

# Ironside State School

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

## WELCOME

Welcome back to school for Term 3. A special welcome is extended to all the new families joining our school community. I would also like to welcome Mrs June Nankivell to our school. June is a highly experienced teacher who is teaching 5D.

## UNIFORMS

Parents can you please make sure that students wear full school uniform. Coloured jackets, tracksuit pants, scarves and leggings are not part of our uniform. I appreciate the need for our children to keep warm, but please ensure that they wear our school colour of royal or navy blue.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 7 students, Jeffrey Hurr and Leon Shen who have scored the highest mark in Queensland for their year level in the recent UNSW Computer Test. Both boys will receive special medals for their outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Zoe Clayden-Zabik of 3B who was one of 16 ballet dancers selected from over 100 applicants through auditions to dance with the Paris Opera Ballet Company in their recent Brisbane-only Australian performance of La Bayadere at QPAC.

Zoe had only 5 days to learn the routines and 2 days to rehearse on stage before opening night on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The opportunity for Zoe to dance with the oldest and best ballet company in the world has been truly amazing, and the experience and memory will last with her a life time.

Well done Zoe!

## REST IN PEACE

Mrs Martha Walker, mother of Andrew in 7B and Sarah who now attends secondary school passed away during the holidays after a long battle with breast cancer. On behalf of the school community we offer the Walker family our deepest sympathy. I have spoken with the Year 7 students who will provide their friend Andrew with support at this sad time.

## CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT

During the holidays, we have had quite a lot of classroom refurbishment, completed, including painting, carpeting and storage. It's great to see the classrooms being given a facelift and the new improved learning environment has been a lovely surprise for some of our students.

## SCIENCE

We are most fortunate in having Mr Kevin Ward - one of the Science teachers from Indooroopilly SHS visiting Ironside on a regular basis to work with our Year 6 and 7 students. Mr Ward will commence this week with our Year 7 students.

## Important Dates:

**Thursday 30 July:** School Photos

**Thursday 30 July:** 'Sounds of Strings' 7:00 pm

**Thursday 6 August :** 'Jazzin up the Hall' 7:00 pm

**Thursday 20 August:** 'Choral Soiree' 7:00 pm

## Go-Sports

Go-Sports will be conducting Soccer (for Prep to Year 3) and Netball (for Years 3 to 6) this term on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 am to 8:45 am. Sessions begin on 28 July and go for 5 weeks. To register please contact Greg Martin on 0417 614 509 or enrol online at [www.gosports.com.au](http://www.gosports.com.au)

## Chaplaincy

Hello everyone, I hope you had a refreshing holiday. It was nice to catch up with some of you at the Kids Holiday Club.

Next Monday afternoon the Combined Churches Kids club continues in the Uniting Church Hall across the road. Come along or phone 0403549568 for more info.

Tuesday 28th July there's morning tea for mums in the Staffroom at 9:00 am. Come and join me, I'd love to meet you.

**Marion Brichley**

## PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you very much to all the parents who provided feedback to me about Semester One. Much of it was very positive and related to our fantastic teachers – their enthusiasm, dedication and care for the children. We also received very positive comments about our curriculum and how well prepared our students are for high school. Thanks parents – I really appreciate your comments and suggestions. Any constructive feedback was followed up on so hopefully we can continue to “raise the bar” and provide our students and parents with an excellent school experience.

## A MESSAGE FROM QLD HEALTH

### Keep children at home if they are sick

As school resumes for Term 3, parents are being urged to keep their children home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. Queensland now has more than 1600 confirmed cases of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

Symptoms of human swine flu are similar to seasonal influenza and include a fever, cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills. Queensland Health says one of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

If children are sick the best thing to do is keep them away from school and other events such as socials and sporting carnivals. This might mean that some children will miss interstate and other planned school trips.

People generally have to be mindful that there are some who are more at risk from swine flu so those who are sick need to do the right thing and stay at home from school and work.

School closures remain an option in very limited circumstances but the likelihood of disruption during the new school term has lessened. Queensland is now in the “protect” phase in managing the influenza outbreak and parents need to be aware that while most people who contract the flu are making rapid and full recovery, some who are particularly vulnerable need to seek medical help at the onset of flu-like symptoms.

The essence of the “protect” phase is to concentrate on the early treatment of those in the community who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus. Those identified as being vulnerable include pregnant women, Indigenous Australians, people with respiratory disease (including asthma and COPD), heart disease, diabetes, renal and liver disease, obesity and immunosuppression.

