

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER

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DATE CLAIMERS:

Week 2, Term 1

7.2.17	Parent Rep Meeting (2pm—Staffroom)
8.2.17	West Taylor Bridge— District Swimming
8.2.17	Year 3 - Teacher/Parent Info Session (5:00pm) Year 4 - Teacher/Parent Info Session (5:30pm)
9.2.17	Brainstorm Productions Years 5-6 (12:30pm)
14.2.17	Brainstorm Productions Prep Year —Year 4
15.2.17	Overseas & Australian Family Network (2pm)
28.2.17	P&C Annual General Meeting & General Meeting (6:30pm)
3.3.17	Friday Sports Commences
16- 17.3.17	Year 3 Planetarium Excursions
22.3.17	Year 5 Botanical Garden Excursion
27- 31.3.17	Book Fair
28.3.17	P & C General Meeting (6:30pm)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year in 2017. It has been a pleasure to see so many happy student faces moving around our school for the start of the New Year. 2017 promises to be another big year where we work with you in close partnership, to see each and every student reach and exceed their potential in all areas of school life that they experience.

Strategic Direction 2017-2020

2017 is the start of Ironside State School's latest strategic cycle. In partnership with the School Council we have developed the key aspirations that shape and support our decision making over the next four (4) years. These are:

Academic Achievement – To assure the academic performance and reputation of Ironside State School.

Community Engagement – Strengthen the Ironside connection within the local, national and international community.

The Arts and Culture – Continue our tradition of excellence in the arts and culture.

Sport – Increase the value placed on sporting participation and achievement.

It is our intention to provide all families a copy of the Strategic Plan. You can expect this to come home later in first term.

2017 – School Improvement Agenda

Targeted Teaching – Assessment/Moderation and Reporting.

This year the intensive work of our staff is centred on Targeted Teaching. We want to ensure that every student is provided with opportunities to meet and exceed their potential. We do this by:

- Delivering the Australian Curriculum – knowing clearly and deeply what a student is expected to be able to know, say and do by the end of the year within learning areas.
- Personally knowing the students along with their current 'point in time' academic data as well as any individualised (social / emotional) need.

In summary we talk about – knowing the curriculum, knowing the child and varying the pathway. When we engage in this cycle multiple times

throughout the year, this is how we know our students are reaching and exceeding their potential.

As a system we talk about our school improvement hierarchy. We are working deliberately in the space of the 'middle layer' at Ironside State School. This builds on the 2016 focus work of Systematic

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Curriculum Delivery. We are maintaining that work while now moving the 'high boil' agenda in 2017 to focus on our Effective Pedagogical Practices. A pictorial of the school improvement hierarchy is included below for your information.



Before and After School Expectations

This weeks key message on assembly was reminding the students around expectations before and after school. When arriving at school, students are required to move to their designated areas. These are:

Prep – Outside Prep Buildings

Year 1 and 2 – Underneath G block

Year 3 and 4 – Underneath J block (Just outside the Hall)

Year 5 and 6 – Underneath the Library (Library Basement)

When I have been walking around in the morning before school, I have noticed students doing an excellent job at being in the right place at the right time. Before school supervision commences in these areas at 8:30am.

After school, students are to move to their collection point as quickly and sensibly as possible. Should parents be running late, at the conclusion of the after school duty time, students will be taken to the office for collection.

School Assembly Time

School Assembly now commences on Monday afternoons at 2:15pm. We are working on our assemblies finishing regularly at 2:45pm. Each assembly will now be for the whole school. They will focus on the students with regular merit certificates being presented. In weeks 3,5,7,9 of this term merit certificates will be awarded to students in P-2. In weeks 4,6,8,10 merit certificates will be presented to students in the 3-6 sector of the school. The Ironside 'Star of the Month' awards will now be formalised across all year levels and awarded to one selected student from each year level per month.

If your child has been selected for recognition at school Assembly, your child's teacher will contact you so you can be there if you wish.

Starting at 2:15pm and concluding by 2:45pm means that students will finish their day and be dismissed from their classroom. This alleviates the hundreds of school bags that clutter spaces around our school on a Monday afternoon.

Badge Presentation Assembly

We are working towards Monday 20 February as our Student Leadership Investiture Assembly.

All the very best for the week ahead.

Damian Johnson
Principal

NEWS FROM MS RUDDICK

Welcome back to all our families who have returned to Ironside and a warm welcome to all our new Ironside families.

Prep-Year 2 Parent Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Prep and Year One Information sessions yesterday. I am looking forward to meeting the Year Two parents this afternoon. Thank you also to the teachers for your most informative presentations.

