

## Ironside State School

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## Important Dates:

Wednesday 4 March Spelling-Parent Information Night  
Saturday 21 February Movie Night Under The Stars  
Wednesday 4 March Spelling - A Parent Information Evening, Venue – School Hall



Dear Parents

I would like to welcome a new teacher to our school Mr Mitchell Adams. The school's enrolment has increased quite markedly in the Year 5 and 6 classes, resulting in a new class being formed. Mr Adams will take 5D and Ms Maher will take 6D. I have been in contact with parents regarding students moving into these new classes and I thank everyone for their support. While the change of class may be temporarily disruptive, it will result in long term benefits as students will be in smaller classes with greater capacity for individual attention from their class teacher.

I would also like to welcome Rick Wainwright to the position of Administration Officer.

Best wishes to ESL teacher, Mrs Kathy Brown who is taking a few weeks long service leave. She will be replaced by former Ironside ESL teacher, Mrs Di Harwood.

"Movies Under the Stars" is a wonderful initiative from our P&C to hold a community evening at school. I hope that many Ironside families will be able to attend.

A School Council Meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Agenda items included:

- 2009 Strategic Direction
- NAPLAN data
- School Leadership and Election of a new Council parent representative.

Mrs Denise Nicol will be leaving the Council, creating a parent vacancy. The election will be held on Wednesday 29 April. Parents please note that only members of the P&C will be eligible to vote. I will be including more information about School Council in future Newsletters, but at this time, would like to thank Denise for her on-going and strategic support of our school over many years.

## STUDENT WORK

How are your children progressing with their spelling this term? I am very pleased with the whole school focus on spelling and have received many positive comments from parents.

Congratulations to Year 6 students, Jake Roseler and Miles Walker for their excellent writing. The boys wrote orientations for the narrative: The Bushfire. The boys shared their work at Assembly.

Our students have been reminded about courtesy over the past few weeks and the importance of greeting people politely and remembering to call them by name. I am so impressed with how the students have responded. Hopefully this has transferred to the home environment also!!

## REMINDERS

2009 Parent Reps are reminded that our first meeting of 2009 will be held on Wednesday 25 February at 2.00 pm in the staff room.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 24 February at 7.00 pm in the Staffroom. Come along and have your say about ways we can work on continual school improvement!

Have a great week everyone,

*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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> March  
(8.45 am - 10.45 am)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (8.45 am  
-10.45 pm)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March (2.00 pm  
- 3.00 pm)**

**Venue: Library**

**R.S.V.P: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February via email  
[wage2@eq.edu.au](mailto:wage2@eq.edu.au)**

Please contact me if you have any queries.

***Ms Richenda Wagener  
A/Head of Curriculum***

### YEAR ONE NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to Year 1. The children are settling in beautifully and are so interested in learning! We have been talking about personal and road safety. All classes have also taken several walks around the school meeting staff members and identifying various parts of our school. Our Chinese New Year and Australia Day celebrations were enjoyed by all the children. Our Year 1 parents have been very supportive about offering in-class help. We are looking forward to a great year!

***Year One Teachers***

## News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

### 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: [iwdf@brisbaneroadrunners.org](mailto:iwdf@brisbaneroadrunners.org)

Register Online: [www.womensdayfunrun.com.au](http://www.womensdayfunrun.com.au)

### SUPPORTING FLOOD AND FIRE VICTIMS

Thanks to the Ironside community for the fantastic response to Ironside's Money Trail last Friday with a total of \$3340 being collected to support the flood victims in North Queensland and the fire victims in Victoria. Congratulations to Emily Matthews in 5A and Charlotte Carroll -Collerson in 5/6D for suggesting the slogan "Ironside gives a helping hand to the rest of the land." Thank you and congratulations to Gemma Glaister in 7B and Sam Duncan and Esto Nielson from 3B for suggesting other slogans to be used for the money trail.

### 2009 SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET

A copy of this booklet will be sent home this week with all Prep students. The booklet is also now on our website.

***Janice Ruddick-McGrath  
Deputy Principal***

## News from Mr Knights

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Thanks to all those students who have brought back their interschool sporting forms. We are still missing a few so can all parents and students please ensure that they comeback by tomorrow. Badminton has certainly proved to be very popular and well as our traditional first term offerings of Soccer and Netball.

### CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Very shortly we will be kicking off our cross country club again before school on a Tuesday morning. Look out for a note in the next few days.

***Adam Knights  
Deputy Principal***

## HPE News

Congratulations to the following students who represented Ironside at the West Taylor Bridge District Swimming Trials, last Thursday. All performed well and were a credit to our school.

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

Special congratulations go to Bill Bingham, Phoebe Finlay, Sam Ngugi, Lili Wackwitz and Lucy Van Baarle who have qualified to swim at the Regional Trials at Chandler on 4th March. We wish you all the best!

***Kim Donaldson  
HPE Teacher***

## Wood Needed For Prep

If anyone has access to soft wood for hammering, please notify the Prep Teachers as we would appreciate any donations for our Outdoor Program.

***Prep Teachers***

## P&C News

### Movie Night

We look forward to welcoming the Ironside community back to the 2009 school year at our *Movie Night Under the Stars* this Saturday 21 February featuring "Journey to the Centre of the Earth." FREE ADMISSION! Gates open at 6.15 pm and there will be a few cartoons before the movie commences at 7.00 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner, drinks, cushions, blankets and chairs. A Coffee Van will be on-site with all types of coffees for sale. Plus a delicious Cake Stall selling desserts, cakes & slices plus popcorn, chips and drinks for the kids will be open from 6.00 pm. A reminder if the weather is inclement the movie will be screened in the School Hall.

### Coffee Stall Helpers Still Needed

If you are able to spare just one hour to help set-up or serve, please see Susan McGinley, Kylie McNaught or Helen Bloomfield. Donations of delicious desserts, cakes, slices, biscuits would also be appreciated. Deliveries can be made to the staff room on Friday 20 February between 8.30 am - 9.00 am or to the Cake Stall from 5.30 pm on Saturday 21 February.

## Swim Club News

Come along this Friday for a fun, non competitive night of swimming. It is a good chance for the family to relax into the weekend.

New member registration (5.30 pm - 6.00 pm), race nominations (6.00 pm - 6.15 pm) and races (6.30 pm - 8.30 pm).

Swim Club is open to all Ironside students, friends and community members. It is a friendly environment that encourages children to swim and improve on their personal times. It relies on parent supervision and parent volunteers on each Friday night. For further details, email President Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke on [ironsideswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:ironsideswimclub@gmail.com)

## Penny Biddlestone Tennis Coaching

The tennis program for Ironside State School consists of classes held before and after school, holiday programs and the Ironside school championship.

Fees are charged by the term and are payable by the second lesson.

Term I will commence Monday 23 February 2009.

Monday 23 February	- 7 weeks	\$119.00
Tuesday 24 February	- 7 weeks	\$119.00
Wednesday 25 February	- 7 weeks	\$119.00
Thursday 26 February	- 7 weeks	\$119.00
Friday 27 February	- 7 weeks	\$119.00

Coaching is available for all children from Prep to Year Seven at the school tennis courts. Lessons are designed to teach correct stroke technique, good sporting habits and a love of the game. Tennis is great for developing hand eye co-ordination, nurturing social skills, enhancing concentration and promoting fitness.

In the event of wet weather lessons are conducted under G Block.

Please note all children must wear a hat when playing tennis.

For further information regarding the tennis program please contact

**Penny Biddlestone 3371 2849.**

## Shop Rosters

Date	Tuckshop	Homebake
Mon 23/2	Maria Clark, Amanda Teo, Melissa Morrison	Anne Riachi
Tues 24/2	Shizuho, Tomoko, Akane	Margy Rackemann
Wed 25/2	Hera Mason, Kathy Lathaurus,	Stephanie Twigg. Kathy Lathaurus
Thurs 26/2	Miranda Dunning, Joan Schubert, Ruth Whitehill	Linda Richards

URGENT Tuckshop Vacancies: 3rd Mon x 1, 3rd Tues x 1, 4th Wed x 1. Homebakers still required. Please contact Jane Wurth at School if you can help with either Tuckshop or Homebake.

Thank you to Year Seven parents for their prompt return of Year 7 Shirt Forms and money. Cut off date is **Wednesday 25 February 2009.**

## Dear Parents

You will shortly receive a letter from the P&C asking for a **voluntary contribution** – maybe it has already arrived (check the bottom of your child's school bag if it doesn't show up soon!).

