

# Ironside State School

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

## Prep Interviews

Mrs Ruddick McGrath has been very busy interviewing our 2010 Prep children and their families during the past few weeks. It is a wonderful service that our school offers families and I know it takes a great deal of time, but these face to face interviews create a very positive and welcoming first impression of our school and are most important in gathering data about children's readiness for school. Thanks so much Mrs RM!!

## P&C Meeting

The monthly P&C Meeting was held on Tuesday evening. A big thank you to the parents who attend and always put up their hands to undertake work for our school! There is much excitement about our forthcoming fete!

The P&C approved the appointment of an Artist in Residence for 2010. This teacher will be paid for from parents' contributions and will provide students in the Early Years with specialised art lessons on a regular basis. We are hoping that the area under D Block (The Prep and Year 1 rooms) will be outfitted as a dedicated art room.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Term 3 Parent Teacher Meetings are presently being conducted. It is important that all parents avail themselves of the opportunity to meet their child's teacher. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who use their own time to conduct these meetings.

## Lost Property

Now that the hot weather is upon us, it is a good time to ensure that your child's winter school clothing is laundered and put away for next year. We have an enormous amount of clothing in our lost property bin and some of our parent volunteers are investing a lot of their time, sorting through the clothes and attempting to locate their owners. While I am very appreciative of their efforts, I don't think that their valuable time should be taken up with this task. So parents, please ensure that you have all your child's belongings at home and check out our lost property bin.

## Upcoming Events

28 August	Interschool Sport Commences
29 August	Graceville State School's Fete
6 September	Fathers Day
14 September	STEM Forum at QASMT
16 September	School Science Day
17 September	Study Tour leaves for Japan!

## Important Dates:

**Friday 28 August:** Interschool Sport Commences

**Saturday 29 August:** Graceville State School Fete

**Wednesday 9 September:** ICAL information night 7:00 pm

## Graceville State School Fete

Please support the  
Graceville State School  
Fete on Saturday 29 August  
from 8:30am onwards.

### Chess Club

The next tournament will be held on Thursday, 3 September, 2009 at Brothers Junior League Club at Albion. Should any students still be interested in attending, please have forms back to the office by Monday 31st August or give them to the Chess Coach Lindsey on that Monday. Should any students need permission forms these are available from the office

Dianne Harrower  
Chess Coach

chess



## Toowong Scout Group

The Toowong Milton Taringa Scout Group is having its annual mulch drive and will **deliver bags of mulch and fertiliser to your door.** For order forms call Christine on 0418871939. Delivery on the 12th of September.



### Music

Our music teacher, Mrs Hay is taking a few weeks Long Service Leave and Mrs Carol Wild will take her classes until the end of the term. Year 6 teacher, Ms Maher returns from leave next week. Thanks so much to Mr Blanchard Claridge for doing such a great job with 6D.

*Patricia Neate*  
*Principal*

## News from Mrs Ruddick-McGrath

### THE ARTS

- Tuesday 8 September – Intermediate and Senior String Orchestra workshop at Ironside
- Thursday 10 September – Senior Concert Band workshop at Ironside
- “Aladdin” performance in the Hall on Wednesday 2 September from 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

### THANK YOU IRONSIDE P&C

Many thanks once again to the P&C for organising refreshments in the OASIS and several raffles for the Music Department for the Term 3 evening music events. A special thanks to the St Lucia Golf Club for donating a voucher to the value of \$50. Congratulations to the Jenkinson family who won the gift basket and to Mrs Marion Birchley who won the \$50 voucher.

### ‘So You Think you Can Be Creative, Ironside?’

The heats for Prep-Year 3 started on Wednesday and will be held until Friday 4 September. It was wonderful seeing the younger students performing on the stage in front of quite a large audience.

### JAPAN STUDY TOUR

Thank you to the families who attended last night’s meeting and were able to see the student performance. Congratulations to the students as their performance is looking great. Thanks must go to the staff who have been giving up many hours of their time to rehearse the students. This performance is a vital part of the Study Tour programme as there is a special Welcome Ceremony at each of the three schools we visit. Thank you to the following parents Joan Schubert, Kym Caplan, Nada Burt, Lydia Wu, Wendy Plunkett, Lisa Dopking, Amanda Perry and Ros Grant who have offered to be part of the Phone Tree when we are in Japan. Information will be sent home to all families before we depart for Japan on Thursday 17 September. Also thanks to Lydia Wu who will be purchasing the coloured ribbons for the suitcases for all the participants.

### SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Forty families have been randomly selected to complete the 2009 School Survey for Education Queensland. The parent survey has been undertaken in all Queensland schools since 1998 and has been developed for use on an annual basis to assist schools with the collection of opinion information for use in monitoring and accountability processes. If you are one of the selected families, could you please complete the survey and return in the sealed envelope to the main office by tomorrow, Friday 28 August, 2009. Thanking you in advance for completing this important survey.

### PARKING AROUND IRONSIDE

Please be considerate of our Ironside neighbours when parking in the vicinity of Ironside State School.

