

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you parents for taking the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher about his or her progress this term. Your support in working with the teacher to maximise your child's academic success is most important. Having said that, I must also acknowledge how important it is for students to be happy and have a healthy self esteem, so if the academic area is not one that your child shines in, please ensure that he or she has success in other areas. I am hearing great reports about how our Ironside students "shine" in athletics, music, creativity, community support, chess and interpersonal skills.

SPELLATHON

Today, our students will bring home their Spellathon sponsor forms. Parents, the P&C has organised some wonderful prizes this year and we are looking forward to the Spellathon being a great fund-raiser. I appreciate your support in helping students get sponsors in a safe way please – not approaching people they do not know. One successful way is by parents taking the sponsor forms to work! Good luck and thanks for your help!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents are encouraged to nominate for the School Council parent representative position. Nominations close on Wednesday 22 April – the first week after the Easter holiday. Nomination profiles need to be sent to the school office by 28th April and voting will take place on 6th May. Please contact me if you require more information about the role of the School Council or check last week's Newsletter.

HAPPY EASTER

We have had a very busy and productive Term One. Thank you to all our volunteer parents who so generously support our school in many ways. Thanks and congratulations to the highly committed and hard-working Ironside staff and well done to our students. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and safe Easter. Term 2 resumes on **Tuesday 21 April 2009**.

Patricia Neate
Principal



News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

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.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to the Ironside students for making a donation at last Thursday's non-uniform day. A total of \$859.00 was raised and will be put towards this year's school charity which is still to be determined.

Important Dates:

Thursday 9 April

Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 23 April

ANZAC Service 9:30am Hall

Wednesday 10 June

Prep Information Night 6:30pm Hall

Friday 12 June

International Breakfast 7:30am

Fete News

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help organise Ironside School's Sprint Fete on Saturday September 12. We are keen to hear from anyone with ideas for stalls or other attractions and we will be holding volunteer/organisation meeting week 2 of Term 2.

We also want to hear from people who would like to help out on the day by setting up, co-ordinating or manning a stall; preparing or collecting items for sale; running an event or preparing and serving tea and coffee.

The school last held a Fete two years ago and the organisers hope the 2009 event will be equally successful.

Anyone wishing to help or would like additional information should email Adrian Franchi on adrianshomes.com.au or 0421 946 637.

Ironside P & C

Chaplaincy

Next term, starting Monday 27th April, a combined churches kids club is starting Monday afternoons 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Uniting Church Hall across the road from school. Afternoon tea, games, craft, Bible stories and music. The cost will be \$5.00 and it will include children from Prep to Year 7. More information soon.

Marion Birchley

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT IRONSIDE

Please note that Ironside's ANZAC Day Service will now be held on Thursday 23 April commencing at 9.30am in the Hall. Donations of fresh flowers are requested on the morning of the service so that wreaths can be made for the service. Please deliver the flowers to the library courtyard by 8:15 am. Ironside parents and members of the Ironside community are welcome to attend this very special school event.

STRING CUSHION CONCERT

Congratulations to all the Ironside String Students for a wonderful evening of music at last night's Cushion Concert. Thanks to Ms Weekes for organising this special event and thank you parents for your support.

2010 PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

An information session for those parents interested in enrolling their child into Prep in 2010 will be held in the school Hall on Wednesday 10 June commencing at 6:30 pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to the seven parents who have offered to assist with Book Club here at Ironside. The team will be meeting with the Scholastic Rep on Friday 24 April and after that meeting, information will be sent home about how the Book Club will operate.

JAPAN STUDY TOUR 2009

Please note that during Term 2, the students will be rehearsing for our performance in Japan starting in Week 4 on a Tuesday lunchtime. In Term 3, rehearsals will be on a Wednesday after school from 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm. Attendance at rehearsals is compulsory.

PREP NEWS

Starting in Term 2, Prep students will be able to order their lunch from the Tuckshop. Orders are placed in the class tuckshop box which is then taken to the Tuckshop. Orders are then sent to the classroom and given out by the teacher. Prep students will not be visiting the Tuckshop to buy morning tea or treats.