If you have any questions regarding symptoms or illness, contact your general practitioner or call Queensland Health on 13 Health (13 43 25 84).

*Patricia Neate  
Principal*

## News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

### PREP 2010 ENROLMENTS

If you live in Ironside's catchment area or have a sibling at Ironside and were unable to attend the parent meeting in Term 2, please contact the main office on 3258 3111 to make an appointment to enrol your child/children into Prep for 2010.

### MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to Mrs Robyn Rosewarne who will be teaching at Ironside on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### Diary Dates for Term 3:

Thursday 30 July – ‘Sounds of Strings’ in the Hall at 7:00 pm

Thursday 6 August – ‘Jazzin’ up the Hall’ for Junior and Senior Band at 7:00 pm

TBA - ‘Vocal Workout’ for Intermediate and Senior choir members at Indooroopilly SS – all day.

Thursday 20 August – ‘Choral Soiree’ in the Hall at 7:00 pm

## **OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday 27 July commencing with afternoon tea in the Staffroom. An invitation is extended to all parents who helped with the International Breakfast.

## **AEDI (AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX)**

The Australian Early Development Index is a measure of how young children are developing in different communities. This information enables communities and governments to pinpoint the types of services, resources and supports young children and their families need to give children the best possible start to life. The AEDI is based on the Canadian Early Development Instrument (EDI) and is a population measure of young children's development from a teacher-completed checklist. It measures five developmental domains:

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills (school based)
- Communication and general knowledge

All Australian schools have been involved with this project. Ironside's Prep Teachers have been working on this project today and will complete the data entering tomorrow, Friday.

## **Performance Uniform Accessories**

Accessories will be on sale near the Uniform Shop on Wednesday 29 July from 8:10 am – 8:40 am.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath  
Deputy Principal*

## News from Mr Knights

### **Family Planning – Human Relationship Education**

Family planning has again been booked for third term for Years 5, 6 and 7. Notes have been distributed this week detailing what the course will cover. Susan Summers will again be facilitating the course.

### **School Photos**

Schools photos will be held in third term on Thursday 30 July. Information and envelopes will be send home on Friday of this week. Please do NOT send money to the school. All money needs to be brought to school on the day of the Photograph and handed directly to Silver Rose. A timetable for classes will be released next week.

### **UNSW COMPETITION 2009**

Please note the following upcoming dates for UNSW.

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| Tuesday 4 August    | - English Test |
| Wednesday 19 August | - Maths Test   |

Each entry costs the student \$7.00 and this cost will be added to the students term invoice.

If there is any reason that you would like you child not to participate in these competitions please send a short letter to your child's teacher requesting exemption. For more information please visit: <http://www.etc.unsw.edu.au/faqs>

*Adam Knights  
Deputy Principal*

## HPE News

Welcome back to an exciting term of sport and physical activity. The term starts with some special clinics organised for the students. This Friday development officers from Baseball Queensland will be conducting clinics with students in Years 1, 2, 3, 4. Next Tuesday and Wednesday development officers from Qld Cricket will be working with the students in Years 4,5,6,7. On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August Qld Cricket will work with Years 1, 2, 3. A number of our athletes will be competing in the West Taylor Bridge District Track and Field Carnival in early August.

The Junior Sports Day is coming up soon as is the commencement of the Friday sport season for Years 5, 6, 7. Further information will be forwarded shortly.

## Library News

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

# Get caught **READING** Entry Date Extended To End July !!!



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 July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

Have you seen the very clever entries that are already on display in the Library? Hurry and get your entries in to stand a chance to win the Pentax digital camera.

**Entries close on July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Cath Roche.**



## Shop Rosters

### **Date Tuckshop**

Mon	20/7	Penny Garnett, Sema Canbulat
Tues	21/7	Claire Smith, Nicci Wackwitz
Wed	22/7	Kathy Lathauras, Geri Clatworthy
Thurs	23/7	Wendy Munckhof, Ruth Whitehill, Joan Schubert

### **Date Homebake**

Mon	20/7	Vicki Schubert
Tues	21/7	Celia Wickramasekera, Karen Mortiz
Wed	22/7	Stephanie Twigg, Kathy Lathauras
Thurs	23/7	Linda Richards

## Tuckshop News

Parents please be aware of the following price change for Macaroni Cheese, Spagetti Spirals, Curried Chicken. They are all now \$3.00.