## Shopping Centre Classroom Cash

Our School is taking part in the Classroom Cash promotion. For every \$10.00 spend \$1.00 will be credited to our School. Please take your shopping dockets of \$50.00 or more to the Indooroopilly Shopping Centre Information Desk and nominate our School.

## Lost Property

Please name all items brought to school with Surname or Family name. The Uniform Shop Volunteers endeavor to return lost items to you but there still remains many un-named items in the box.

## Play In The Park

All families are invited to come along for a play in the park at Perrin Park every Friday afternoon (weather permitting) after School.

This is a great way for new parents and children to get to know existing families.

We hope to see you there too.

Helen Lunn



## READING AWARD

Congratulations to Year 1A student, Nandish Singh who participated in the Gold Star Reading Challenge organised by the Brisbane City Council. Nandish received a certificate and medal from Cr Jane Prentice.



## RSPCA TO VISIT

As part of the 'Year of Creativity' and in conjunction with the 2009 Spring Fair, Ironside will be having an Art Competition. Information about the Art Competition was sent home early this week. The selected theme for the competition is 'Wildlife.' To help inspire the students, a guest speaker from the RSPCA spoke to the Prep to Year 3 students at Assembly on Monday 24 August and will speak with the Year 4-7 students on Monday 31 August at Assembly commencing at 2:30 pm in the Hall. Thanks once again to Year 1B parents, Heather Mather and Heather Corder for coordinating the Art Competition.

*Janice Ruddick-McGrath*  
*Deputy Principal*

## News from Mr Knights

### Sports

Interschool sport commences this week. I wish all students the very best of luck. With the weather getting hotter please ensure that you have a drink bottle, sunscreen and your hat.

### Lost Property

Bursting at the seams would be a fitting description of the lost property box at the moment. If you have lost an item of clothing please make sure you have a look. The lost property box will be cleared out on Monday.

I would like to thank all of the Uniform Shop volunteers who have been doing a fantastic job reuniting lost property with its owners.

### ICALe 2010

You should have received a letter detailing the Year 6 ICALe laptop class for 2010. In the coming weeks a letter will be sent home to all year 5 students who may wish to nominate for the class. A parent information night will be held on Wednesday 9 September at 7:00 pm to outline the full details of the class. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

### UNSW

We have completed the UNSW test for 2009. As results come through all certificates will be send home for students to file.

*Adam Knights*  
*Deputy Principal*

## Year 5 News

### Year 5's Reverse Garbage Workshops

Some words from our Year 5 students...

#### **A recount of the day:**

On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, the year 5 students learnt how lots of things can be recycled, reduced and reused; for example, making a pencil holder out of recycled wood, a jewellery holder out of plastic and a mobile from wood, fabric, elastic, a shift key and even a shoe horn.



A lady came to the school called Bronwyn and talked about sustaining our precious environment! She came from a place called Reverse Garbage where they encourage people to use recycled objects, rather than buying new things. Recycling, reducing and reusing are great ways to save our environment. When we were making the objects, we used things like the hot glue gun and PVA glue to stick things together!

On that day we had so much fun creating new objects, some that were fascinating and even quirky! We had a very fun filled and successful day where we had a big chance to be creative!



**By Harriet Lancaster and Senjuti Maitra**

Plastic paper, wood and other materials from factories are all used at reverse garbage. On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August all of the Year 5 classes experienced a session with Reverse Garbage, where they made useful and creative things out of leftover materials. We made many things including piggybanks, pencil holders and much more. We learnt that to reduce our ecological footprint we need to reuse and recycle.

**India Paul, Emma Downes and Ruby Pandolfi**

**What did we learn?**

During the Reverse Garbage Workshop we learnt that you can reuse garbage and leftover materials to make useful objects, such as pencil holders and earring holders. We learnt that this can reduce our impact on the environment and that by reducing waste we can reduce our ecological footprint. What a sustainable day!



**Emma Van Baarle, Shadid Ahmed and Lili Wackwitz**

**What did we like?**

I liked Reverse Garbage because the organisers taught us how creations can be made from garbage. I used three containers, some wool, plastic eyes, cardboard and a roll of bandage to make a very creative accessories box. It was good to get out of the classroom and be creative with rubbish.

**Saishnee Moodley**



**Shop Rosters**

**Date Tuckshop**

Mon	31/8	Muriel Chieh, Alyson Bates
Tues	1/9	Lisa Thomas, Nikki Beresford, Nicci Wackwitz
Wed	2/9	Nada Burt, Lydia Wu, Ling Ge
Thurs	3/9	Emily Dickson, Trix Eagle, Shobha Rooney

**Date Homebake**

Mon	31/8	Genevieve Bruce, Kathy Clarkson
Tues	1/9	Nicola Seaton, Sandy Smart
Wed	2/9	Kylie McNaught
Thurs	3/9	Trisha Meehan, Kathy Lathauras



**Tuckshop Committee**

**STATEMENTS**

Please note that Term fees were due on 19 August 2009. Could you please make the payment as soon as possible if you have not done so yet.