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK

Thank you to the parents who attended Tuesday's meeting. The next planning meeting for Ironside's International Breakfast will be held on Wednesday 29 April at 2:00 pm in the Staffroom.

Happy Easter Break!

Janice Ruddick-McGrath
Deputy Principal

News from Mr Knights

Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Cross Country on Tuesday. The timing was perfect with only a sprinkling of rain on the walk back to school. District trials are in week 3 of Term 2 and students who have qualified will be notified shortly.

Winners were: Georgia Silvestri, Hugo Medhurst, Ruby Pandolfi, Bill Bingham, Katia Peden, Andrew Wyeth, Katrina Reise, Daniel Radford-Smith, Amy Hartmann, Lachlan Hinchliff.

Full results will be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Maths is edging closer with test dates on 12,13 and 14 May. More information for parents can be found at: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/>

Interschool Sport

You would have noticed that on your terms invoice the interschool sport payment has been separated over Term 1 and 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.

RE

Thankyou to all of our wonderful presenters this term and RE will recommence Friday 1 May.

Holidays

Autumn Holiday Dates : 10—20 April 2009. **20 April 2009 Pupil Free Day.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy break and see you in Term 2 on **Tuesday 21 April.**

Adam Knights
Deputy Principal

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



News from Ms Wagener

This afternoon we held our Spelling Bee Final. Unfortunately due to the time of printing our Newsletter we are unable to inform you who our Grand Champion Spellers for this year are. Stay tuned....

I wish to thank all staff and students for their enthusiasm and commitment to our showcase on Spelling. A special thanks to our *brave* parent group who offered to become part of our competition – congratulations!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and well deserved Easter break. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you next term!

Richenda Wagener
Head of Curriculum

Swim Club News

What a wonderful two nights of competitive swimming on Thursday and Friday last week! Congratulations to all swimmers for competing in the full spirit of the event. Thank you to all parents who volunteered for the season.

The Awards Night is on tonight (Wednesday) in the Hall. Who will be the age champions?; Who will be Club Champion? See you at 6:30 pm to find out!

Lightbox Studios (official professional photographer) will be on hand to take photographs of your children with points trophies plus age champions (cost approx. \$15.00 for a 5x7 colour photograph). An official Ironside Swim Club group photograph will be organized at the end of the evening, so please ensure that your child has their trophy on hand and listens carefully for instructions.

Also, don't forget that the Swim Club raffle prize winners will be announced and presented. You can still purchase your last minute tickets at the Awards Night.

A special thank you to Lucy Van Baarle who promoted the Swim Club raffle at the School Assembly on Monday afternoon – well done Lucy – what a great ambassador for our club.

Ironside P & C

Shop Rosters

Date	Tuckshop
Mon 20/4	Pupil Free Day
Tues 21/4	Clare Smith, Nicci Wackwitz 9:45am to 11:15 am
Wed 22/4	Caroline Hines, Mandy Peden, Charlotte Smith
Thurs 23/4	Rie, Ojima, Midori Kinoshita, Michiyo Okumura

Date	Homebake
Mon 20/4	Pupil Free Day
Tues 21/4	Celia Wickramasekera, Daren Mortiz
Wed 22/4	Mary Burrell
Thurs 23/4	Lisa Fogden, Bianca Phillips



Tuckshop News

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

Please read your Tuckshop menu for Term 2, commencing Tuesday 21 April.

Baked potatoes will replace Nachos in Term 2.

Poppers have reduced in package size so the price has reduced from \$1.80 to \$1.30.

Tuna sandwiches are available from Term 2.

Low Fat ice cream is available at \$1.00

Fruit tubes, juice cups, frozen yogurt, frozen fruit and custard cups, and ice cream is only available over the counter. Please do not pre-order.

Please refer to the Tuckshop ordering hints when ordering to ensure your child's lunch bag is clearly marked.

Thanks to Jane and the Tuckshop, homebake and uniforms shop volunteers for all of their hard work this term. All members of the Ironside School community appreciate your contribution.

