

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

TEACHER STRIKE-CANCELLED

Please be advised that the proposed Industrial Action by teachers planned for August 5 will not go ahead.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Max Yang who topped Year 7 in Queensland in the recent UNSW Science Competition. Congratulations to Jack Radford-Smith who was selected to represent Metropolitan West District in Football.

EKKA HOLIDAY

Wednesday 12 August is a Public Holiday for Brisbane Schools as it is "People's Day at the Royal Brisbane Show" and Thursday 13 August is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be involved in professional development on the Pupil Free Day. Please make alternate arrangements for your children for these **two days**.

STUDENT SICKNESS

The flu season has hit, and we have had many children away sick this week. Thank you to parents for keeping your children at home if they are not well. If children become sick during the day we will contact parents so that they can be collected.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS – THE BACKBONE OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUT WHAT A SMALL NUMBER!

We now have 780 students attending our school. We know that our school is one that is sought after by parents and each week we have to advise parents that we are unable to take their children. We also know that our parents have high expectations for what the school delivers and the standard of our learning environments. We are working hard to capitalise on State and Federal funding to provide our students with quality facilities. Current projects include the provision of a covered veranda to the Year 4 Block and building in the undercroft of D Block (below the Prep classes).

Members of our P&C have been working extremely hard – applying for grants to provide funds for the redevelopment of the swimming pool. At this week's meeting they also approved spending close to \$30,000 on the purchase of the latest interactive whiteboards for our classrooms so that all students have the latest technology to assist their learning.

We also have a small but very hardworking Fete Committee working hard to maximise the capacity of this year's fete to raise funds for our school. We are most fortunate in having parents volunteer to assist in classrooms, help out at Tuckshop, take on the role of Parent Representatives, School Council Members and members of the Australian and Overseas Family network and provide support at Sporting and Music events. While the work of these hard working volunteers is enormously appreciated and all students benefit from the work they do, their numbers are really quite small considering our enrolment.

Could I ask you to consider what you as a parent contribute to our school and how can we as a school community best utilise the collective wisdom and skills of our parent group. As always I am very open to your ideas and suggestions but also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank on behalf of us all, the small but committed groups of parents who give so generously of their time to benefit ALL our students.

Patricia Neate
Principal

Important Dates:

Thursday 6 August : 'Jazzin up the Hall' 7:00 pm
Tuesday 11 August: Sausage Sizzle Prep to Year 3
Wednesday 12 August: Public Holiday
Friday 14 August: Sausage Sizzle Year 4 to 7

Monday 10 August: Tuckshop Closed
Tuesday 11 August: Prep—Year 3 Sports Day
Thursday 13 August: Pupil Free Day

Year 7 Graduation

Please note that our next Graduation Meeting has been changed and will now be held at 9:00 am, Friday 31 July at St Lucia Golf Club. Hope to see you there so that we can all help to make this year's Graduation a great success

If you are free on the 11th and 14th August we would appreciate your help with the sale of the Sausage Sizzle and Noodles at the School Tuckshop. Please contact Nada Burt or e-mail nada.burt@promoseven.com

Japanese Club Charity Bazaar

The Japanese Club of Brisbane will open their charity bazaar on Saturday 1 August at Indooroopilly State High School. We provide Japanese food, drink, books, videotapes, clothes and groceries. You can play several Japanese games as well.

German Immersion Program

The response for our German Immersion Program for 2010 has been strong. There are however a number of places still available for interested Students commencing Year 8 next year. Application forms and further information are available from Kenmore State High School. Interested families can contact our Admin Officer on 3327 1538.

News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath



MUSIC NEWS

Diary Dates for Term 3:

- Thanks parents for supporting last night's 'Sounds of Strings' concert. Congratulations to Instrumental Music Teachers, Trudy Weekes and Becky Seymour and to all the students in the String programme for a wonderful musical evening. Thanks to the P&C for providing refreshments in the OASIS to showcase our new lights before the concert.
- Tuesday 4 August - Friends of Music Committee meeting in the Staffroom at 2:30 pm. Come along and share ideas on how you can support Ironside's Instrumental and Choral Music programmes.
- Thursday 6 August - 'Jazzin' up the Hall' for Junior and Senior Concert Bands at 7:00 pm with special guests, the Corinda State High School Big Band. Please bring your own drinks and picnic style dinner. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Hall. If you are able to assist in setting up the Hall after 3:00 pm on Thursday 6 August, please contact me on 3258 3111. Thanks!
- Thursday 20 August - "Choral Soiree" in the Hall at 7:00 pm

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK MEETING

Thank you to the parents who attended last Monday's afternoon tea and school Assembly. At Assembly, a cheque to the value of \$1725 was presented to Professor Jenny Batch and Helen Kearney from the Department of Endocrinology at the Royal Children's Hospital and another cheque to the value of \$1725 was presented to Mr Salut Muhidin representing the Dilts Foundation which helps the street kids of Jakarta. A total of \$3450 had been raised at the Term 2 International Breakfast. Thanks once again to the Ironside Community for your great support of this special event.

