

Ironside State School

NEWSLETTER

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DATE CLAIMERS:

Week 3, Term 1

14.2.17	Brainstorm Productions Prep Year —Year 4
15.2.17	Overseas & Australian Family Network (2 pm)
20.2.17	Student Investiture Assembly (2:15 pm)
21- 22.2.17	Year 6 Debating Auditions
28.2.17 1.3.17	Year 5 Debating Auditions
28.2.17	P&C Annual General Meeting & General Meeting (6:30 pm)
3.3.17	Friday Sports Commences
9.3.17	Debating Sessions Begin 3-4 pm
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,

I hope that the week has treated you all very well. Below are some key information pieces and reminders as we move into the term.

Stop/Drop/Go Expectations

As you drive around our school to either drop off your children in the morning or pick up them up in the afternoon, please be overtly mindful that we are in a space that is shared with our most precious young people.

We are all 'busy' and 'flat out' in 2017. Be mindful of our young people when you're in the midst of the possible congestion and frustration of drop off and pick up time. Follow the rules and extend patience and politeness to staff and community members. This is how we will ensure the utmost safety and courtesy is provided not only to our students but our staff and community members as well.

I was disappointed to hear from one of my staff members that they had to put up with some verbal abuse. If you choose to park and leave your car in the Stop/Drop/Go during the signed hours, you can expect to be reminded (politely) by our staff members on duty of the expectations. Please don't add a layer of unnecessary unpleasantness to our team who are only going about their work. They do a terrific job and deserve our support. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support, patience and tolerance.

School Calendar

I have heard our community feedback around the need to continually improve and coordinate our communication strategies across the school. One improvement strategy has been the development of a 2017 'School Calendar' of information. I'd like to express my appreciation to Mrs Jennifer Bairstow, Deputy Principal for her coordination and collation of the document attached.

We have attempted to capture key school events (well ahead of time) and make this information as public as possible. I'm sure that it won't be 'perfect' but we're having a very deliberate go at being more strategic, planned and predictable than we were in 2016. I hope that this is of some use, it will also be available on our school website.

Term Invoicing/Payments

Payments for school events can become a 'messy' task for families. As Dad to three school age children I do have some 'hands on understanding' in this space... And a lighter wallet... Anyhow... I am attempting to structure and streamline our school practices to make this easier and 'cleaner' for parents.

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A Debtor Statement will be sent home in WEEK 6 of each term. This is our intent. Items that can be expected this term may include; school swimming, choral fees, instrumental music fees, interschool sport fees and any class incursions/excursions during Term One.

There are TWO KEY POINTS of note:

- School Camps (Year 5 and 6) will be treated separately as they are expensive items and we're very happy to work with parents in whatever way possible to make the payments a manageable task. These invoices will come to families as early as possible.
- If you have indicated EMAIL as your preferred method of correspondence, as incursions/events/excursions get approved, our system automatically generates an invoice to you. IGNORE these, we'll be your information collection point.

In Week 6 – you'll receive a 'Debtor Statement'. This will summarise for you, your term 'school bill/incurred costs'. These are by family so if you have more than one student at Ironside it will be a single point of information.

I hope that this new process will also improve clarity and order in communication from the school to you.

Assembly Merit Certificates

Included further below in this newsletter are our first merit certificate recipients for 2017. I'm delighted to have been able to include this process into our school assemblies.

Every student who receives a merit certificate also contributes a point to their house. These points will be tallied and a perpetual award and reward given at the end of the year to the house with the most points.

It's a joy to see the student pride and hear about their noticed achievements in a formal way. I'm looking forward to meeting our first Year 3-6 recipients on Monday.

Badge Presentation Assembly – Semester One

Monday 20th February is our Student Leadership Investiture Assembly. This will commence promptly at 2:15pm. If your child is receiving a leadership badge this semester, you can expect a formal invitation to the Assembly.

All the very best for the week ahead.

Damian Johnson
Principal

NEWS FROM MS RUDDICK

Parent Rep Meeting

The first meeting for Parent Reps with the Leadership Team was held in the staffroom at 2pm on 7 February. Thank you to the parents who have taken on this very important role which is a volunteer role. For this year, Prep -2 Parents Reps please e-mail any correspondence for approval to me; Years 3 and 4 to Deputy Principal, Mrs Larissa Vecchio and Years 5 and 6 to Deputy Principal, Mrs Jenny Bairstow. As soon as I have the group e-mail available, I will e-mail the letter, agenda and school letterhead to you.

