Hello Everyone,

There are a few things to talk about today and so I'll try to be brief.

Visit by Ian Bean
You will have seen several notices about Ian Bean coming to the school on Monday 28 May and I hope you'll be able to come to a session. Ian will be with class teachers in the morning and having lunch and presenting for an hour from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided at 1pm. If you would like to attend please let the office know asap.

Parent Information session Goodna Special School
It’s time for another of those wonderful information sessions and this time it’s on at Goodna Special. If you haven’t replied and would still like to go please get in touch with the school on 33814222 and let them know that you’ll be there. This Thursday Representatives from Carers Queensland, Commonwealth Respite and Carb- ink Centre (CRCC) and ALARA will talk about available supports and services specifically for parents and carers. Peter Tully from the Queensland Disability Network will briefly explain the purpose of the network and how it can be of benefit for people with a disability. Fiona Anderson, Statewide Campaign Coordinator for the NDIS will provide a presentation about the proposed NDIS and how this scheme can have a significant impact on the lives of people with permanent disabilities and their families.

Heated Pool
We’re off and running, we hope. An induction will be held on Monday morning at 8:15am for staff and volunteers, in case you would like to be a volunteer, and then the pool will be able to be used.

Disco
The P&C have expressed their desire to put a disco on for the students before the end of term and with a gold coin donation the money raised could go towards many good causes. It would be wonderful, for instance, to support a student who has been selected to represent the state at the national titles for basketball- Ben Fenton. Two discos will be held in the last week of term- Tuesday for the juniors and Friday for the seniors (12pm to 1pm for both). Lots of help will be needed so please put your hand up to help with the decorations or the supervision.

NAIDOC week
In the same week- the last of this term- we will also be celebrating NAIDOC week. You will see lots of activities during this time for students to be involved in to acknowledge the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in our community.

Reports
Semester 1 reports can be expected to come home in the last couple of days of term. If you would like to meet with the teacher or with me to discuss these please make an appointment with the lovely people in the office.

IPads
The iPads have been used over the past couple of weeks in class and we are nearly ready to do some additional training. At the moment we are planning for this in term 3 and it will involve staff and parents.

Have a fantastic Show Holiday on Friday.

All the best,

Bruce
Active Breaks School Holiday Program

The FREE Active Breaks program is on again during the winter school holidays (25 June to 6 July 2012)! There will be netball, soccer, AFL, tennis, hockey, softball, cricket, little athletics and zumba plus much more!

Morning sessions from 10am to 11am and afternoon sessions from 3pm to 4pm will be available at ten locations in Ipswich - Limestone Park (Ipswich), George Alder Tennis Centre (Leichhardt), Sutton Park (Brassall), Ipswich North State School (North Ipswich), Henry Lawson Bicentennial Park (Walloon), Silkstone State School (Silkstone), Collingwood Park State School (Collingwood Park), Kippen Park (Goodna), Springfield Lakes Ovals (Atlantic Drive, Springfield Lakes) and Woodcrest College (Springfield).

Activities at many locations will continue in the event of wet weather, and the majority of activities are suitable for children with disabilities.

Attend 3 activity sessions and go into the draw to win an 8GB iPod nano valued at $160!

No bookings required!

For more information and the full schedule of activities visit www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/activebreaks or contact Cool Sports:

Ph: 07) 3102 5438
Em: activebreaks@coolsports.com.au

Does your child suffer asthma or eczema?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of asthma and eczema, and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/healthyliving for more information.

Entertainment Books

If anyone would like to order an entertainment book this year please visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/228n212

To order your book online or contact the school on 38135777. Books cost $65 each.
**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 off 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 room.
Donations of Small Pots under 14cm or 5 inch

**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.

**OLD SEWING MACHINES**
If anyone has an old sewing machine that they could donate to the school for the Therapists please drop it off into the office. This will help with splint making and the production of equipment to be used with the kids in hydrotherapy.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

18 May—Ipswich Show Holiday

28 May—Visit by Ian Bean

11 June—Queens Diamond Jubilee

22 June—Last day of Term 2
IMPORTANT NOTICES:

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

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via email childcare@focal.org.au

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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!

**Literacy**
Zac Grbin
Allie O’Meara
Rhyley Schultz

**Hardwork**
Carly Williams

**Spelling**
Dylan Smith

**Science**
Brie-Anna Auld

**Numeracy**
Taylah Keridge-Oliver
Holly Butler

**Newspaper Deliveries**
Kimberley Poole