Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Where does the fortnight go? Welcome to another newsletter and update on all things Ironside SS. I hope that you are all comfortably settled into the routine of term one and moving forward in a positive way.

Items that I’d like to report on and discuss with you this fortnight are:

**LEAP INTO 2016**

On Saturday afternoon last week (13/2/16) we held our opening welcome event to the school year that we called ‘Leap into 2016’. This was a fantastic event that maintained, fostered and grew the already outstanding community spirit that exists here at Ironside. I’d like to publicly thank the following people for their time in organising, promoting and running the event. Firstly to Al and the Chaplaincy Group – Sincere thanks for all your preparation and organisation around the BBQ and the event generally. To Janice Ruddick, thanks for ‘driving the agenda’ through all the staff and coordinating the early conceptual conversations that make these terrific events happen. Teachers, Teacher Aides, friends and family of our staff – it was great to see so many of you on your Saturday. This speaks volumes around the positive culture at Ironside. Finally, to all our community groups and partners i.e. Swimming Club, AFL, Soccer, Dance and so forth we appreciate all of your support.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

2016 sees the School Council move into the full rotational nature of the ‘terms of office’ for a number of our current members, both community and school based. Yesterday the formal notification of elections was sent with a nomination form. These elections will be held on the last Friday of the term – 18th March. The ballot for community membership will be open from 2pm -7pm on the 18th. Nominations close on the 4th of March. All information regarding the process was provided in the Notice of Elections sent to our community yesterday. If you have any questions regarding the process please contact the school Administration.

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BUILDING UPDATE
On Monday this week I met with the key stakeholders in the capital works program. These included DET, the external project manager and the Architect. Community consultation regarding the work has closed and the final project report and proposal should be in the hands of our department’s representative either late this week or early next. I will be notified when the proposal is to hand. Once ‘in hand’ the proposal will move through the required channels to arrive at ministerial sign off. This is when the tender process is triggered.

The clarification provided to me at the meeting was that demolition of the existing block is in fact part of the tender process. This means that the vacant building will remain for now until the entire scope of works is to commence. You have my assurance that as I find out more in terms of timelines and processes, I’ll let the community know. Thanks again to everyone for your patience and understanding as we experience the (relatively) short term pain for the longer term gain for Ironside.

STUDENT INVESTITURE PARADE
On Monday this week we had the pleasure to present our School Leaders with their badges. Some of our leaders are for a semester period and others are for the full year. Congratulations to all the students who have been selected by their peers to represent the school in formal leadership this semester/year. The first meeting of the Student Council as a whole will be on MONDAY 1:00-1:30pm (second break) in 4A’s classroom. Students will be reminded and prompted around the meeting leading into Monday.

At the Assembly I highlighted 3 points around leadership to the students. In summary these were:

Visibility, Humility and Gratitude.

VISIBILITY – As leaders you are always visible. Even when you think people aren’t watching they are! The things you don’t do can send a stronger message than the things you do. If you see a piece of rubbish, walking past it speaks volumes around what you value. Just as powerful is the positive example of the picking it up. The standard you walk past is the standard you accept. Be visible and set the highest standard.

HUMILITY – The best leaders are humble, they aren’t above picking up that piece of rubbish in the playground. If it’s good enough for others – it’s good enough for me. In reality you don’t need the badge to be seen as a leader. The behaviours, actions and attitudes set you apart. The accountability of leadership says that the successes are due to the team. The failures are the leaders, this is why you have been charged with the responsibility of leadership.

GRATITUDE – Notice and thank your parents. It’s because of them and all your friends and family that you’re where you are today. They have influenced and moulded you into the leader you are today. Notice that Mum and Dad walk a few centimetres taller and prouder when they are here for you in your moment, because it’s their moment too. Leaders are thankful for the opportunity provided to them.

All the best for the coming fortnight. It continues to be a terrific start to 2016. We have certainly all “Leaped into it!!”

Take care and stay safe and well.