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

LANGUAGES OPEN DOORS TO THE WORLD

This year, students in Years 3 and 4 at Ironside will have the exciting opportunity of learning the two languages offered at our school - Spanish and Japanese. Students will experience each language for six months. They will receive 30 minutes of instruction a week. Students will engage in a variety of interactive activities including playing games, singing songs, dancing, watching videos, and role-playing. Our wonderful Language Teachers have provided the following information for parents:

Spanish Language and Culture Programme

The focus of Spanish will include: introduction to Spanish as a language and culture, greetings, basic self-introduction and vocabulary such as numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year, body parts, family members, likes and dislikes and classroom instructions.



Ms Nuria Cort Lluís

Señora Cort, Spanish teacher (nxcor0@eq.edu.au)



Japanese Language and Culture Programme

The focus of Japanese will include: introduction to Japanese as a language and culture, greetings, introduction to writing in Japanese, a simple self-introduction, classroom instructions and family.

Ms Ngaire Aboud

アブード先生, Japanese teacher (nabou1@eq.edu.au)

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – THANK YOU!

Thank you to parents who attended the general information sessions for Year 3 and 4 classes on Wednesday afternoon. If you were unable to attend, and have any concerns or questions, please feel welcome to make an appointment with your class teacher. Formal parent-teacher interviews are being scheduled for later this term – keep a look out in the newsletter for further information.

Larissa Vecchio
Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM MRS BAIRSTOW

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council at Ironside has a proud history of upholding and achieving the following objectives:

- To provide students with leadership opportunities & responsibilities
- To represent the student voice across the school
- To support school events and programs (eg: Green Team)
- Fundraising for school
- Fundraising for community
- To leave a school legacy

This year, I will have the pleasure of working closely with the Student Council, with the assistance of Mrs Kerry Powell and some other teacher volunteers. The structure of the council will change slightly to previous years. The Student Council for 2017 will comprise of:

- 4 x school captains & 1 library captain (annual positions)

- 8 x sports captains & 1 class representative from each Year 5 & 6 class (these positions will be reallocated at the beginning of Semester Two)

The total of 24 students will represent one or two classes across the school. Two positions on the council will also be allocated to represent the Green Team

Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to nominate themselves for a position on the council, and will conduct speeches in their classrooms on this coming Monday. Students' nominations will be held by teachers, so the paperwork doesn't need to be repeated in Semester Two. Student voting will determine positions in the council, and the successful applicants will be advised by Wednesday at the latest. Councillors will be presented with their badges at the student leader investiture assembly which has been scheduled for

2.15pm on Monday 20 February.

Continued ...

There are exciting plans ahead for the council with new roles and responsibilities on offer. Parents, please ensure when applying for positions, that your children understand that the role will require significant dedication of their time in lunch hours, and sometimes before and after school. I look forward to an exciting year ahead with the successful candidates.

Jennifer Bairstow
Deputy Principal

Link to calendar of events: <http://bit.ly/2k9nReF>

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to these students on receiving Merit Certificates. Well done!



Kaiden	Prep A
James T	Prep B
Thomas P	Prep C
Aimee	Prep D
Isabella	Prep E
Christina S	Prep F
Priscilla	1A
Renee	1B
Brody	1C
Torma H	1D
Keshadri T	1E
Noah	1F
Jessica	2A
Penelope V	2B
Eloise	2C
Clemance L	2D
James W	2E
Narra A	2F
Mini S	2G

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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 !

Debating News

Debating was first offered as an enrichment activity at Ironside two years ago. Last year this program became more formalised when we joined the QDU (Queensland Debating Union) Competition. Debating, including QDU Competitions, will again be offered at Ironside in 2017. Hopefully the information below will assist Ironside families in understanding why the program is offered, who is eligible to participate and the 2017 timeline for implementation.

Why does Ironside offer Debating outside of school hours?

After school debating sessions function as an enrichment activity for Ironside students who are competent in the area of Literacy. Teachers support their students to meet the Year Level Australian standards for Literacy. Debating builds upon these skills, further developing many of the standards.

Who is eligible to participate?

To be involved in this enrichment activity, students need to be highly capable when speaking, researching and writing. Additional to the skills of persuasive presentation, are the expectations of extensive research and writing. The program is intense when underway; it is crucial that those involved dedicate hours of time to writing and editing speeches and to practising the presentation of their speeches.