THE ARTS

So You Think You Can Be Creative, Ironside?

During Term 3, students who are interested have been invited to participate in a lunch time activity called 'So You Think You Can Be Creative, Ironside?' This is a school competition to help promote the Year of Creativity. Students in Years 4-7 will have their heats first and this will be followed with heats for Prep-Year 3. The items may involve music, dance, drama, animation, video, photography, art, sculpture, or anything creative and must be no longer than 5 minutes and must be safe, sensible, fun and of course entertaining. Students who have signed up to participate will bring home a confirmation form showing the date and time for their performance.

Nexus Theatre Visit

This term sees the Nexus Theatre visiting Ironside with its production of 'Aladdin' on Wednesday 2 September at 1:15 pm. All classes with the exception of Year 4 who have an excursion to the Railway Museum booked and Year 7C have a Science afternoon already booked with Indooroopilly SHS will be attending. Cost per student will be \$4 and will be included in the Term 3 Invoice.

FIRE UNIT VISIT

On Friday 31 July, staff from the Taringa Fire and Rescue Unit will be visiting the Year One staff and students. The Taringa staff will be speaking about fire safety with the students and they will also give the students the opportunity in seeing how a fire engine works. Unfortunately last Friday's visit was postponed and they will be suggesting another date for this term.

PREP - YEAR 3 SPORTS DAY

Date: Tuesday 11 August

Time: From 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Venue: Ironside Oval/Hall

The students will be participating in a Tabloid Sports Carnival which is designed to engage children in physical challenges, a positive social experiences, success and enjoyment. It is a sports event that invites children to experience a variety of fun activities that encourages skill development, problem solving, fitness, perseverance and cooperation using normal and modified equipment.

The students will be divided into one of the following groups;

Flinders - also known as the Red Rabbits

Oxley - also known as the Blue Whales

Cook - also known as the Green Frogs

Sturt - also known as the Golden Geese

Newsletter

Please note that there will be no Newsletter for Week 5, due to the Ekka holidays on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 July.

Administration Staff

Year 5 Coffee

Afternoon

All Year 5 parents are invited to meet for coffee and a chat from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm on Tuesday 4th August at the St Lucia Golf Club.

**Margaret Henderson,
Shobha Rooney, Nada Burt
and Vivienne Edwards**

Important Tuckshop News

Monday 10 Aug

Tuckshop closed. No food for morning tea or lunch.

Tuesday 11 Aug

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Wednesday 12 Aug

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Pupil Free Day - No School.

Friday 14 Aug

Tuckshop Closed. No Morning Tea. Year 4—7 noodles or sausage sizzle for lunch—pre-ordered only.

The Tabloid Sports Carnival will conclude around 12:30 pm and this will be followed by running races for the Prep students on the Oval. After lunch from 2:00 pm, there will be running races on the Oval for Years 1, 2 and 3.

The Prep-3 Sports Day is a fun day with all students receiving a certificate at the end of the day. There are no trophies or ribbons presented to the students. Please do not telephone the office asking for a specific time that your child is participating as they are involved all day with the exception of the Prep students who will finish the programme at 1:00 pm.

I am also arranging to have a coffee van available for parents to purchase drinks from during the day.

News from the Guidance Officer

Cyber Bullying

Bullying comes in many forms but one of the most sinister forms is through technology (the internet or mobile phones) in the form of MSM messaging, emails, Facebook etc.

Psychologist Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg a founding member of the National Centre for Bullying, works for Beyond Blue, and has been called upon to help counsel the students from the Melbourne school cope with in the latest loss of life through cyber bullying.

Dr. Carr-Gregg states that cyber bullying is worse than school yard bullying as it can continue 24/7. Of concern is the fact that the bully, because he/she doesn't need to see the victim, enables the bullying to be often more intense, more frequent and far more damaging. Cyber bullying is difficult to get away from as the youth of today is often very deeply dependent on mobile-phones and computers to develop or increase their social network. Banning this technology would be seen as 'social death' to the young person.

