Hello Everyone

For a start I would like to thank everyone who supported the Pie Drive. All money raised goes to the P&C who in turn support the things we do in the school. The P&C have several roles and I will talk about these shortly.

QSR

In the absence of any further input from the school community, I will now put together the Quadrennial School Review for 2012-2015. Thank you to all those who contributed. My intention is to present the QSR at the P&C meeting next Wednesday.

Reading/Literacy

The school has identified reading as a priority for the school and now we will explore how it can look for all our students. We are not the only Special School treating this as a priority and we will be visiting Bundaberg Special School to look into the implementation of an approach suitable for our students.

In addition to this training 5 of our staff have been involved in Literacy Training with other Special Schools. There are some wonderful opportunities out there at the moment and it’s great that we are able to take advantage of these to improve what’s happening in our school.
Science
AB as our science coordinator has located some resources in the school and many more resources at schools around the area willing to loan. This means that students can be involved in science experiments straight away. Look out for the interesting things happening in classrooms.

Heated Pool
For all the joy we had in receiving our pool there are many little things that continue to crop up getting in the road of regularly accessing the programs. AB is trying to address the learning needs associated with the swimming program but our hydrotherapy programs have again been interrupted. Some good news, however, is that some of the equipment has started to come in so we will be ready to implement our programs.

P&C
Next Wednesday 21 March is our Annual General Meeting and General Meeting for the Parents and Citizens Association. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and we would love to see you there. One of the things that have been raised already is the school website and this will be discussed. Giving guidance to the school admin is one of the roles of the P&C. The most important role is of course to raise much needed funds ensuring the students have access to the best opportunities we can provide.

I would like to thank personally, and on behalf of the school, the P&C executive and members for all they have done. To David Dwyer (President), Yvonne Murray (Secretary) and Karen George (Treasurer) I send my sincere thanks for your commitment to the school and the students.

All the best,
Bruce
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.

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

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 5 inch

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.
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **St Patrick's Day—Monday 16th March**
  Please return form and $5 if you would like your child to order zucchini slice, lime spider and a cupcake for morning tea on Monday, 19 March for St Patrick's Day.

- **Student Dental Permission Forms—Tuesday 20th March**
  Please ensure all dental forms are returned to the school by 20 March.

- **P&C Annual General Meeting—Wednesday 21 March**

- **Student medical Details—Friday 30th March**
  Please return updated student medical detail form to the school as soon as possible

- **Last Day of Term 2 —Friday 30th March**

- **Term 2 starts—Monday 16 April**
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!

Craft
Zac Baker
Sean Arnold
Freddy Hornsby

Maths
Dakota George

Gotchas
Ryan Dunstan
Kurtley Ryan
Dylan Smith
Sean Arnold

Good Listening
Rhyley Schultz

Special Mention (8 Gotchas)
Harley Ludwick

Art
James Van Der Meulen
Lachlan Mears