Hello Everyone

Isn’t it amazing how quickly the year is going? With half the year gone we will be finishing this semester with quite a big week. In addition to our activities we will also be issuing our first report cards for the year and I must say that I have been very impressed with the wonderful learning opportunities including projects and programs, units of study, TAFE course work, science units, communication programs, our increasing focus on reading and, most recently, the hydrotherapy programs. Students have clearly enjoyed their learning and have produced some wonderful results. Congratulations to students and the staff who guide them every day.

NAIDOC week
The National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week is being held this week in our school. The organising committee in the school has been working hard to ensure the students are having fun and remembering the influence the traditional owners of the land have had on our culture. Students have been producing art work and painting boomerangs. If you would like to take a look in the room next to our library I think you will be impressed with the work they’ve been doing. Aunty Davina has also organised some events including Aboriginal dancers and storytellers, the Salvation Army band, free sausage sizzles and free sample bags.

Soccer Carnival
Also this week we have a soccer carnival with the middle years students playing on Wednesday and the seniors on Thursday. Thank you AB for organising this event and for training our students. Please ensure that all permission slips are completed if your child is to participate.

Disco– Gold Coin
The junior and middle students will enjoy a disco on Tuesday starting at 12:45pm with a BBQ, and the seniors on Friday from 1:00pm for a BBQ and 1:30pm for the disco, thanks to the P&C’s association. This is a fun activity and we would appreciate a gold coin donation to go towards supporting Ben Fenton’s trip to Newcastle as he represents the State in basketball.

My Future: My Life
For parents of students in years 11 and 12 wishing to apply for this funding, please be aware that this funding is to assist with students transitioning to post school options and is available for the next 3 years with the process involving applying using the form available on the internet. You will need a copy of your child’s SET Plan (Senior Education and Training Plan) and documents indicating your child’s disability. If you don’t have these please ask your child’s teacher for assistance. You will also need quotes for any equipment or services required made out in your child’s name. The website is http://www.myfuturemylife.com.au.

Kiln Room
I’m sure everyone will be as happy as Heather to hear that work on our new Kiln Room will begin today. Some disruption to accessing the school is expected for the next 8 weeks and we will not be able to get to the middle car park under G Block until the work is complete. If you are in the car park and need to get to the office or to the rest of the school, head towards the junior buildings and you’ll see an open gate on your left.

P&C meeting
The next meeting for the P&C is this Wednesday night at 7:00pm. If you aren’t able to make it you might be able to help at the discos. Please give the school a ring to let us know if you would like to help.

So you can see that we’re going to have a busy week but we will all have a good relax for the next 2 weeks. School recommences on Monday, July 9.

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](http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/activebreaks) or contact Cool Sports:

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

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**Entertainment Books**

If anyone would like to order an entertainment book this year please visit [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/228n212](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/228n212)

To order your book online or contact the school on 38135777. Books cost $65 each.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

This year we are again participating in the Woolworths earn and learn program. Stickers are being used this year and can be collected at the checkout. If you require any more sticker sheets please let the office know on 38135777.

**Student Reports**

Student reports will be sent home from Tuesday this week.
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 MACHING
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—22 June—NADIOC Week celebrations
19 June—Junior/Middle Disco
22 June—Senior Disco
22 June—Last day of Term 2
9 July—First day of Term 3

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.
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.

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
0424 506 546
via email childcare@focal.org.au

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