In Term 3 Toasted Sandwiches are available and Baked Potato's are removed. Sushi only on Wednesdays.

Regards

Tuckshop Committee

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# Spring Fair 2009 Newsletter

Saturday October 24th from 12.00pm to 7.00pm

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The Ironside Spring Fair is a great biennial tradition which is a major fund raiser for the school. Plans are well under way for the 2009 event with exciting rides going into the night, food stalls, children's disco, a stage of entertainment, raffle and a bar for the adults.

## A big thank you

May's Volunteer Meeting was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who attended and volunteered to help with this year's Ironside School Fete. Many wonderful ideas were shared and I am sure this year is going to be the best year ever.

Also, sorry for the delay. As was kindly pointed out by Vivienne Edwards; this year's fete fell on Riverfestival (Sept 12). Thus, we have had to re-think our original strategies and as you many have already heard on the Ironside Grapevine that we have changed the Ironside Fete's date to Oct. 24.

I must admit I have noticed a wonderful "buzzing sound" coming from the Ironside parents in these last few weeks and volunteers are popping up with more and more wonderful ideas. I have begun a list of all Fete Conveners/Aides. However, we still really need people to help us co-ordinate some stalls. Basically, as a stall convener, you would help organize a particular stall. You might like to get together with one or two other people, or form your own stall committee. Full support will be given by the Fete Team. Many of the stalls already have a successful blueprint to follow.

If anybody needs a coffee or has an idea they wish to pursue please feel free to contact myself, Nada or Kym and we will be happy to discuss how to make it happen.

For more information, contact  
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& Kym Caplen 0450921557 or email  
[adrian@adrianshomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianshomes.com.au)

### Committee members:

**Adrian Franchi** - [adrian@adrianshomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianshomes.com.au)  
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**Nada Burt** - [nada.burt@promoseven.com](mailto:nada.burt@promoseven.com)

### All Newsletter items to:

Lisa Dopking [ldopking@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ldopking@bigpond.net.au)

## Positions vacant! Help wanted! Volunteers needed!

We still need convenors for several stalls. Please see the list overleaf. If you would like to assist please contact one of the committee.

### Convenors Meeting

A meeting for all stall convenors will be held on  
Thursday July 23 2009 at  
2 pm in the Staff Room

RSVP to [adrian@adrianshomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianshomes.com.au)

## International Food Stall

All the parents who are interested to help at the International Food Stall are invited to attend a meeting on the Friday 17 July at 2:00 pm in the Staffroom at School.

If you have any queries please contact  
Nada Burt on 0431 572 468 or e-mail  
[nada.burt@promoseven.com](mailto:nada.burt@promoseven.com)

If you have any suggestion for the day please contact one of the committee with your ideas.

## Does anybody have any marketing or graphic design experience?

# POSITION VACANT!

We are looking for the

**"Vice Chief Executive to the President in  
charge of Marketing & Design"**

This is your chance to make a difference!

## Excellent Remuneration

(ehh well.....a good pat on the back and a good night's sleep....)

All applications to [adrian@adrianshomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianshomes.com.au)

All raffle and sponsorship queries to:

[adrian@adrianshomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianshomes.com.au)

## 2009 Raffle and Sponsorships

We are also looking for donations and sponsors for this year's Fair – If your business or you know of a business that would like to support our raffle or to sponsor a stall or ride with goods or cash to subsidise costs please contact Adrian. In return the business will be given exposure at the fair and in the fair newsletters leading up to the event.

<b>Stalls</b>
2nd Hand Books, Toys, Clothes & Bric-a-Brac
Art Competition
Bar
BBQ
Cakes, Sweets, & Biscuits
Champagne & Oysters
Chocolate Wheel
Cookbook
Craft
Disco & Glow stick Sales
Face painting, Tattoos, & hairdos
Fresh Produce, Strawberries & Cream & Coffee
Guitar Hero/Wii
Ice cream & Drinks
International Food Stall
Karaoke
Little Kids Games
Lucky Bags
Older children's Games
Play dough
Popcorn
Raffle
Sports Carnival/Physical Entertainment - Egg & Spoon etc.
Stage & Live Events Co-ord
Wristband -Sales on the day
Wristbands -Pre-sale of Rides