The office does not keep any change so please ensure that the correct money is in the envelope if you pay in cash.



# Spring Fair 2009 Newsletter



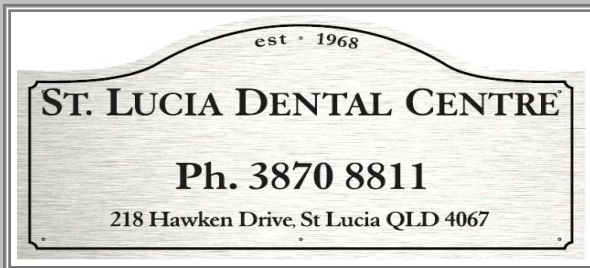
Saturday, October 24th from 1.00pm to 7.00pm

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The Ironside Spring Fair is a great biennial tradition which is a major fundraiser for the School. Plans are well underway for the 2009 event with exciting rides, food stalls, a children's disco, a stage of entertainment, raffles and a bar for the adults.

## Thank you to our first Sponsors

### Gold



### Silver



### Bronze



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BOOK STALL!

We need the following in good saleable condition:  
BOOKS, CDS, DVDS, BOARD GAMES, MAGAZINES,  
SOFTWARE. Please leave your donations in the BLUE  
AND RED SPRING FAIR WHEELIE BIN  
near the swimming pool entrance or  
Call Andrej 0417 551 435 (leave a message, please).

Email: [A.Panjkov@uq.net.au](mailto:A.Panjkov@uq.net.au)

**Thank you for your support!**

## **We now have the following events:**

- Raffle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Books
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Toys
- BAR
- "The Stage"
- BBQ
- Cakes Sweets & Jams
- Strawberries & Cream
- Coffee & Cakes
- Cookbook
- Produce
- Art Competition
- Pop Corn
- Balloon art
- Ice Cream
- Nail & Tattoo stall
- Guitar Hero & Wii
- Hoops over bottles
- International Food
- Disco
- Kids games
- Lucky bags
- Plants stall
- Sports carnival
- Swimming carnival
- Chocolate Wheel
- Drinks & Chips
- Face Painting
- Rides

**We are still looking for more sponsors!**  
**By supporting our School your business will**  
**have exposure and be appreciated!**

### Spring Fair Contacts:

**Adrian Franchi:** [adrian@adrianhomes.com.au](mailto:adrian@adrianhomes.com.au)  
mobile 0421 946 637

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**Kym Caplen:** [kym.caplen@bigpond.com](mailto:kym.caplen@bigpond.com)  
mobile 0450 921 557

**The countdown is on: 8 weeks to go!!!**

If you have any articles that you need to put in the Fete's Newsletter, please forward them to Maria Segaram at: [msegaram@yahoo.com](mailto:msegaram@yahoo.com) by no later than the Sunday prior to the publishing of the School's Newsletter.

Do you live on a Main Road?  
Can you put a Fete sign in your front yard?  
Attach it to a fence or the likes.....  
We are getting them made and need to  
know how many!  
If you can, please let the  
Fete committee know

**We are now looking for performers for  
“The Stage”...**

If you want to show off your talent in music,  
dance, singing or entertaining, please contact:  
**Kym Caplen: [kym.caplen@bigpond.com](mailto:kym.caplen@bigpond.com)**  
mobile 0450 921 557  
for auditions and further information.

## Art Competition

All students have received the Art Competition information/entry forms this week.

If you wish to enter the competition  
make sure you have your entry form to  
your teacher by 4th September.

Prizes will be Myer vouchers for each  
year,  
Prep to Year 7

*First - \$50, Second - \$30, Third - \$20*

All artwork will be displayed at the Spring  
Fair with winners announced on the day.

**Reminder:**

Convener's meeting, Thursday 27 August @  
2:00 p.m. in the Staff Room

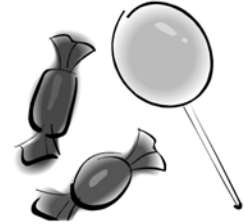
## **Spring Fair Lucky Bag Stall**

### **We Need Your Donations!**

Please help us reach our target of 800 lucky bags for the  
Spring Fair. You can donate any of the following.

**Sealed small bags:**

Biscuits  
Chips, Twisties, etc.  
Popcorn, rice snacks



**Wrapped lollies:**

Bags of minties, lollypops, lifesavers, redskins, etc.  
All lollies must be individually wrapped NO  
chocolate please, as it melts in the HOT weather.

**Small drinks (sealed):**

Poppers  
Pop-top juices, sports drinks  
Cans of soft drinks

**Individually wrapped healthy snacks:**

Eg: small boxes of dried fruit  
Fruit sticks, cereal bars, etc.

**New novelty items (no second hand please):**

Rubbers, pens, pencils, stickers  
Hair accessories, jewellery, toys etc.

All items can be placed in boxes located in your child's class-  
room. Thank you so much for your help and generosity.

Any queries, please contact **Christine Tod: 0418 871 939**

## **HAY BALES**

Do you know where we can get some for the Fete day?  
Please let us know - The Fete committee