

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I would like to thank Mrs Denise Nicol for her valued contribution to our School Council over several years. Now that Denise no longer has children at our school, she will be leaving the School Council, thus creating a parent vacancy. I would encourage parents to consider nominating for this important position within our school's governance framework. I will provide in depth information next week, but for now, if you are interested in nominating, please ensure that you are a member of the P&C Association.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parents are reminded that parent teacher meetings will be taking place over the next few weeks. Teachers have been sending forms home –organising times, so please complete these and send them back as soon as possible, thank you.

BER – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION.

There are two components of the BER –

1. The Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) which has a focus on refurbishing the Hall, the Library and the construction of a Science Innovation/Technology Centre and;
2. The National School Pride (NSP) which has a focus on classroom refurbishment.

We have developed a working party of staff and parents to consider and develop a plan for expenditure. The first decision of the group was to expend the funds from the NSP on B Block (the Year 4 classrooms). We have applied for consideration to be given to the construction of a covered veranda to replace the current awning with an entrance into the 4A classroom. This will provide greater learning space for students and much needed storage.

SPELLING

Our school has had a strong focus on Spelling this year. Teachers and students are using our new program and there has been great enthusiasm throughout the school for enhancing our students' spelling skills. We have received great support from parents, many of whom attended the recent Parent Information evening. We have two special spelling activities coming up – Our School Spelling Bee competition which has already commenced. Who will be our best Ironside spellers? We will have student, teacher and parent teams! Next week, I will outline information about our forthcoming Spellathon. Students will receive their list of words to learn and sponsor forms. Thank you parents for supporting our school focus on spelling. I feel confident that our students' spelling skills have already improved, but look forward to receiving our school results following the National Testing Program in May.

JUNIOR ROTARY

Mrs Janelle Bodman from Rotary spoke to our Year 7 students last week – outlining the Junior Rotary Program which has operated at our school for the past nine years. Students volunteer to participate in community work and the development of skills for two terms. I believe that this is a very worthwhile program and I am proud of our school's commitment to encouraging students' to engage in working for their community.

P AND C

Parents please come along to our P&C meeting next Tuesday 31 March at 7:00 pm. This is our AGM and we would welcome new families to contribute their ideas at our meetings.

Patricia Neate
Principal

Important Dates:

Tuesday 31 March

P & C Meeting 7:00pm

Monday 6 April

Junior Band Workshop (all day)

Tuesday 7 April

Strings Cushion Concert 6:00pm

Tuesday 7 April

Thursday 9 April

Years 4—7 Cross Country

Easter Hat Parade

P&C Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is on Tuesday, 31 March at 7:00pm in the school Staffroom. All membership applications will be accepted at this meeting and all executive positions will become vacant. Please come along to nominate for a position or to vote. It would be great to have Vice Presidents appointed from every year level!

We will have drinks and nibbles before we get into the serious proceedings and the ordinary monthly meeting will follow the AGM.

Marion Lawie
Ironside P&C

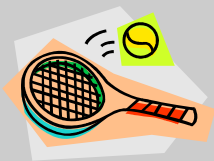
Ironside Tennis Championship

The annual Boys Open Singles Knockout and Girls Open Singles Knockout Championship will commence in Term Two.

If you wish to enter please collect an entry form from Penny Biddlestone.

Entry forms must be completed and handed back to Penny Biddlestone no later than Thursday 9 April. No late entries will be accepted.

Penny Biddlestone



News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to the seven parents who have offered to assist with the running of the Scholastic Book Club here at Ironside. Information about how the Book Club will operate will be included in the School Newsletter after the parents meet with a representative from Scholastic Australia.

JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2009

A Newsletter with a payment form and an insurance booklet was sent home with the relevant students on Tuesday. Please be reminded that both the payment and insurance form must be returned to the main office by Tuesday 31 March.

2009 EASTER HAT PARADE AND CONCERT

Please note the date and times for the 2009 Easter Hat Parade and Concerts. Thursday 9 April at 11:30 am – Prep and Year One Easter Hat Parade in the Hall Thursday 9 April at 2:00 pm – Year 2 and 3 Easter Concert in the Hall. You are all welcome to attend these two special events.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT IRONSIDE

Please note that Ironside's ANZAC Day Service will now be held on Thursday 23 April commencing at 9:30 am in the Hall. Ironside parents and family members are most welcome to attend this very special service.