Damian Johnson
Principal
NEWS FROM MS RUDDICK

LEAP INTO 2016 EVENT
Thank you to the Chaplaincy Committee for organising the event last Saturday. It was certainly a fun afternoon. A big thank you to the families who attended and to the community members who set up an information table or an activity table. The winner of the raffle was Lily.

LOST PROPERTY
To assist in the returning of any lost property, please ensure that your child’s name and current year level is shown on all belongings including hats and lunch boxes. Thanks to parent, Cynthia Griffis for continuing to assist and to parent, Andree Barry who has offered to assist and maybe encourage other parents to help.

CLASS PARENT REP
Thanks to the parents who have taken on this role for 2016. Our first meeting was held yesterday with the Leadership Team. The minutes from the meeting will be sent out to all Parent Reps. Thanks to Karen Freeman for taking the minutes yesterday. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 March commencing at 2pm in the staffroom.

STUDENT INVESTITURE ASSEMBLY
Congratulations to all the students who were acknowledged and received their badge at our special assembly on Monday. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to attend the assembly. We have included some of the group photographs in this newsletter.

EASTER HAT PARADE AND CONCERT
Please note the date and times for this Prep-2 event.
Thursday 24 March from 11.45am – 1pm for Prep and Year 1
Thursday 24 March from 2pm - 3pm for Year 2
Further information will be sent home prior to the event.

HANDS ON ART EVENING FOR PREP-YEAR 6
Date: Wednesday 16 March
Time: 6.30pm -8pm
All families are invited to attend this fun event which is being organised by Ironside’s Artist in residence, Mrs Clare Dyer and the Ironside staff. We will have at least 30 activities for families to participate in on the night. Legato Choral group will be performing at the start of the evening. Refreshments will be on sale.

OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIAN FAMILY NETWORK
The first meeting of the Overseas and Australian Family Network will be held on Wednesday 2 March at 2pm in the EAL/D classroom in A Block. At this meeting we will start planning Ironside’s International Breakfast and Concert which will be held on Friday 9 September.

Janice Ruddick
Deputy Principal
Thanks to string teacher, Ms Weekes for organising this fun workshop for the beginner string parents on Wednesday night.

Thanks also to teachers Adele Todd and Phil Poulton for their assistance and encouragement. We certainly have some very talented up and coming parent musicians.
NEWS FROM MR KNIGHTS

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Thank you for your attendance at the Parent Information evenings. If you have not been able to attend the evening please make contact with the teacher for more information regarding the class. One on one teacher interviews will occur towards the end of the term from weeks 6-9.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests are in Term 2 Week 5. Please if you have any questions regarding these tests don’t hesitate to contact me.

CYBER SAFETY SOCIAL MEDIA
Social media applications (such as Facebook) are extremely popular with young people and the usage of these sites is only likely to increase.

Some tips to help your child stay safe while using social media include:
- make sure they never reveal their home address, phone number, email address and passwords
- review the age suitability for any sites and apps your child joins or installs
- look at who their contacts and followers are—this will help reduce the risk of them encountering inappropriate people and content
- educate yourself on the issues that children face (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Cyber%20issues.aspx)
- establish an open relationship with your child so they trust you to view their profiles
- reinforce the need for them to keep passwords private and to update them regularly

You may also want to consider creating an account on the social media application your child uses and request to become friends or follow their account. Your child may resist this but it may still be a good idea to open an account to increase your understanding of the site or app they are using.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool Sport will start in week 6. There will be 3 weeks of sport this term and 7 in the next. Mr Clark-Okah has allocated spots and students will be advised shortly.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Religious instruction will begin in week 4 and finish in week 8 of this term.

MOBILE MUSTER
Mobile muster is on again. If you have any old phones drop them into the front counter and they will be added to our collection box.

Adam Knights
Deputy Principal
Dear Ironside school community,

P & C update will be in the next newsletter. Lots of new exciting developments.