Ironside P&C Shop Committee

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 II tennis will commence on the following dates:

Monday 27 April	- 7 weeks	\$119.00
Tuesday 21 April	- 10 weeks	\$170.00
Wednesday 22 April	- 10 weeks	\$170.00
Thursday 23 April	- 10 weeks	\$170.00
Friday 24 April	- 10 weeks	\$170.00

Coaching is available for all children from Prep to Grade 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 Mob: 0412 704702



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



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

Morning Tea		Price	Morning Tea		Price
Mini Pie - Beef Mince with Potato topping		\$1.20	½ Wrap - Salad and Cheese OR Ham Cheese and Carrot (v)		\$2.00
Muffins - Ham and Cheese OR Tomato and Cheese (v)		\$1.20	Home bake		.30c-.60c
1/2 Bread Roll with Ham and Melted Cheese		\$1.20			
Lunch			Lunch		
Meat Pie		\$2.50	Sandwiches		
Macaroni and Cheese (macaroni in a cheese sauce) (v)		\$2.80	Salmon OR Tuna (plus Lettuce and Mayonnaise)		\$3.50
Curry Chicken (chicken in a mild curry sauce with rice)		\$2.80	Ham OR Chicken OR Tuna (and Salad)		\$3.50
Spaghetti Bolognese Spirals		\$2.80	Cheese and Salad		\$3.00
			Egg and Lettuce		\$3.00
Burgers			Salad only		\$2.60
Beef Burger with Lettuce, Tomato and Sauce		\$3.20	Ham OR Chicken only		\$2.50
Chicken Burger with Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise		\$3.20	Vegemite OR Butter only		\$1.00
Veggie Burger with Lettuce, Tomato and Mayonnaise (v)		\$3.20	Wraps		
			½ Wrap - Salad and Cheese (v) OR Ham, Cheese and Carrot		\$2.00
Baked Potato (v)			Full Wrap - Salad and Cheese (v) OR Ham, Cheese and Carrot		\$4.00
Potato with Taco Sauce and Cheese		\$3.00	Sushi – ONLY available on Wednesdays		
Potato with Baked Beans OR Butter OR Cheese only		\$3.00	Avocado (v) OR Teriyaki Chicken		\$2.50
Salad Box - Salad with Ham OR Chicken and a slice of bread		\$4.50	Tuna		\$2.70
Drinks			Snacks		Iceblocks
Spring Water (plain)		\$1.30	Cheese and Crackers	\$1.00	(over the counter sales only)
Grove Orange Juice		\$1.40	Popcorn	\$1.00	Fruit Tubes (99% Fruit Juice)
100 % Just Juice Apple or Paradise Punch Poppers		\$1.30	Slinky Apple	\$1.00	Juice Cups
Plain Milk		\$1.30	Pretzels	.80c	Frozen Yoghurt
Flavoured Milk			Paper Bags	.05c	Frozen Fruit and Custard Cup
Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla Malt		\$2.10	(where no bag provided)		Low Fat Ice Cream Cup
Lite Chocolate, Lite Iced Coffee					\$1.00



Please note Morning Tea is for Years 3-7 only, Tuckshop open Monday-Thursday

How to order

To assist the tuckshop could you please **write your child's name, class and order on a paper bag and enclose the correct money.**

To avoid any confusion please do not abbreviate a lunch item. Drinks may be ordered with lunch.

Orders are placed in a specially marked box in the child's classroom, and then brought to the tuckshop at 9:00am.

The boxes containing the lunches are then collected by a representative from each class just prior to the lunch bell.

Drinks will be placed in a separate bag for each class, to keep the drinks icy cold.

Please note

- All lunches must be pre-ordered;
- Morning tea time over the counter service is available ONLY for Year 3 to Year 7 students;
- Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students need to bring morning tea from home;
- Lunch time over the counter service for drinks and ice blocks is available to all students;
- No additional arrangements can be made to accommodate children going on excursions away from school;
- Send ONLY paper bags (NO plastic bags);
- Do not staple or stick down the bags (as they tear when opened); and
- Do not wrap money.

<u>Paper bag opening</u>	
Childs Name	
Item description	Item cost
Total cost	
Class	

<u>Paper bag opening</u>	
Barney Rubble	
Meat Pie	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$2.10
\$4.60	
Thank You	3B

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