JUNIOR CONCERT BAND WORKSHOP

A workshop has been planned for the students in Year 5 who will form the Junior Concert Band. The workshop will be held at Ironside on Monday 6 April commencing at 8.50 am and concluding with a performance at Assembly at 2:30 pm in the Hall. Thanks to Mrs Rosewarne for organising this special event.

STRING CUSHION CONCERT

The talents of our string students will be shown at a Cushion Concert in the Hall on Tuesday 7 April commencing at 6:00 pm. Please join us for a night of great music. Don't forget to bring along a cushion or blanket to sit on. Thanks to Ms Weekes for organising this special event.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath
Deputy Principal

News from Mr Knights

Interschool Sport

You would have noticed that on your terms' invoice the interschool sport payment has been separated over Term 1 and Term 2. This will enable us to ensure that we can refund to parents where possible those sport days that are cancelled due to wet weather.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Training before school on a Wednesday is going well. However, if you are up for a run with your child you are more than welcome to join them at 7:30am on the Oval.

Cross Country

The ISS cross country, on Tuesday 7 April, is quickly drawing near. Permission and medical forms will go out shortly. To aid our preparations I ask that all students who suffer from Asthma ensure that they bring their inhalers as well as students who use an EpiPen ensure that it is not past its used by date.

RE

Religious education will finish on Friday 3 April and will recommence on 24 April.

Holidays

Autumn Holiday Dates : 10—20 April 2009.

20 April 2009 Pupil Free Day.

Your School information

Please if you have changed your contact number/s please let the school know so we can update our school records.

Adam Knights
Deputy Principal

Book Drive

Many articles regarding the Victorian Bushfires have appeared in our news reports on TV, newspapers and radio. They have taken many lives, houses schools and animals. Ironside is looking for as many ways as we can find to help the victims of this tragic event. The library monitors of Ironside have agreed on the idea of starting a book drive for the children of the bush fires. I bet everyone at home has some books they have read and are looking for a new home or have some children's books they have grown out of. We would be grateful for all donations of books to help restart school libraries for the students of the Victorian bushfires. This drive is starting on the 16th of March and finishing on the 3rd of April. The donations box will be located in the school library. Any enquiries please see Ms Cath Roche, Teacher Librarian.

Thalia P
Library Monitor



Thank You!

A Big thankyou to all the Ironside Families who participated in the Ride to School day last Wednesday . It was greatly enjoyed by all . The P&C would like to thank our sponsors, Cycle Now, Brumbies, Naturally Fruit and Coles for their kind donations. Also a very big thank you to Peter Henderson and David Russel who arranged the event.

News from Ms Wagener

Spelling Bee Class Champions

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their class in the Year Level spelling bee competition, due to take place over the next two weeks. Stay tuned for further updates!

Year 3

- 3A Alex Bruce, Gemma Henderson, Nhien Nguyen
- 3B Huon Bak, Nathan Lu, Madison Hayden
- 3C Najmah Al Dzikra, Nabeela Shah Rol Rizal, Shofie Salsabilla
- 3D Julia Trnh, Joanna Zheng, Chris Lin

Year 4

- 4A Kiana Asgari, Luke Liu, Krassen Dimitrov
- 4B Billy Boulton, Tim Ngugi, Amelia Wootten
- 4C Wei-Chieh (Phoebe) Chen, Susanna Huang, Ryuta Hayashi
- 4D Nadya Labiba, Ellen Winning, Tom Wang

Year 5

- 5A Shadid Ahmed, Emma Kendall, Yogi Bratajaya
- 5B Claudia Snugg, Seniuti Maitra, Kiana Segal
- 5C Thuan Nguyen, Nu'utea Robillot, Farman Sehgal
- 5D Ruby Pandolphi, Joe Smith, Georgia Sheehan

Year 6

- 6A Jack Biddle, Georgina Sheu, Mitee Parekh
- 6B Rachana Nagesh, Nate Meiklejohn, Stephanie Bruce
- 6C Rusil Wichkramasekera, Amir Azran, Alex Winning
- 6D Liam Clarkson, Shikhar Mishra, Kate Western

Year 7

- 7A Victoria Patapan, Daniel Radford-Smith, Georgia Matthew
- 7B Ginny Li, Achira Samaratunga, Suvradip Maitra
- 7C Cherry Liang, Caitlin Eldridge, Sherwa Raeside
- 7D Matthew Doan, Leon Shen, Katrina Riese

Richenda Wagener
Head of Curriculum

HPE News

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District Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in West Taylor Bridge District teams. We wish you all the best in your respective competitions.