2016 YEAR 6 SHIRTS
Each year, students in the final year at Ironside have been able to purchase a special custom-made school shirt, to wear as part of their uniform.

The cost of the shirt is $40.00 which covers the special printing of the names etc. You may consider ordering more than one shirt. The children love to wear these shirts as it identifies them as Year Six students and leaders of the school.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU CANNOT ORDER THESE SHIRTS AT ANY OTHER TIME.

The shirts will be the same sizing as the polo shirts in the Uniform Shop. If you are not sure of what size to order, please call into the Uniform Shop and check the size before ordering.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 2016.
(Students who placed an order in 2015 will receive their shirts in approximately 2 weeks)

You can order your shirts through our online eStore https://schoolshoponline.net.au/ironside/index.aspx.

Alternatively, you can download and complete the order form from the above website and take your completed form in a clearly marked envelope, together with the correct money (if paying by cash or cheque) to the Uniform Shop.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 1

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Online orders received by midnight Tuesdays will be processed on Wednesdays & delivered to your child’s classroom. Alternatively, orders can be collected from the uniform shop during regular opening hours (from Wednesday after your order has been placed). To set up online ordering please go to https://schoolshoponline.net.au/ironside/index.aspx

The uniform shop will be increasing prices on School bags & Swim bags from 1st March 2016. The new prices will be :-

- School Bag $50
- Swim Bag $15

There will be no refunds on the price difference for items purchased after 1st March 2016. We acknowledge there will may be inconvenience for some people when price increases are introduced and would like to note that these items are non-compulsory.

Please contact pandcuniformshop@ironsidess.eq.edu.au if you have any queries.

SWIM CLUB
The Swim Club 2015-2016 swim season continues this term each Friday night at 6:00pm. The term includes a 7-week program before finishing with the swim club championship on Saturday 19 March. New swimmers are welcome to come and participate. Please contact ironsideswimclub@gmail.com if you would like more information about Swim Club or just come along to the school pool on Friday night.~
STUDENT INVESTITURE

School Captains and Vice Captains

Library Captain

House Captains

Choir Captains

Student Council

String and Band Captains
YEAR 6

Year 6 students have been exploring the question, “Who Are We?” We have discussed the meaning of identity while exploring how we differ from others. Our differences include how we learn as well as our likes and dislikes. This information had led into the formation of a classroom code to reflect differences and to create a positive classroom climate.

6J Class Code

In our learning community we are all agreed that the following statements are vital. We agree to respect this code and are committed to ensuring that it is a central part of every activity, every day.

We, the members of 6J, pledge to:

1. Spread happiness and positivity by smiling, acknowledging, helping, including and encouraging others.

2. Speak kindly and show respect and to every person who enters our learning community be they a staff member, a student, a parent or a visitor.

3. Accept every student and their opinions even if they have different cultures, beliefs, religions or gender. We will trust and expect to be trusted without fear of being laughed at.

4. Share our belongings and our spaces with every person (providing they ask our permission) and respect and care for their objects as if they are our own.

5. Remain focussed and take responsibility for our own learning. We will not distract others from their work.

6. We will not hurt any person physically or emotionally.
We have created mind maps to represent our identity.

We explored the Little Miss and Mr Men characters and created ones to reflect ourselves.

We really enjoyed making mixed media self-portraits too:
SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the MetWest regional swimming trials. Good Luck!

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Jeremie Clarke-Okah
HPE Specialist
jclar577@eq.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP 2016

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!!!

Unfortunately, our tuckshop is in a tough situation. Our desperate shortage of volunteers may lead to closing the tuckshop for one day a week this term. So please dig deep.

Volunteering is generally a very rewarding experience and a great way to meet new people and contribute to our great school. We are open to any suggestions you might have to attract more volunteers.

