for the first time last year. In her letter, she states her disappointment with the overall result of Queensland students and informs parents that all schools will be required to hold practice tests for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 by 20 March. She has included a website for parents who may wish to access last year's test booklets. It is: www.qsa.qld.edu.au

Our students achieved very well on the NAPLAN tests. (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) and we have been congratulated by the Premier and our District Director, David Curran. However, there is always room for improvement and our teachers have been working for the last two weeks on setting improvement targets and agreed strategies for each year level. Our whole school focus remains on improving spelling achievement for every child. Our teachers will be attending a range of professional development workshops this term which will focus on strategies to enhance Literacy and Numeracy.

Japanese Language and Culture classes commenced this week for all children in Years Prep, One, Two, Three and Four. I would like to welcome back our teachers, Mrs Mulvey and Mrs Matthew. I was in a Year 3 class on Tuesday and was amazed how much the children remembered from their lessons last year. Thank you so much parents for supporting this extra curricular program.

Thanks and congratulations to the children of 4A who conducted an item for our Assembly this week. All classes will have the opportunity to informally showcase their learning at our Assemblies.

Thanks to the parents who have accepted the position of Teacher Reps for this year. When I have all names, I will contact you regarding our first meeting on February 25.

STUDENT WORK

Congratulations to Year 6 students, Zoe and Emily on their poetry, which has been published this week.

Today, we welcome back Year 6 teacher, Mrs Tania Venuto who teaches part time with Mrs Warren on Year 6C.

IRONSIDE SUPPORTS BUSHFIRE AND FLOOD VICTIMS

Thanks to Mrs Ruddick McGrath for organising a money trail this Friday to collect donations to this very worthy cause.

Have a great week to all our Ironside families.

Patricia Neate
Principal

Newsletter Item Cut-Off Date

The Newsletter cut-off date for any item that you wish to be considered for the Ironside Newsletter has been changed to Tuesday morning at 9.00 am. Kelly Jackson who has been doing the Newsletter for the past two years will no longer be completing this role. Yolanda Robinson will now be in this role and as she does not work on Wednesday it is necessary for items to be in on Tuesday at 9.00 am for the Newsletter to be completed on time. Thank you to everyone for sending in their items on time and hope that this change does not cause any inconvenience. Any items need to be sent to our new email address which is: newsletter@ironsidess.eq.edu.au

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

SUPPORT 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, children can be helped to become independent proficient readers whose improved self-esteem will promote further learning.

The training sessions will run for approximately 2 hours on each of three days:

Dates: Thursday 5th March (8.45 am - 10.45 am)

Thursday 12th March (8.45 am - 10.45 pm)

Thursday 19th March (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm)

Venue: Library

R.S.V.P: Thursday 26th

February via email

rwage2@eq.edu.au

Please contact me if you have any queries.

*Richenda Wagener
A/Head of Curriculum*

SCOUTS

Taringa Milton Toowong scouts welcome new members. Cubs and Joeys meet Saturday afternoon Scouts meet Thursday night. For information call group leader Rose Read 0407 079940 TMT Scout Group Woodstock Ave Taringa.

HPE NEWS

Friday Sport for Years 5, 6 & 7. A reminder to all students in Years 5, 6 & 7, that if you have not already done so, your signed preference form for Friday Sport must be handed in to your class teacher, tomorrow.

News from Ms Ruddick-McGrath

2009 JAPAN STUDY TOUR

An Expression of Interest form was sent home in Term 4 2008 with the Year 5 and 6 students. For those students currently in Year 6 and 7 who did not return the form or are new to the school and are interested in participating, please contact the main office to collect the form.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN/WALK

I would like to invite interested female staff, students, parents and other family members to participate in the 2009 Fun Run/Walk. There is a trophy awarded to the school with the most entries, so please include Ironside on your entry form.

Let's aim to do well this year!

Time and Date: 7.00 am – 10.00 am on Sunday 8 March

Venue: Cultural Forecourt, South Bank Parklands

Entry Fee: \$25 Individual Enquiries: iwdfrr@brisbaneroadrunners.org

Register Online: www.womensdayfunrun.com.au

PREP HOURS

Please be reminded as per the Prep Information Booklet, that Prep classes start at 8.40 am. During Term 1 students may be collected at 2.30 pm but students can stay until 3.00 pm. You will be notified at the end of Term 1 if there are any changes to the early collection time.