- Zac Gaines – Basketball
- Sherwan Raeside – Basketball
- Sam Medhurst – Touch Football
- James Bulgarelli – Touch Football
- Nicholas Wu – Touch Football
- Emma Jenkinson – Touch Football
- Ellie Baulch – Netball
- Joseph Bingley – AFL

Ironside Cross Country

The students in Years 4, 5, 6 & 7 have received information, plus a permission form regarding the Ironside Cross Country, to be held at Robinson Park on Tuesday 7th April. Please return these permission forms to your class teacher as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday 2nd April. Any assistance from parents on the day would be very much appreciated.

Uni PE Program

The students in Year 4 will begin the Uni PE Program this Friday, 27th March. This games related program is conducted by students from the University of Queensland's School of Human Movement Studies, under the direction of Professor Richard Tinning. The program will run until 5th June.

Sport Results from Friday 20th March

Sport	Division	Result
AFL	Senior	Ironside (21) v Holy Family (7)
Girls Soccer	Senior	Ironside (0) v Holy Family (2)
Boys Soccer	Senior A	Ironside (1) v Graceville (2)
	Intermediate A	Ironside (1) v Corinda (1)
Netball	Senior A	Ironside (13) v St Aidan's (14)
	Senior B	Ironside (2) v Holy Family (13)
	Intermediate A	Ironside (7) v St Aidan's (12)
	Intermediate B	Ironside (1) v Indooroopilly (15)
	Junior	Ironside (4) v Toowong (2)
Touch Football	Mixed	Ironside (1) v Graceville (4)
	Senior Boys	Ironside (6) v Corinda (0)

Comments:

A great game in the AFL. Joseph Smith scored the goal of the match.

The Junior Netball team worked together well – some great passes were made, particularly in the second half. Saishnee Moodley played a great game in defence. Good goal shooting by Emma Downes.

Year Three News

On Wednesday all the Year 3 classes went to Ngutana-Lui where we learned about Aboriginal culture and how they lived.
Gemma Henderson 3A

At Ngutana-Lui we learnt how to dance like an emu and how to throw a boomerang. We listened to Wally's stories and heard Robert playing the didgeridoo. He played the noise of a dingo and a kookaburra. It was great fun. We all really enjoyed it.

Hanna Balansa 3D

I learnt how to throw a boomerang. I loved it. I learnt about respecting adults and had fun learning about different cultures.
Joanna Zhang 3D

I learnt that Aboriginals dance with paint on their face. I learnt how to respect people. I really enjoyed dancing different dances.

Caitlin Leslie 3D



Penny Biddlestone Tennis Coaching

Easter Holiday Programmes

TOURNAMENTS

THE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY TO PLAY MATCHES.

CHILDREN WILL BE PLACED IN A SUITABLE SECTION ACCORDING TO STANDARD AND AGE.

THE AIMS ARE TO IMPROVE TECHNIQUE, COURT COVERAGE, MATCHPLAY SKILLS AND REINFORCE CORRECT COURT ETIQUETTE.

MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE FOR THOSE PLAYERS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THEIR SERVE.

Venue:	Ironside School Tennis Courts
Dates:	Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 April, 2009
Morning session:	8.30 – 11.30 am \$120 for four day session (incl GST)
Afternoon session:	1.00 – 4.00 pm \$120 " " " "

If you wish to attend the above programme please contact:

Penny Biddlestone 3371 2849

Mobile 0412 704702

ABN No 32 409 660 865

Swim Club News

This Friday night is the last week of Swim Club so let's make it a big one !