Below is a calendar of roster dates for each Tuckshop day for the whole year. We need volunteers in the tuckshop on these dates between 8.30am and 2pm. But if you have any time spare – it is ALWAYS welcome. Our busiest time is between 8.30am and 11am. So if you could cover even just that time it would be great. We need at least two volunteers each day to pick up the slack. Three would be ideal! (I don’t want to overwork our current superstar volunteers). So pick a slot and send us an email with your name and contact details and we’ll add you to our roster! Please email us at pandctuckshop@ironsidess.eq.edu.au or feel free to drop in and pick up a form.
MULTICULTURAL MONDAY

So far we have had two “Multicultural Monday’s”. They were a huge success! Thank you to everyone who got on board. I hope everyone is enjoying these menu items as much as we are at Fresh Bites!

We are pulling back to every second Monday at this stage when students will be offered an array of dishes from all of the different countries that our students hail from. A “must try” meal and snack from a different region each week. Dishes will be advertised in the fortnightly school newsletters and on schools shop online.

We kicked it off on Monday, 8 January with Sri Lanka. See Saika and Nat preparing a Sri Lankan chicken curry on a milk rice cake (kiribath) which is a Sri Lankan curry with cardamoms and fenugreek seeds with coconut milk. We have a few left to order – see it under specials online.

Our Chile day was a sellout success. Thanks so much to Michelle Wigg. She got right into the spirit with flags and a delicious Chilean hot dog with avocado and tomato salsa. It was a great morning.

Look forward to Monday, 7 March for Indonesia! Get your orders in quick because there will be a limited number of dishes available until sold out!

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We already have a few volunteers who are interested in preparing these meals for our students. All meals will be prepared on site in our tuckshop, fresh on the Monday morning. If you have a recipe and are interested in coming in one Monday morning in Term 1, 2016 to cook, please contact me on 3258 3111 and ask to be transferred through to the tuckshop (during school hours). Otherwise, please email me at pandctuckshop@ironsidess.eq.edu.au.

SCHOOL SHOPS ONLINE
Please see the attached link for instruction on how to order online: https://tuckshop.schoolshoponline.net.au/ironside/uploads/DemoTrainingMaterial/PARENTS_GUIDE_TO_ORDERING.pdf

If you are having any trouble signing up or ordering online please come and see me. I will help you through it!

Also, if there is an issue with your child’s order, please encourage them to come to the tuckshop to see me. I am always here to find a solution so all children are fed! I understand that some children feel a bit intimidated to “complain”; I hope you can assure them that we are very friendly here at the tuckshop and happy to help.

We are staffed by volunteers (currently understaffed!) and mistakes can happen. Lunches end up in the wrong boxes or boxes are delivered to the wrong areas by children, etc. I apologise for any errors that occur and do everything in my capacity to make certain that all children are delivered their lunches as ordered. I really appreciate being informed of incorrect orders or undelivered orders. It all helps to build a better tuckshop! So please, please email me at pandctuckshop@ironsidess.eq.edu.au or call me on 3258 3111 and transfer through to the tuckshop. (Please hold non urgent calls until after 1st break!).

TUCKSHOP AND HOMEBAKE VOLUNTEERS FOR 2016
Our superstar volunteers for Week 5 and 6 of Term 1 are:
(Please contact us asap if these details are out-of-date / incorrect)

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Please note the below roster is VERY short of volunteers. Unless we have at least one volunteer for each shift we will have to unfortunately close to tuckshop for those dates.

Theresa Ryan
Ph: 3258 3111 and asked to be transferred through to the tuckshop
Email: pandctuckshop@ironsidess.eq.edu.au
Tuckshop Convenor
Term 1, 2016
SWIMMING LESSON bookings NOW OPEN

All levels
Learn to Swim
Stroke Correction
Squad training
Race preparation
Private lessons

Adult Squad
Tue & Thu 6-7am ($10 per session, no booking req’d)

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Ensure your child is water safe this summer!

For timetable information and bookings
please see the school website or contact:

Georgie Parkes at
gpswimschool@gmail.com
or 0416 249 853
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