Parent Rep Meeting

The first meeting for Parent Reps with the Leadership Team will be held in the staffroom at 2pm on Tuesday 7 February. Thank you to the parents who have taken on this very important role.

Overseas and Australian Family Network Meeting

If you would like to join the Overseas and Australian Family Network, please join me at a meeting with the EAL/D teachers on Wednesday 15 February at 2pm in the EAL/D classrooms. At our first meeting, the teachers will be discussing their roles with you. We will also start planning for our International Breakfast and Concert which will be held on Friday 21 July. This is a very important date on the Ironside calendar.

Hands on Art Evening

Ironside's Art Committee would like to invite Ironside families to an evening of making art together.

Date: Wednesday 22 February

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm.

Venue: Meet in the School Hall

Students from Prep-6 are invited but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please refer to the attachment to this newsletter.

Janice Ruddick
Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM MRS VECCHIO



Warm welcome to new and returning students! We have been impressed with students' enthusiasm and presentation, proudly wearing their school uniform.

Welcome also to new teachers in the Year 3/4 cohort:

⇒ Mr Neil Malcolm who has joined Year 3. Mr Malcolm's class is 3G, taking our team of Year 3 classes to seven. We sincerely appreciated the understanding and support of parents and students as we formed this new class last week.

⇒ Mrs Anita Lim who has joined the Year 4 team, teaching 4A.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Year 3 & 4 teachers are hosting information sessions on **Wednesday 8 February**:

Year 3: 5:00 – 5:30pm (venue = Hall)

Year 4: 5:30 – 6:00pm (venue = classrooms)

The purpose of these information sessions is to provide general information to parents/caregivers about routines, expectations and operational matters. Broad curriculum overviews are also on the agenda. Parents wishing to talk about children's individual needs are invited to make an appointment with the class teacher at a mutually convenient time. This way, the teacher can give their full attention to these important conversations.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Ironside's school Library is open before and after school hours, as well as during all play breaks, to encourage students' love of reading. After-hours opening times are:

Before school: **8:30 – 8:55am** (Monday to Friday)

After school: **3:00 – 3:30pm** (every afternoon except Tuesdays)

Parents and students are asked to respect these after-hours opening times. Students accessing the Library before school are expected to wait in their designated waiting areas until 8:30am. The designated morning waiting area for Year 3 and Year 4 students is under J Block (near the Hall). Prompt pick-up after school is also important – on behalf of Ms Cath Roche (Teacher-Librarian), We thank parents and students in anticipation of their co-operation.

Larissa Vecchio
Deputy Principal



P&C NEWS

SWIM CLUB

Come to Ironside Swim Club!

The Ironside Swim Club is on this Friday night at 6pm at the school pool. The club is mid-season but new swimmers are welcome to come and try and join the club. Friday nights include a free swim, chaperoned races for less confident swimmers, a variety of timed swimming races and a BBQ. All members who join this season are entitled to a hooded jacket printed with Ironside Swim Club on the back (subject to numbers). You can download and complete the registration form found at <https://ironsidess.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Ironside-Swim-Club.aspx> or just come along. For more information, please email ironsideswimclub@gmail.com.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 1— BEGINNING WEEK 3

Wednesday	1:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday	8:30am - 10:00am



The tuckshop is currently undergoing renovations. Completion of renovations and the re-opening of the tuckshop will be advised of in a future newsletter.

CATHOLIC PARENTS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacramental Program for Confirmation and First Communion and Reconciliation will begin on 20 February 2017. This is for children from Year 3 onwards. There are enrolment forms at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 87 Central Ave. The enrolment forms will be on the table in a manila folder at the back of the church. Please submit completed forms by 13 February (there is a manila folder also on table for completed forms). The church is open every day.

For any queries phone : Sheryl Esdaile 0419806023/ 33787154

STRINGS NEWS

Instruments for Purchase through Tender

Tender Process:

If you are interested in lodging a bid for any of the items listed for purchase through tender, please provide the following details on a sheet of paper in a sealed envelope. This to be placed in the payments box at the school office by Friday 10 February 2017.

Tender applications need the following information:

Name

Phone number

Item details

Bid price

Instruments for Tender

Crotchet and Quavers Cello 3/4 Size (Asset No 0108000557)

Purchased in 2008 this is a slightly newer instrument in satisfactory condition. Semi solid case and bow included. The brand of this instrument is Crotchet and Quavers.



Crotchet and Quavers Cello 3/4 Size (Asset No 0108000797)

Purchased in 2010 this is a slightly newer instrument in okay condition. Semi solid case and bow included. This instrument is not the same quality as the other brands on this list but this particular instrument has lasted well.



