

IRONSIDE STATE SCHOOL

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A Message from the Principal:

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Dear Parents

STAFF

Welcome to our new Strings Teacher, Ms Stacey Bolton who commenced at school on Thursday.

CURRICULUM

I'm looking forward to our SMARTS DAY next Wednesday and thank parents who are giving up their time to share their special skills with the students.

SPORT

Congratulations to the students who received certificates for their achievement and effort during the recent Interschool Sports Program. Sincere thanks are also extended to the staff who trained and managed the students and parents for their help and support.

- This week and next week, year level athletics days are being held on the oval. Students are encouraged to wear coloured shirts to represent their house colours:

● Cook	Green	Oxley	Blue
● Flinders	Red	Sturt	Gold

Please note that the Years 4 to 7 Track Events will be held at UQ on Friday 13th July.

Special thanks to PE Teacher, Ms Sarah Walters for all the enormous work she has put into organising our school's sporting program this semester.

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child misplaced school jackets or lunch boxes? Please look in the lost property bin near the tuckshop. There is a huge range of quality clothing, hats and lunch boxes. Items will be displayed during the next few days and anything still remaining at the end of term will be recycled through the uniform store or given to charity. Parents please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named!

REPORTS

Semester One report cards will be issued on Thursday 21st June. Parents will notice that there are more teacher comments on these reports, which have been developed by Education Queensland and will be used by all schools this semester. Please note that upon request, the school will provide parents with written information that clearly shows a child's achievement in a key learning area in comparison to his or her peer group. This means that if your child received a B for English, you can be informed of the number of students in the year level who also received a B. Parents can access this information by contacting the class teacher or the school's administration team.

Patricia Neate, Principal

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Thank you once again to the Ironside families who contributed towards the success of the International Breakfast on Friday 1 June. Also, a big thank you to the families who donated the food on the day and to Woolworths at Indooroopilly who kindly donated \$100 towards the cost of plates, cutlery etc. I am so pleased to announce that a profit of \$3216.35 was made and will be included in the Year 7 charity donation for 2007. The charity is the school in Kibera in Kenya.

YEAR ONE 2008 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

An information session for Year One 2008 parents will be held on Wednesday 20th June in the School Hall commencing at 6.30 pm with light refreshments.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

As part of the Active School Travel programme, teachers have been collecting data this term for 'Travelling Today on Tuesday.' The data shows the number of students in each class who Walk, Bus, Cycle or Car Pool to school on a Tuesday. The class winner for Term 2 will be announced at the first Assembly in Term 3. In Term 3, I will be collecting data each Monday and would like to invite students to suggest a catchy title for the Monday data collection day. Students can leave their suggestion at the main office by Friday 22 June. All entries will be judged by a representative from the Brisbane City Council.

Janice Ruddick-McGrath, Deputy Principal

UNSW COMPUTER RESULTS

Congratulations to all students in Years 4 to 7 who completed in the University of New South Wales Computer Skills Test. Results have been received and the students excelled this year with 19 High Distinctions, 83 Distinctions, 80 Credits and 176 Participation Certificates. Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Certificates at the Senior Assembly next Monday.

Year 4 Samantha Kitson, Jonathon Woods, Mitee Parekh, Jordan Paiva, Rusil Wickramasekera

Year 5 Sherwan Raeside, Lara Matthews, Bhanuka Dissanayake, Cherry Liang

Year 6 Erik Turunen, Famin Ahmed, Andrew Haselgrove, Emma Elliott, Duncan Nicol

Year 7 Justin Goldizen, Emma Nicol, Cameron Barnes, Dion Loetscher, Margie Dickson

UNSW ENGLISH TEST

Parents are also reminded that next Tuesday 19 June is the University of New South Wales English Competition for students in Years 4 to 7. As the English demands of this test are quite high, some ESL students may wish to be excluded from the test. If you would like your child to be excluded, please complete the letter from Mrs Harwood and return to the ESL department by this Friday 15 June.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At next week's senior Assembly Mrs Neate will be presenting awards to students in Years 4 to 7 who have achieved outstanding results in Literacy and Numeracy for each class. Other students may also receive special encouragement awards from classroom teachers. Parents are more than welcome to join us for assembly.

YEARS 4 TO 7 FIELD EVENTS

On Wednesday the Year 6 students (11 year olds) participated in the field events of long jump, high jump and shot put. We had some excellent athletes on the day and congratulations to all students and teachers for a great day. Year 5 field events are on Friday 15 June; Year 4 field events are on Monday 18 June and Year 7 field events are on Thursday 21 June. Parents are welcome to come and cheer along their children.

Gayle Clayton, Deputy Principal

Year 5 Writing...

Imagine you're in a ship in the middle of the Indian Ocean. It's howling a gale and you're stuck in a wooden room not much bigger than your house – and you share it with a couple of hundred others! 5B have been learning about Australia's convict history this Term. They had to write a letter imagining they were a convict on board one of the ships in the First Fleet. Here's an excerpt of one of their tales.....