Here are some ideas to help support your child/adolescent:

- Talk to your child about bullying – ask them if it has or is happening to them either face to face or through the mobile or internet. If it is happening act now.
- Supervise your child's internet and mobile usage (with teenagers this may be more difficult but as children need 8.25 to 9.25 hours of good sleep each night encourage the mobile to be turned off and left outside the bedroom.
- Limit internet usage. Where possible have the computer in a public area.
- Watch for changes in your child's behaviour – Are they withdrawn or not themselves? Are they sad/ tearful/angry/ not enjoying things they may have once enjoyed? Is school work affected? These factors may indicate depression. The behaviours may also indicate that your child is unwell.

As bullies thrive on secrecy, if you know that your child is being bullied, report your concerns to the school.

Michael Carr-Gregg states that to help children be resilient:

- They need to have an adult in their life with whom they feel safe and comfortable to discuss their concerns.
- Children need to learn social and emotional skills – both at home and at school.
- Provide a balanced life for your child – school is one part of their life. Involve them also in the arts, music, sport, leisure.
- Teach your child to self-talk positively – it's just as easy to say something nice about yourself as it is to put yourself down.

Provide spiritual awareness – being connected to something/someone that transcends this world often helps with people to cope with problems.

If you need more help on this issue, these numbers may be useful (1) Lifeline 131114, (2) Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or (3) speak to the Guidance Officer at your School.

Adapted from Michael Carr Gregg's Radio Conversation 22/7/09

ABC radio interview http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/612_morning/index.html

Year Six News

As part of the year of creativity 6A has had a focus on creative writing. Here are two examples of narrative orientations from our class.

One white winter morning on the freezing cold outskirts of London sat a mansion with a roof just peaking over the tall pine trees. A small girl sat inside staring in boredom over the snow-capped mountains. "Kaycee," her mother called from two floors below, "time for lunch." Kaycee's mother owned a sweet harmonious voice, which always sounded like blue birds singing on a summer's morning.

Channon Wilkie, 6A

Once upon a time there was a princess called Snow White. Only, she wasn't beautiful. Actually she was really ugly. She had black, dirty hair and always wore her motorcycle jacket. Snow White lived in an old, shattered house, which looked as though a bomb had hit it. The outside was made of old tree trunks and the inside was a pig sty. Everything was just thrown everywhere, as though it had no place, which it didn't.

Chelsea Clark, 6A

Fete Help Needed

Position vacant! Urgent Help Wanted. Volunteers needed!

We still need conveners for several stalls.

Urgently Needed:

Executive Committee—Marketing Person

Fete Program Convener

If you would like to assist please contact Nada at nada.burt@promoseven.com as soon as possible.

Adrain Franchi

Shop Rosters

Date	Tuckshop	
Mon	3/8	Grace Van Baarle, Julia Ryan
Tues	4/8	Lisa Thomas, Nicci Wackwitz, Nikki Beresford
Wed	5/8	Nada Burt, Lydia Wu
Thurs	6/8	Emily Dickson, Trix Eagle, Shobha Rooney

Date	Homebake	
Mon	3/8	Charmaine Paiva, Sue Marshall
Tues	4/8	Nicola Seaton, Sandy Smart
Wed	5/8	Kylie McNaught
Thurs	6/8	Trisha Meehan, Kathy Lathauras

TERM 3 STATEMENTS will go home this week. Please note the due date for payments is August 19. Please pay overdue amounts as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Administration Staff