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April it will be Club Championships the schedule of events is listed below. Please ensure you have given Barry your nominations as you can not just nominate on these nights.

Thursday 2 nd April	Warm up 6 pm Races commence 6.30 pm	Medley; Backstroke and Butterfly only	No BBQ available
Friday 3 April	Warm up 6 pm Races commence 6.30 pm	Freestyle and Breast- stroke events	No BBQ available

Wednesday 8 April is Awards Night beginning at 6.30 pm in the hall. Please note **NO BBQ will be available**.

Winners of awards for the 20th March

1st	Nicholas McGinley
2nd	Lucy Van Baarle
2nd	Isabella McGinley
3rd	N/A
Most Improved Butterfly swimmer	Katareeya Epp
Most improved Freestyle swimmer	Hugo Houlahan
Most improved Backstroke swimmer	Alekos Shomer
Most improved Breaststroke swimmer	Lauren Jeffreys
Most improved Medley swimmer	Louise Rainbird

Schedule for Race Nights

5.30 to 6.00	Warm up and free swim; Race nominations
6.00	Clear pool; Presentation of awards
6.25	Nominations close – no late entries will be taken (Why not pre-nominate?)
6.25	Tadpole races
6.30-8:30	Club races

Contact Details: emails for club information: ironsideSwimClub@gmail.com

Phone number for nomination changes: 0407 25 85 95

Year 7 Get-together

Who: teachers, parents/guardians, children and siblings

Time and day: 3pm--5pm, Saturday, April 4

Where: meet at the Rotunda (near entrance to CityCat terminal), Guyatt Park, Macquarie Street, St Lucia

What to bring: food/drink (BBQs available at site) or a plate of food to share, insect repellent, chairs/rug

Thanks to Shirley Glaister for initiating this get-together. See you there!

The year 7 parent representatives.

7B -Shirley Glaister

7A -Fiona FitzPatrick

7C - Kim Caplen

7D - Lydia Hsieh

Unichurch

Unichurch is having an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 11 April from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm at Ironside State School.

Events on the day will include:

Games	Easter Craft
Easter egg hunt	Afternoon Tea
Singing	Easter stores



We hope to see you all there.

Roy Davidson
Unichurch

Shop Rosters

Date	Tuckshop
Mon 30/3	Muriel Chien, Alyson Bates
Tues 31/3	Gabby Elliott, Marg Rackemann, Kylie McNaught
Wed 01/4	Lada Burt, Lydia Wu
Thurs 02/4	Emily Dickson, Trix Eagle, Shobha Rooney

Date	Homebake
Mon 30/3	Genevieve Bruce, Cathy Clarkson
Tues 31/3	Linda Tonge, Theresa Stolz
Wed 01/4	Kylie McNaught
Thurs 02/4	Trisha Meehan, Kathy Lathauras

Tuckshop News

Sushi will return 2nd Term on a Wednesday **ONLY**.

Watch for new Menu at end of Term One.

Tuckshop vacancies—please see Jane at the Tuckshop.

Uniform vacancies—Reliable person needed for Monday, 8:15am. **Prompt start** please.



Mothers Day Stall

With the support of our Ironside families, our Mother's Day stall has been running successfully for many years. The children really enjoy shopping "secretly" for Mums and Grandmas!

Each year we look for donations of handmade gifts. However, if these gifts are not sufficient, we will have to purchase gifts to sell and this of course eats into our profits. If anyone is crafty or has some ideas please contact our committee. We would love to hear from you.

This year's stall will be held on Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May from 8.15am until the end of morning tea.

Some Gift Ideas for your donation to our stall: Gourmet Teas, coffee, soap, face washers, tea towels, gardening gloves (perhaps for Grandma) NEW nail polish, lipstick, candles, boxes of chocolates, body lotions, bath oils, hand lotions, homemade biscuits, cakes or slices (to be brought up to the stall on the day) homemade jewellery.

A collection box will be in the library. We are now collecting your lovely gifts.

If you are able to help, please let Amanda Teo, amandateo07@hotmail.com or come to the meeting or wrapping day below.

Next Meeting: Friday, 3rd April in the Library at 2pm.

Wrapping day: Friday, 1st May in the tuckshop from 8.30am.