Sydney Cove
31st January 1788

My Dearest Mother and Family,

Oh Ma, I have only been here one week but I'm already wishing I was dead! I arrived last week on The Scarborough – it was dreadful. When I first got onto that ship I didn't know what I had walked into. There were dirty, grimy bodies everywhere and to make it worse there was a bucket for us to use as a toilet!

It was just about impossible to find anyone who was still sane after the first week. We weren't allowed up on deck so we never saw the light of day. Five people died (before we even reached Tenerife) from sea sickness. So many people were ill. If they needed to vomit there was often no place for them to even lie down. The place was so filthy it's no wonder people died.

At Tenerife we stayed on board the ship while the crew loaded food and water into the storage cell next to us. As they were loading food I saw a forgotten barrel lying next to the bars. I quickly grabbed it and squeezed it through the bars. I opened it and guess what it contained? It contained 500 shillings! I have sent you 100 shillings, so spend it well. The only improvement on board so far is that we were able to empty our toilet buckets – a small thing to be grateful for! After they had finished loading up we set sail for another few months. With a little under a month before we reached Rio de Janeiro we were swamped by a huge thunderstorm. It was the worst night of my life. The ship was creaking and groaning the whole night long. The sailors shut the hatch and we were left in the pitch black. People were so ill – it was terrible. When morning finally came we were thankful as the storm had blown out. Sadly we had lost 2 sailors and 5 convicts. We heard that the main sail had been destroyed during the night.

Upon arrival at Rio de Janeiro the sailors got a new sail and picked up some oranges, fresh beef, fruit, and water, wine, rum and spare parts. We spent two weeks at Rio de Janeiro. It was hot in the hold but we got fresh water and fruit. There were lots of different types of fruit, some I had never even seen before. After the two weeks we set sail again with the sun high in the sky and the wind at our backs.

There is still a long way to go and I often wonder what awaits us when we arrive in this strange new place called New Holland.

Lachlan Hinchliff 5B

P&C News...

The end of the Financial Year is near. If you would like to claim your Voluntary Contribution in this Tax year please forward your donation now. Reminder letters will be sent out to families soon. Extra Contribution forms can be collected from the school office.

AGM Date Claimer

The P & C's Financials for 2006 have now been returned from the Auditor and the Date for the AGM has been set down for Tuesday 17th July 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Staffroom.

JAPAN STUDY TOUR

Passports can be collected from the main office.
Final Payment is required by the end of the term. A letter will be forwarded to the students this week.

Chess News...

Come and learn chess or learn some mean new moves. Learning chess tactics and strategy is a great way to begin the week. And on top of that it develops concentration and thinking skills.

Each term there is a chess competition that all students can enter, from novice to experienced – it's a fun day playing kids from all over Brisbane.

Next term we're going for two classes, a junior class and a senior class. If we increase our current numbers by only two students we qualify for two teachers.

So kids if you're already in the Chess Club, tell your friends about it and perhaps your parents can take turns dropping you off to make it easy and fun to get to chess.

The Chess Club is open to all students from Years 1 to 7. It meets on Monday mornings at 7.45 am, in C Block.

Please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and Gardiner Chess, who supply the teachers, will invoice you directly.

Monday 16th July to Monday 17th September, 7.45 am
For more information contact Honor Morton at
honor.morton@optusnet.com.au

HPE News...

The Years 4 - 7 Athletics Program is as follows

Field Events:

Venue: Ironside State School

Dates: Friday, 15th June Year 5 Boys and Girls
Monday, 18th June Year 4 Boys and Girls
Thursday, 21st June Year 7 Boys and Girls

Program: Start 8:50am – 1.05pm Finish

8:50 - 10:00	Girls' high jump	Boys' long jump
10:00 - 10:15	Morning Tea Break	
10:15 - 1:05	Girls' shot put	Boys' high jump
	Girls' long jump	Boys' shot put

Congratulations to all Year 6 students who participated in the athletics on Wednesday.

Kim Donaldson, HPE Teacher



Excursions and Activities for Term 2:
Please attend to Payment immediately.
If you should have any queries, please call
Jill Tait on 3258 3111 Thank you

WORKSHOPS PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

The BRAINways Club is now taking enrolments for Term 3 programs. For more information please contact Dr. Mirella Olivier on 0433995067, or email brainways.edu@gmail.com.

Tuckshop News...

Tuckshop Roster - Week 9

Mon 18/06 Alyson Bates, Rosario San Martin, Pia Bay Schmidt
Tue 19/06 Marg Rackemann, Peter Henderson
Wed 20/06 Clara Cadavid, Christine Tod, Jenny Nicol
Thu 21/06 Jill Overall, Rie Ojima, Lisa Thomas

Homebake Roster - Week 9

Mon 18/06 Chinthia Wakwella, Celia Wickramasekera, Denise Nicol
Tue 19/06 Jennie Baxter
Wed 20/06 Chris Rackemann, Mary Burrell
Thu 21/06 Inta Comino