Tuckshop News

Show Week 3 to 6 August

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Regards

Tuckshop Committee

2009 IRONSIDE FETE CONVENERS LIST

STALL INTEREST	CLASS REPS	CONVENER	CLASS	E.MAIL CONTACT DETAILS	PHONE
Little Kids Games	Melissa Lennon & Lisa Behrens	Lisa Thomas	PREP A	jazbow@gmail.com	3371 5404
Little Kids Games	Lisa Thomas	Lisa Thomas	PREP B	jazbow@gmail.com	3371 5404
Little Kids Games	Alison Cormack-Thompson	Lisa Thomas	PREP C	jazbow@gmail.com	3371 5404
Little Kids Games	Odette Kelly	Lisa Thomas	PREP D	jazbow@gmail.com	3371 5404
Choc Wheel	Karen Amos and Celia Wickeremaskera	Karen Amos	1A	keamos1@gmail.com	
Art Competition	Heather Corder and Heather Mather	Heather Mather & Jacqui Vial	1B	ghmather@bigpond.com or jacquivial@yahoo.com.au	3371 3474 or 0416 251 319
Coffee Stall, Produce, Strawberry & Cream	Gabby Elliot and Catriona Labram	Gabby Elliot	1C	theelliotts@tpg.com.au	3870 8115
	Kate Ochre and Tracey Evans		1/2D		
	Miranda Dunning and Sonya Winter		1E		
Raffle & Prizes	Sandra Smart	Stephanie Twigg	2A	stephanie@arc rehab.com.au	32178317
Raffle & Prizes	Maria Clark and Lucy Paul	Stephanie Twigg	2B		
Second Hand Books, Clothes, Toys & Bric a Brac	Amanda Henderson	Andrej Panjkov	3A	a.panjkov@uq.net.au	3356 7524/ 0417 551 435
BBQ	Sue Boulton		3B	susiek@bigpond.com	3371 2229/ 0418 347 426
Cakes, Biscuits, Lollies, Sweets	Gabby Elliot and Marg Rackermann	Marg Rackermann	3C	rackemann@bigpond.com.au	3371 9010/ 0427 227 166
Coffee Stall, Produce, Strawberry & Cream	Kylie McNaught	Gabby Elliot	3D	theelliotts@tpg.com.au	3870 8115
Wristband Pre-Sales	Vivienne Edwards	Vivienne Edwards	4A	vredwards@optus.com.au	3870 9090
Lucky Bags	Christine Todd	Christine Todd	4B	todcm@bigpong.net.au	0418 871 939
Lucky Bags	Dominique Schuetz and Nikki Wackwitz	Christine Todd	4C	as above	as above
Second Hand Books, Clothes, Toys & Bric a Brac	Andrej Panjkob	Andrej Panjkov	4D	a.panjkov@uq.net.au	3356 7524/ 0417 551 435
International Food	Margaret Henderson	Nada Burt	5A	nada.burt@promoseven.com	0431 572 468
Cakes, Biscuits, Lollies, Sweets	Shobha Rooney	Anne Matthew	5B	annemathew@optusnet.com.au	040 119 3343
International Food	Nada Burt	Nada Burt	5C	nada.burt@promoseven.com	0431 572 468
International Food	Vivienne Edwards	Nada Burt	5D	nada.burt@promoseven.com	0431 572 468
Older Childrens Games	Carolyn Biddle and Mandy Ridley	Carolyn Biddle & Caroline Hines	6A	jandcbiddle@ozemail.com.au	3870 1381
Older Childrens Games	Susan Gibson and Pearl Wijesooriya	Carolyn Biddle & Caroline Hines	6B	or	
Older Childrens Games	Caroline Hines	Carolyn Biddle & Caroline Hines	6C	hinesfamily5@bigpond.com	3876 1770/0409 062 392
Older Childrens Games	Catriona Labrom	Carolyn Biddle & Caroline Hines	6D	see above	
Stage Entertainment, Talent Quest, Karoke	Fiona Fitzpatrick	Kim Caplan	7A	kym.caplen@bigpond.com	0450 921 557
Stage Entertainment, Talent Quest, Karoke	Shirley Glaister and Fiona Fitzpatrick	Kim Caplan	7B	kym.caplen@bigpond.com	0450 921 557
Stage Entertainment, Talent Quest, Karoke	Kim Caplan and Jenny Cassidy	Kim Caplan	7C	kym.caplen@bigpond.com	0450 921 557
Stage Entertainment, Talent Quest, Karoke	Lydia Hsieh	Kim Caplan	7D	kym.caplen@bigpond.com	0450 921 557
OTHER INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEERS					
Cook Book Revamp - Opportunity	Kim Chaplan, Anne Matthews	Anne Matthew		annemathew@optusnet.com.au	
Wristbands on Day	Lisa Behrens	Lisa Behrens			0403 536 155
Tattoos and Nail Art	Tracey Jenkinson & Julie Bulgarelli	Tracey Jenkinson		jenkoes@hotmail.com	0435 068 100
Quilled Cards/Dichronic Pendants/Jewellery	Nicole Lathouras	Nicole Lathouras	1B	Nicole.Lathouras@corum.com.au	0414 247 919
Soft Drinks & Chips	St. Lucia Kindy				
Sports Carnival - Egg & Spoon etc.		After School Care - Kia			
Disco, Guitar Hero Competition, Glowsticks	Grant Keenan and Alea Burt	Grant Keenan		gkkeenan@yahoo.com.au	0450 135 552 or 3878 6609
Art Competition		Jacqui Vial		jacquivial@yahoo.com.au	0416 251 319
Playdough, Plaster Moulds	Melissa Lennon	Melissa Lennon	PREP A		0402 301 677 or 3870 3606
Bar	Steve Burt	Steve Burt			0431 572 468
Plants	Trisha Neehan	Trisha Neehan		neehan@uq.edu.au	0408 462 497 or 3876 0594