FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone
We’ve arrived at the end of another term and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. Remember that the holidays this year are two weeks long and school will resume on Monday April 16. Students too have been looking forward to this week as they plan end of term activities including, for some, going to the movies and looking out for what’s hopping down the road.

Phoebe
This will be the last week for Phoebe with us until the beginning of term 3, or even longer. Phoebe has been working as our Head of Curriculum for the past 9 months and her efforts have been valued by everyone. This is an opportunity for Phoebe to possibly set herself into a permanent position and we all wish her the best for the future. A replacement for Phoebe is being sourced through Smart Jobs but in the meantime we will ask one of our staff to fill in.

Staffing
Due to enrolments since day 8 we have been granted an additional 2 days per week of teacher time and additional teacher aide time. Angela Rimmington will re-join the staff after a baby absence and fill this vacancy.

QSR
The QSR is now complete and, again, thank you to everyone who contributed to this strategic plan for 2012 – 2015. The completed plan will be on display in the office by the beginning of next term.

Reading/Literacy
The visit to Bundaberg spoken about in the last newsletter was very interesting and the staff who attended (Yura, Avril, Alex and myself) got some wonderful ideas to start off our own journey. We look forward to letting everyone know some of the strategies that can encourage our students to be readers, at the level most appropriate to them.

Heated Pool
The pool remains closed until firm findings are made regarding the unusual things happening in the pool. We have had a lot of concerned people working very hard to help establish what’s happening and we hope everything will be back on by term 2.

P&C
Our P&C meeting and AGM is Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the staff room. Please come along and support the wonderful group of people committed to making the school the best it can be.

Admin
Many thanks to the ladies in the office who have been spending so much of their time on the preparation for our rollover to One School. When we do rollover you might have a little bit of extra paperwork just to clear up some things that don’t necessarily flow over from our current system.

Have a wonderful Easter break.
All the best,
Bruce

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Curriculum:
The students have been doing so many wonderful things in their classes and we have been lucky enough to see some of them on display at the junior end during parade. J4 with Lynn Cairns started the ball rolling with a “Communicate in Print” presentation about living things. This was shown to everyone on parade and we were all impressed with the student’s knowledge. M2 also presented to the school and spoke about the data they collected regarding recycling in the school. They showed how they had reduced their use of non-recyclable materials in their lunch boxes. This Wednesday we have another group presenting. If you would like to see please be at school by 9:00am.

Although the school decided to take on the Science area of the Australian curriculum, many teachers have also been investigating the changes to English and Maths. With the aid of our Science Coordinator we hope to have a plan for the implementation of the Australian Science curriculum by the end of this year as well as review our Literacy and Numeracy plans.

In the seniors, we have been fortunate to find work experience for a number of our students in new positions including with Clay Pave. If you ever get the chance to support the people who support your children, please do so.

IMPORTANT DATES:
P & C Annual General Meeting—Wednesday 28 March

All are welcome to attend

No Tuckshop—Thursday 29 March
Due to Multi-sports expo there will be no Tuckshop on Thursday

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

Last Day of Term 2—Friday 30 March

Term 2 starts—Monday 16 April

Bravehearts “Ditto Show”-18 April

School Photos—Thursday 19 April

DONATIONS:

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

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
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

**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 NOTICES:**

**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.**

Donations of Small Pots under 14cm or 5 inch
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!

Science
Josh Boyle
Chantelle Peters
Kimberley Poole

Completing Tasks
Paul Mathieson

Co-Operation
Rhiani McNamara
Freddy Hornsby

Working With Others
Shona Wilson

Good Listening
Jackson Davenport

Following Directions
Jay Smith
Jeremy Sharp