

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Next week is State Education Week. State Education Week gives you the opportunity to reflect on your child's education. I am sure you will all agree that the staff do a great job here at Ironside. At next Monday's Assembly, I have invited several guest speakers along with Ironside's School Captains and Vice Captains to share some special memories about Ironside with you. All students will be singing a song at Assembly. Congratulations to Year Six student, Emily Travis for composing the words.

A letter to parents outlining school arrangements regarding H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) was sent home with all students on Tuesday as requested by Education Queensland's Acting Director General, Julie Grantham. A folder containing up to date information is being kept by the Admin Team. Parents will be kept informed of any school updates from Education Queensland.

Ironside has received funding from State Schools of Tomorrow which will be put towards renovations starting in the Year Five classrooms in C Block. We have been notified that work will commence on Monday 1 June. Students in 5A and 5B will be relocated first to the SMARTS room in A block or to the Library. Thanking you in advance for your support of this project.

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.

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK/2009 INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 12 June

Time: From 7:30 am – 8:40 am Breakfast

From 9:00 am – 10:00 am International Concert in the Hall

Cost: Breakfast vouchers (3 for \$5) will be on sale at the OASIS on the following days from 8:10 am – 8:40 am: Friday 29 May, Thursday 4 June, Friday 5 June and Wednesday 10 June.

After the breakfast commencing at 9:00 am there will be an International Concert of Music and Dance. To date we will have performances from New Zealand, Indonesia, El Salvador, Vietnam and Brazil.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Hay, Mrs Denning and members of the Intermediate Choir who competed at the Ipswich Eisteddfod last Friday. The Choir was awarded third place.

Best wishes to the twenty-seven students from Years 5, 6 and 7 who have been selected to participate in next week's WestCent District Music Camps. The only rehearsal and lessons for students next week will be with Ms Rebecca Seymour on Wednesday.

"Sounds of Strings" will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 17 June commencing at 7:00 pm.

Please note the change of date for the selling of music uniform accessories as I am waiting for the delivery of a new order:

Monday 15 June from 8:15 am – 8:45 am for members of the Junior Strings and any other students new to the programme this year.

Thursday 18 June from 8:15 am – 8:45 am for members of the Junior Band.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Please be reminded that it is illegal to do a U Turn on Central Avenue after dropping students at school.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 10 June Prep Information Evening 6:30 pm

Friday 12 June International Breakfast 7:30 am

Brisbane International Tennis

Anyone interested in applying to be a 'Ball Person' at the 2010 Brisbane International Australian Open Series, information is on the notice board outside the main office.



Girl Guide Biscuits are Here Again!

Choc-top, Choc-top Minis,
and delicious original
Flavour .

All \$3 a packet.

Available in the foyer
inside the Ironside School
office, or contact Emily
Dickson 3371 3322

Thank you for supporting
the St Lucia/Indooroopilly
Brownie Guides

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The first orders for book club have been lodged. Sincere thanks to our parent volunteers – Mrs Meghna Jaisinghani, Mrs Wendy Campbell, Mrs Nicola Seaton, Mrs Karen Hayden and Mrs Susan Wooten.

MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who participated in the Met West Maths Team Challenge at Indooroopilly State High School last Friday. The students were awarded first, second and third place in the Challenge. Thanks to Mrs Carmel Fleming for her outstanding coordination, leadership and encouragement of the students.

SAFETY REMINDER

Please be reminded that it is unsafe for students to bring drinks or food in glass containers to school.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students are to be supervised at all times if attending any of the After School Activities. School property is to be cared for and not used in an inappropriate way. Please note that the sandpit is not to be used after school.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath
Acting Principal

News from Mr Knights

Mobile Muster

Bring in your Old Mobiles today and help the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. This term as part of the Peer Leader program we are running a mobile recycling program where every 5kg of old phones we recycle a new fence post is donated for the bushfire ravaged areas of Victoria. So get them in to the box at the front counter.

Running Club

Any students who are interested in the before school running club on Tuesday may pick up a form at the front office.

UNSW COMPETITION 2009

As in previous years, this year, Ironside State School will participate in the UNSW Competitions involving Computers, Science, Maths and English for Years 4-7.

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 provide.

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.

Important Dates: Wednesday 10 June – Science Test
 Tuesday 4 August - English Test
 Wednesday 19 August - MathsTest

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

Wanted

Good, clean books for the Spring Fair Book Stall. The Following genres are in demand:

Adventure, Children's Books, Textbooks, Romance, Pot-Boilers, Science-fiction, Biographies, Curiosities, Exotic Cookery Books, Tales of Crime, Humorous Essays and many more. Please also consider donating magazines, CDs, DVDs, Videos and Games. Please leave your books in the collection box near the swimming pool entrance. You may also call or email Andrej to arrange a pick-up. 0417 551 435
a.panjkov@uq.net.au

Term Invoice Payments

Due to processing and operational procedures the office request that when paying term fees in cash the exact amount be forwarded. The office does not always have the means to provide the correct change and cannot ensure all change gets home to parents via students. If you cannot provide the correct amount using cash, term fees can also be paid by cheque as well as Visa and MasterCard payments. Thank you.