Prelude Cello 3/4 Size (Asset No 0108000795)

Purchased in 2010 this is a slightly newer instrument in okay condition. Soft case and NO bow included. This is an entry level instrument.



Ms Trudy Weekes
Strings Teacher

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the West Taylor Bridge District swim trials next week. Good Luck to all swimmers!

Gemma Z.	Tom J.
Alice H.	Jordi G.
Alana R.	Peekay C.
Chloe M.	Jack S.
Scarlett F.	Noah A.
Stevie F.	Ben S.
Kaiyu S.	Michael T.
Isabella L.	Jarod M.
Imogen F.	Lincoln C.
Jane B.	Miranda W.
Sunday B.	Annabelle M.
	Aurelia F.



Jeremie Clarke-Okah
HPE Specialist
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Ironside State School

Hands On Art Evening

All Ironside Families Welcome

When: Wednesday 22 February 2017

Time: From 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Where: Hall, under Library basement, near J Block and Oval

Entry by gold coin donation

Refreshments will be available for purchase from Friends of the Arts

HAVE FUN MAKING ART TOGETHER !

Movement Classes for Active Kids – Starting Week Two

Get your child involved in one or more of our classes.

Twist and Twirl: Our routine based program to music. Involves: Skips, hops, leaps, rolls, turns, acrobatics, balances, dance steps etc. Apparatus used includes: Balls, ribbons, hoops, flags, etc.

Flexi-fit: This program uses fun and interesting ways to increase fitness, joint mobility and flexibility!

Rhythmic Extension: A program for students wishing to develop rhythmic gymnastics or dance skills.



For more information contact:

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Term 1

When: Monday afternoons from 3.20pm

Venue: Christ Church St Lucia Hall.

Cnr Central & Ninth Avenues, St Lucia

Term commences on Monday 30th January 2017



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Indooroopilly Scouts invites your family to a
morning of games and activities to find out more.

9-12am, 29 Finney Rd, Indooroopilly

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Penny Biddlestone Tennis Coaching

The tennis courts at Ironside State School will not be ready for the commencement of Term 1. However work will soon begin on removal of the demountables. It is not clear when the courts will be ready for use, So until that time the tennis program will be as follows:

At Ironside State School: commencing 6 Feb.

Lessons for beginners will be offered on the basketball court using modified nets and depressurized balls. There will be six children in a class with two coaches. The duration of the class will be 30 minutes.

At Indooroopilly State High School: commencing 6 Feb.

Lessons for beginner intermediate and advanced players will be held at Indooroopilly State High School: cnr Ward and McCaul Streets, Indooroopilly.

Coaching is available for all children from Prep to Grade Six. Lessons are designed to teach correct stroke technique, good sporting habits and a love of the game. Tennis is great for developing hand---eye coordination, nurturing social skills, enhancing concentration and promoting fitness.

Fees are charged by the term and are payable by the second lesson. Please note, all children must wear a hat when playing tennis.

For further information regarding the tennis program please contact:
Penny Biddlestone, 3371 2849 or 0412 704 702

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Ray White.

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing time over the school holidays. I would like to invite you to our display sales office of 'Vista on Riverview'.

25 Riverview Tce in Indooroopilly. We are open: Mon, Tue 10:00-12:00 and Sat 1:00-2:30pm. This is a new luxury apartment development that consists of:

- Two signature penthouses offering four bedrooms with 270sqm of living space providing panoramic river views and sweeping vistas to the city.
- Sixteen three-bedroom apartments with high-end finishes, quality timber flooring and extensive use of glass for extra space and light. The apartments come with two bathrooms plus two side by side car parks and separate storage.
- Four one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments with extensive indoor and outdoor spaces.

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- Pirates of the Carob Bean
- Animal Crackers

Brisbane Arts Festival

- Best Director - three times winner
- Best Script - twice winner
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- Best Supporting Actor - students

Students awarded highest marks in Queensland for A.M.E.B. Speech and Drama exams

Students have gone on to become school captains at Ironside State School, Indooroopilly State School, All Hallows & Bridgeline College

- ❖ All aspects of voice production
- ❖ A range of acting techniques
- ❖ Mime and improvisation
- ❖ Creative drama and role play
- ❖ End of term productions
- ❖ Puppet play and self expression for young children
- ❖ Performance skills
- ❖ Oral presentation skills
- ❖ Improved reading skills
- ❖ Development of self-confidence, self-esteem and self-expression
- ❖ All classes tailored for specific age groups

Classes held in the art studio at Ironside State School

YEAR 1/2: WEDNESDAY 3:00 - 3:45
YEAR 3/4: WEDNESDAY 3:45 - 4:30
YEAR 5/6: WEDNESDAY 4:30 - 5:15

\$130 PER TERM