The voluntary contribution is the main income for your school P&C. With this money (supplemented with other fundraising), the **P&C has recently:**

- upgraded the Ironside Street entrance, making it safer, more accessible and more pleasant for children and parents
- refinished the oval, supplying water tanks to keep it green
- installed a huge fan in the school hall
- organised new playgrounds for all years levels (applied for and supplemented the funding, and worked with parents, school and designers)

The P&C also coordinates the school **tuckshop** and uniform shop, the Friday night swim club and the biennial **Spring Fair**.

This year, there is a big to-do list and top of the list is a major **pool** refurbishment – this will be a huge investment and is a very exciting project for the P&C.

## So what can you do?

Please make your voluntary contribution as soon as possible – this will help the P&C plan it's work for the year.

You will find a form on the reverse of this letter to join the P&C as a **member**. This will give you a vote at meetings but you don't need to attend every month – make sure we have your **email** address and we'll make sure you know what's going on. Agendas, minutes, the Principal's report – every month there will be school business going on through the P&C and you can **stay informed** and, when something comes up that is important to you, you can **have your say**.

If you do want to come along, **meetings** are held at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month in the school staffroom.

**Thank you** for your interest and support.

Ironside P&C Executive:

President:	Jason Hines
Vice Presidents:	Bronwyn Shimmin-Clarke, Susan McGinley
Secretary:	Marion Lawie
Treasurer:	Malcolm Badgery / Ping Hu
Assistant Treasurer:	Karen Hartmann

**Correspondence:**      [pandc@ironsidess.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@ironsidess.eq.edu.au)

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# *Ironside State School – Parents and Citizens Association*

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*The Parents & Citizens Association is a group of parents and interested community members. We work in partnership with school staff to build a stronger school community - for the benefit of all students. The P & C is an active body within the school and provides a link between the school and the community.*

*We help raise money - and decide how to spend it - and we can influence decisions about school policy and development. Everything we do promotes a better school and a better school experience for our children.*

## **Application for Membership - 2009**

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### **1. Please provide Applicant/s details (please print)**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Please indicate whether you are a parent/guardian of a current Ironside student**

Yes, I am a parent/guardian of the following Ironside students:

Child's Family Name

First Name

Class (2008)

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No, I am NOT a parent/guardian of a current Ironside student.

For identification purposes, my date of birth is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Please sign and date the application**

Signature of Applicant/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:** Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# **IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS**

**Welcome Back to School Event! Lots of fun! Free Admission!**

The Ironside State School P&C invites new and existing families to its first community event for 2009. Come along and join other families and friends in a relaxed atmosphere viewing our featured movie on the BIG screen under the stars.

Movie: **Journey to the Centre of the Earth**



Family/Adventure, Rated PG, 92 minutes  
Starring Brendan Fraser & Josh Hutcherson

Date: **Saturday 21 February 2009**

Venue: Ironside State School - Main Oval

Time: 6:15pm (gates open)  
**7:00pm (Movie commences) + 10 minute intermission**

Cost: Free Entry

BYO: Picnic dinner, drinks, cushions, blankets & chairs

**Movie Snacks on Sale** - popcorn, chips, drinks, plus Cake Stall with tea & coffee

**Reminder** – Children are the responsibility of their parents at all times during this event.

**Note** - If inclement weather, the movie will be screened in the school hall.

## IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

### MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday 21 February 2009

#### MOVIE NIGHT CAKE STALL

I would like to donate one of the following items to the Movie Night Cake Stall – (please circle)

1. Cakes      2. Slices      3. Biscuits      4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery of cakes/desserts can be delivered to the staff room on Friday morning 20 February from 8:30-9:00am or to the Cake Stall from 5:30pm on Saturday 21 February.

#### Pizza Capers – Movie Night Special Offer

Pizza Capers at St Lucia is pleased to offer

***10% of all pizza orders***

Pre-orders welcomed – tel: 3870 1147

Pick-ups – please present this voucher

#### Tipplers Seafood – Movie Night Special Offer

Tipplers Seafood at Gailey Road, Taringa is pleased to offer the following –

***small fish & chips = \$4.00***

***(12) x cocktail fish & \$5.00 chips = \$13.00***

***(4) x small fish & \$5.00 chips = \$13.00***

Pre-orders welcomed – tel: 3870 8107 (mention this special offer)

Pick-ups – please present this voucher