Joanne Milich
Business Service Manager

Library News

To celebrate 'The Year of Creativity', the Library is running a photo competition.

Get caught **READING**

Easy to enter, simply have a photo taken of you reading in an unusual, inspiring, imaginative, funny or crazy place. Write your name and class on the back and hand it into the Library before June 22nd. The prize - a Pentax digital camera - will be awarded on originality and not on photography skills. All photographs will be displayed in the Library and the winning entry will appear in the school Newsletter.

Hurry entries close on June 22nd.
Cathy Roche.



Chaplaincy News

Thankyou to all who joined us for the Trivia Night - I hope you had a good time. Maybe we could extend the interpretive dance next time, some of our parents didn't get a go! We raised \$1,500.



Thanks to all who made the night a success.

Marion Birchley.
Chaplain

HPE News

Track & Field Carnival Years 4, 5, 6 & 7

The Track and Field Carnivals for Years 4 - 7 are fast approaching. Following are the dates. Please note the change to the Years 5 and 6 Field days. Parents will shortly receive an information and permission form for the Track day at UQ.

Tuesday 9 June - Year 4 Field Events at Ironside
Thursday 11 June - Year 7 Field Events at Ironside
Tuesday 16 June - Years 4 - 7 Track Events at UQ
Thursday 18 June - Year 5 Field Events at Ironside
Friday 19 June - Year 6 Field Events at Ironside

West Taylor Bridge District Tennis Trials

Congratulations goes to Katia Peden and Margot Weis who have been selected in the West Taylor Bridge District Tennis Team to compete in the Met West Regional Trials next week at UQ. We wish you both all the best!

Year 5 News

Setting Descriptions

5A having been investigating creative techniques for making their writing more descriptive. The following pieces were written for a class activity where the students were asked to write a detailed description of a setting without explicitly telling the audience where their piece takes place. By using literary devices such as figurative language, metaphor and simile the students were able to create vivid images of their chosen settings. See if you can guess the settings?

Rachele Domenici.

Rustling Sound

The leaves rustle in between my feet. My feet feel damp and battered. I look up at the dark and scary canopy and see huge monkeys staring back at me. I walked past the dense trees totally covered in mud. My arms and legs shivering and my brain frozen from the cold. But I still push on. The streams rush past me as the rain pours down. Huge tree roots buckle the ground and yet the sound of animals echoes in the air.

Sam Watson 5A.

Old Times

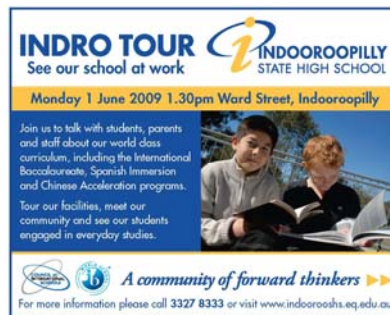
The church bells ring across the old wooden town. The stained glass shines in the midday sun like a rainbow glistening on water. The market square squirms with people like an arena. Gold coins are thrown down in piles of glistening light. Mounted on horseback, a noble rides with twenty armoured men trailing behind, two men abreast. Donkey driven caravans trot up and down the street. Men in leather and cloth talk among themselves. Women in old worn dresses carry babies or a few possessions, as sentries on the pine walls raise their flaming torches watching for bandits and brigands. The sound of leather boots echoes on the cobblestones, as the Governor's men-at-arms prepare for the night ahead.

Tom Landy 5A.

Golden Maze

The long golden, honey coloured grass tickled my face as it blew in the wind. I sat up and stared at the crystal clear blue sky. The clouds were fluffy and small. Then I returned to running around like a cat chasing a butterfly. The large golden grassy area was surrounded by tall and short trees being cooked by the sun. I fell onto my knees, curled into a ball and closed my eyes. My mind was filled with laughter and happiness as I drifted off to sleep with the comfort of the warm sun.

Emma Hogan 5A.



Shop Rosters

Date Tuckshop

Mon	1/6	Grace van Baarle, Julia Ryan
Tues	2/6	Lisa Thomas, Nicci Wackwitz
Wed	3/6	Nada Burt, Lydia Wu
Thurs	4/6	Libby Bingley, Shobha Rooney, Charlotte Smith

Date Homebake

Mon	1/6	Charmaine Paiva, Sue Marshall
Tues	2/6	Nicola Seaton, Sandy Smart
Wed	3/6	Kylie McNaught
Thurs	4/6	Trisha Meehan, Kathy Lathauras

Lost Property

Clothing and Lunch Boxes can not be returned to children unless a family name has been included. We work from an alphabetical Family Name list. This week the lost property was wet mouldy and disgusting. Anything unreadable or unnamed has been thrown out.

Tuckshop Committee



Portugal



El Salvador



Indigenous Australia



Denmark



Slovakia



France



Japan



Sweden



South Africa



China



Australia



Malaysia



Sri Lanka



Indonesia



India



Lebanon



Coffee Van

Yummy Coffees and Hot Chocolates available