Previously this program was offered annually to ten Year 6 students. In 2017 we are expanding the Debating Program, offering places to ten Year 6 students and ten Year 5 students.

When does Debating start for the year?

Week 4: **Interested Year 6 students** will meet with Mrs McDonald on Tuesday 14 February at first break, to talk about Debating and the audition process. Notes will be handed out containing information and seeking parental permission for the student to audition.

Interested Year 5 students will meet with Mr Poulton and Mrs McDonald on Thursday 16 February at first break, to talk about Debating and the audition process. Notes will be handed out containing information and seeking parental permission for the student to audition.

Week 5: Tuesday 21 Feb and Wednesday 22 Feb at first break, **Year 6 auditions**
Thursday 23 Feb, students who auditioned will be notified of the ten Year 6 Debaters.

Week 6: Tuesday 28 Feb and Wednesday 1 March at first break, **Year 5 auditions**
Thursday 2 Mar, students who auditioned will be notified of the ten Year 5 Debaters.

Week 7: After school debating sessions will begin on Thursday 9 March from 3 – 4pm.

Should you have further queries, you are welcome to email me. Thank you
Jenny McDonald jmcdo36@eq.edu.au

CATHOLIC PARENTS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Attention all Catholic parents Sacramental Program for Confirmation and First Communion and Reconciliation to begin on 21 February 2016. 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 manila folder at the back of the church.

Completed forms in by 14 Feb (there is a manila folder also on table for completed forms). Church is open every day.

For any queries phone : Sheryl Esdaile 0419806023/ 33787154



Mission Statement

of the Ironside State School P&C Association

Raise funds for the school
Engage with school parents and the community
Represent the interests of parents and the community to school leadership

by:

1. Raising fund for school projects (identified in consultation with the school leadership), by running events, shops and clubs that are fun, healthy and of service to the school community.
2. Communicating the Mission of the P&C Association clearly.
3. Having P&C Association processes that are simple to understand.
4. Encouraging attendance at, and active participation in, P&C general meetings by parents and the community.
5. Having simple, well publicised channels through which parents and the community can communicate via the P&C committee with the school leadership.
6. Having a strong working relationship with the school leadership to further the interests of parents and the community.

You're invited...P&C AGM

Tuesday 28 February at 6:30pm in the staff room

On behalf of the P&C welcome back for another exciting year at Ironside (and it's a fair year)! The first job of the P&C in Term 1 is to organise and run the Annual General Meeting, **Tuesday evening 28 February at 6:30 pm in the staff room**. With over 1050 pupils and 600 families at Ironside, it may come as a surprise that the P&C struggles to get people to stand for the Executive Committee, its two sub---committees and also to volunteer in "Fresh Bites" and the Uniform Shop. A big thank you to all those that do step up, as the school community is the richer for your help, and certainly the P&C would not be able to provide services and support to the school and pupils without you. While trite, the proverb "many hands make light work" is directly relevant to the success of the P&C, and just having a few more people involved at whatever level they can contribute, Exec, Sub-committees, volunteering, would share the load for everyone. Our business operations manager, Sarah has been employed for 6 months now allowing the Executive and the Sub-committees to operate at a more strategic level. Accordingly, I invite any members of the Ironside Community, P&C members, or not, to get involved in 2017, and make a difference. At the AGM the current Executive Committee and the Sub-committees will step down and nominations will be sought for the following positions:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President
- Two Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer/s

For information on roles see

<http://www.pandcsqld.com.au/documents/2013/11/quick-guide-for-pc-executive-officers.pdf>

We are aware the current President, Vice President, Chairperson and Secretary of the Shops Committee, are stepping down from these positions. We thank them for the amazing contribution they made in 2016. These are all important positions to fill. You have to be a P&C member, but you can become a member at the AGM, prior to the call for nominations. **NOMINATION FORMS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Everyone is welcome to come to the P&C meetings although if you wish to vote, you have to be a member of the P&C. **It is free and painless!** Just fill in a form, [available from Ironside website] submit to the P&C and **come along to the meeting to be voted in.** **RENEWAL OF CURRENT P&C MEMBERSHIP WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AGM. So no need to fill in a new form if already a member.**

P&C NEWS continued...