INSTRUMENTAL/CHORAL MUSIC REHEARSAL TIMES

MONDAY

7.30 am Chamber Strings in Music Room

1.10 pm Super Singers (Yr 3 Choir) in Music Room

1.10 pm BVG's (Boys' Vocal Group) in the Hall

NB Junior Band will commence rehearsals in Term 2 at 7.30 am in the Hall

TUESDAY

7.30 am Intermediate String Orchestra in the Hall

7.30 am Senior Choir in the Music Room

NB the Treble Clefs (Yr 2 Choir) will commence rehearsals in Term 2 at 1.10 pm in the Music Room

WEDNESDAY

7.30 am Intermediate Choir in the Music Room

1.10 pm Legato (Senior Glee Choral Group) in Music Room

NB Junior String Orchestra will commence rehearsals in Term 2 at 7.30 am in the Hall

THURSDAY

7.30 pm Senior Concert Band (Yr 6 and 7) in the Hall

FRIDAY

7.30 pm Senior String Orchestra in the Hall

Many thanks to the group of parents who attended last Friday's Choral Programme meeting.

SUPPORTING FLOOD AND FIRE VICTIMS

The Ironside community has been invited to give support to the North Queensland flood and the Victorian fire victims by bringing along a monetary donation to school on Friday 13 February. Words depicting our support will be chalked out on the OASIS in the morning and year levels will be asked to place donations on the message. This will be a very special Ironside Money Trail. Thanking you in advance for your support.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath
Deputy Principal*

Unichurch

Unichurch Queensland (which meets in the School Hall on Sundays) is running a course called "Growing Kids God's Way". The course teaches a Christian basis of parenting and is designed for both parents to meet one night a week for 17 weeks. The cost is \$50 per person, which covers all course material. An obligation free introductory night for interested people will be held at Ironside State School Assembly Hall on 17 February 2009 at 7.00 pm. Sorry, no kids, you will have to make your own arrangements for child minding. Please call Geoff or Esther Meadows on 07 3720 9493 if you would like more details or information.

SHOP ROSTERS

TUCKSHOP

Date		
Mon 16/2	Windy Wu,	1 Volunteer needed
Tues 17/2	Claire Smith,	2 volunteers needed
Wed 18/2	Caroline Hines, Mandy Peden, Charlotte Smith	
Thurs 19/2	Rie Ojima, Midori Kinoshita, Masae Yoshikawa	

HOMEBAKE

Date		
Mon 16/2	Need Volunteer	
Tues 17/2	Celia Wickramasekera, Karen Moritz	
Wed 18/2	Mary Burrell	
Thurs 19/2	Lisa Fogden, Bianca Phillips	

Tuckshop Volunteers required:
URGENT: 1 X for 3rd Monday,
2 X 3rd Tuesday, 1 X for 4th
Tuesday, 2X 4th Wednesday.
Homebakers still required.
Please contact Jane Wurth if
you can help.

CROSS COUNTRY

In the coming weeks the
before school running club
will start up again to prepare
for the Cross Country. Notes
will go out shortly.



Students Work

Natural Disasters

Earthquake
The house shook violently
I whispered silently
I got under the table
until it was stable
It was an earthquake.

Drought
The ground was dry
There was only a blue sky
The plants and grass were all dying
And the animals were frying
There was no doubt
It was a drought

Volcanic Eruption
The lava was flowing
It was glowing
Rocks were flying
People were crying
It was a volcano

Floods
The rain was pouring
And the people were snoring
The roads were under
And there was lots of thunder
It was a flood

Bushfire
The kangaroos, koalas, wombats and snakes
Started scrambling to the lake
The hot wind was blowing
And the fire kept on growing
It was a bushfire

Zoe Arnold

News from Mr Knights

Congratulations to all the WTB swimming trial representatives from Ironside State School.

Billy Boulton	Sam Ngugi	Nicholas Wu
Bill Bingham	Tim Ngugi	Eloise Warner
Phoebe Finlay	Ruby Pandolfi	Eloise Morton
Fraser Labrom	Georgia Silvestri	Lili Wackwitz
Sam Medhurst	Lucy VanBaarle	Nathan Miekjohn

MATHLETICS

Along with our regular traditional learning resources, this year Ironside State School as part of our Maths teaching and learning is going to Trial Mathletics.

Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet.

Mathletics covers the Prep -Year 12 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 1,300 Australian schools, with more than 100,000 students accessing the site every day. Ironside State School this year has purchased a school licence for our students at a cost of over \$5000 so that all students may investigate and explore at school and home different mathematical concepts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education will commence tomorrow. If you have changed your preference can you please send a note with your child.

Starting from next week the Bahai faith will be offered as a choice.

Natural Disaster

Darkened clouds, wind and rain.
Left alone with all this pain.
It's winter here without you.
Landslides always drag me down.
Trapped for days will I be found?
I pray for skies of blue.
Flooded plains within my head.
Tornadoes draw near, leave me for dead.
I feel alone without you.
Drought from tears I know not for.
I've cried for days, I cry no more.
I've made mistakes it's true.
Hurricane waves pound on my shore.
I'm lying on my bedroom floor.
will we never be together?
This natural bridge from heart to heart.
Collapsed in shreds, fallen apart.
These seasons last forever.

Emily Thomas



Adam Knights
Deputy Principal