Hello Everyone
We’ve all settled into the new year fairly comfortably and now that Day 8 figures are finalised we are able to finish class arrangements.

Day 8
The Day 8 enrolment figure is what our staffing is based on. We therefore have to try to predict how many students we will have and then make the temporary appointments until after Day 8. On this occasion we have lost teaching staff and teacher aide hours that has resulted in our need to close a class and make changes to teacher aide support. We still have all the programs covered and hope that there will not be any disruption to the TAFE, Work Experience, Horticulture, Living Skills and all the other programs our school values. Due to the drop in hours we will need to purchase teacher aide hours to support classes in the pool.

School Hours
The trial to the changed school hours is over and our school has now adopted the new hours. Students start at 8:50am and the first session finishes at 11:00am; second session begins at 11:30am and finishes at 1:30pm; third session begins at 2:00pm and finishes at 2:40pm with school finishing at 2:45pm.
**Parents and Citizens Association**

The first P&C meeting for the year is on this Wednesday- yes, the same night as the Senior information night. For this reason I am asking that P&C meeting begin at **8:00pm in the staff room**. Thank you for your understanding with this and I trust that we will be able to finish within the hour.

**Quadrennial School Review (QSR)**

So far the targets for the next 4 years include a stronger focus on improvements in reading, a more complete series of programs aimed at support of students with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities and the adoption of the Australian Curriculum. Your thoughts are appreciated.

**Meet the staff- SENIORS**

Middle school parents were given the opportunity to meet the staff last week and, as usual, some nice afternoon tea was on offer. This week we have the meeting organised for the senior students and their parents. Please come along and listen to the guest speakers about opportunities for your child.

**Meet the staff- STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE IMPAIRMENTS**

Thursday 21 February will be an open day for parents and carers of students with multiple impairments- those in the classes where Trish Turner, Deb Dowling, Yura Pak and Clara Scott and Lyn Russell teach. Please come along and spend time with your child in class and talk to the staff as they focus on the important roles involved in teaching and caring for the students. A letter will go home to families concerned in the near future.

**Forms and Book Lists**

I just wanted to thank you for returning the medications forms promptly. It is crucially important that this information is kept up to date.

All the best,

Bruce
AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Vacancies Available for After School Care at Ipswich Special School (Operated by Focal Extended Inc.)

Vacancies exist for children with a disability, aged between 12 and 18 years

When
Between 2:45pm and 5:30pm
Monday to Friday (school term)

Permanent and casual bookings are available

Fees
$10.00 per session. (Childcare benefit fee reductions apply for eligible participants).

For more information
Please contact the OSHC coordinator Kerri (07) 3812 2014 or 0424 506 546 via email childcare@focal.org.au

Picking up Students from School

All students who are being picked from school need to be signed out at the school office. If anyone other than a parent/carer is picking up a student the school must be notified and photo identification must be presented before signing out a student.

Our School Code of Behaviour

Our school follows the Positive Behaviour Support Program. This program involves active teaching of our School Code of Behaviour. It is our expectation that all students will be following the four key parts of the code. They are:

Co-operation.
Respect for Others.
Self Control.
Respect for Property.

A copy of the symbols for each of the four key parts is attached. Our school welcomes your support with this program.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF PLANTS

If you have any plants that could be potted up they would be greatly appreciated, e.g.

- Bromeliads
- Succulents
- Agave.

Plants can be dropped off at school and sent to the Home Economics room.

Donations of Small Pots under 14cm or 5inches

POTTERY CLASS DONATIONS

Pottery students are looking for donations of Air Plants (Old Mans Whiskers) to put on pottery masks. Donations can be dropped off at the school

DONATE YOUR OLD DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR RECYCLING

Our school runs a computer recycling program as part of our work experience program. We require old desktop computers which can be used for recycling. NO LAPTOPS PLEASE. Computers can be dropped off at school.
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

Classroom work continues to be of a high standard. It is great to see so many students working so hard.

Keep up the good work!

**ON TASK BEHAVIOUR**
Rhyley Schultz
Allie O'Meara

**WORKING HARD**
Hannah Johnson

**GOOD WORK**
Madelynne Smith

**SPELLING**
Madelynne Smith

**MATHS & MONEY**
Josh Gillespie

**GOTCHA'S**
Hannah Johnson
Chris Hall
Corey Stokes
Yinyin Platell
Cody Chesterfield
James Van Der Meulen
Rick Ungormus