The tuckshop renovation is moving quickly with handover expected Friday 17 February (earlier than expected). The tuckshop will have a soft opening Monday 27 February. More details will be shared once they arise. There has been one variation such that the contract will be \$4,500 above the tender amount, this includes the installation of a new hot water system, additional signage requirements and the cost of modifying the security system. Equipment purchase is in flight and expected to be below \$25k initial estimate (we are aiming for round \$23k which the P&C received a grant towards last year. Currently there are two pods that contain all of the dry stocks and other pieces from the tuckshop (you may have seen a TAXI BOX at the front of the school). The first pod will be unpacked 1pm Monday 20 February. If you are available to help unpack from 1pm (and you'd like a first look at the tuckshop) email shenr78@eq.edu.au your availability. Many hands make light work!

P&C Contribution Scheme Every year the P&C raises funds for the benefit of all students through a P&C Contributions Scheme. You should have received a PINK letter last week in your child's bag with information on how to contribute. Thank you if you have already contributed, the response has been great! Tax receipts will be issued shortly if you have not already received one; we are trying to keep up so please allow two weeks to receive your receipt. The 2017 focus is completing the renovation of the tuckshop and to consider other projects such as the upgrade of the front playground including the soft fall area (estimated cost of this improvement is \$65,000). Funds received as at 7th February total \$6200. Please visit for the P&C Contribution Scheme form and information on how to contribute. <https://ironsidess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/p%20and%20c%20contribution%20form.pdf>

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 1

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE... Saturday 2 September



WTB District Trial Dates

- Boys Basketball – Monday, February 13, 2017
- Girls Basketball – Friday, February 17, 2017
- Boys AFL Trials– Tuesday and Thursday , February 21 & 23rd, 2017
- Netball Trials – Tuesday and Thursday , March 7 & 9, 2017
- Rugby League Trials - Tuesday and Thursday , March 7 & 9, 2017
- Squash Trials (Regional) – Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- Hockey Trials (Regional) – Thursday, April 20, 2017
- Boys Soccer Trials – Monday and Wednesday, April 24 & 26, 2017
- Girls Soccer Trials – Thursday, April 27, 2017
- Boys and Girls Touch Trials – Tuesday and Thursday, May 9 & 11, 2017
- Rugby Union Trials – Wednesday, May 10, 2017
- Tennis Trials – Thursday, May 18, 2017
- Boys and Girls Softball Trials – Wednesday, May 24, 2017
- Golf Trials (Regional) – Thursday, May 25, 2017
- Boys Cricket Trials – Wednesday, August 2 & 9, 2017
- Girls AFL Trials (Regional) – Tuesday, August 22, 2017
- Girls Cricket Trials (Regional) – Wednesday, September 6, 2017
- Triathlon Trials (Regional) – Friday, November 10, 2017

**Each sport must be played outside of school in a club or representative team at a high level.*

Please see Mr. Clarke-Okah **1 week prior to the trial date to organize paperwork*

Jeremie Clarke-Okah

HPE Specialist

jclar577@eq.edu.au

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:

Phoebe Anderson BA, BAppSc (Human Movement Studies/Education)

Phone: 0413 033 889

Email: twistandtwirlmovement@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook @twistandtwirlmovement

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





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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30 years' experience in teaching Speech & Drama & directing theatre productions

Published author:

- Funky FairyTales
- Pirates of the Carob Bean
- Animal Crackers

Brisbane Arts Festival

- Best Director - three times winner
- Best Script - twice winner
- Best Actor - students
- 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 & Brisbane 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



CREATIVE DANCE INDUSTRIES AFTER SCHOOL HIP HOP IS BACK ON FRIDAYS IN 2017 AT IRSS!

Term One is from Friday 3/2 to 24/3 in the G block under covered area

Prep to Yr 2 3:15 - 3:45 pm \$57

Yr 3 to Yr 6 3:45 - 4:15 pm \$57

To register and pay online go to:

<https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/creative>

Contact Beth 0413 313 072

creativdanceindustries.asd@gmail.com



P&C Sub-Committee Nomination Form

Ironside State School P&C Association

I wish to nominate _____ as a candidate for the position of:
Candidate's name

- ◇ Chair Shops Committee
- ◇ Treasurer Shops Committee
- ◇ Secretary Shops Committee
- ◇ Chair Swim Club committee
- ◇ Treasurer Swim Club Committee
- ◇ Secretary Swim Club Committee

Candidate

I accept the nomination for the position of _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Moved by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Seconded by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Notes:

The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.

Candidates may nominate themselves.

"Moved by" and "Seconded by" may be completed before, or at the meeting.

P&C Secretary's use only

Successfully elected:

Yes

No

Membership forms received