Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Ian Bean session at the school last Monday. It was a big day for us and we were fortunate to be featured on Channel 10 news. Ian Bean is now a private consultant but was one of the original developers of the Priory Woods website that many of us involved in special education used for many years to provide Cause/Effect learning opportunities for students. Although Ian didn’t get the chance to discuss the use of iPads and appropriate applications, he did leave us a book of his best recommendations and these will be considered by staff. As an aside, the P&C have offered to support the training for parents regarding the use of iPads. Next term we will organise a training session for parents with an Ipad expert so keep an eye out for the information about times.

My Future: My Life
We have recently been informed of a process where Year 11 and Year 12 students might be able to secure extra funds to help them achieve a successful transition to life after school. If you have any questions about this I encourage you to take a look at the website at http://www.myfuturemylife.com.au or contact me at the school. This funding ($1000 for Year 11 and $2000 for Year 12) is limited so please get in touch as soon as you can.

A School Community
Thank you to everyone who continues to make important contributions to the school and to their child’s class. Every day there are good news stories about things that are happening for our children and it would be wonderful to share these in this newsletter. If you have any information to share please let us know.
For instance, Aidan Murray, one of our young students, has recently acquired an electric wheelchair and he is learning how use it to improve his independence.
Robyn Skilton noticed a need for students in Jack’s class to have drink bottles and donated Tupperware drink bottles.

Thanks Robyn.
Ben Fenton has been named in the line-up to represent Qld in basketball in Newcastle later in the year and the P&C have recommended that the gold coin donations from the school disco be committed to supporting him.

NAIDOC Week
This year the National Aborigines and Islanders Observance Committee week will be celebrated in the last week of term. Aunty Davina has sourced lots of wonderful things including the makings for sausage sizzles, the appearance of aboriginal dancers, the Salvation Army band, bush tucker samples and even some sample bags. The committee at school is also working hard and you can expect to see some wonderful art and perhaps a few things that may or may not come back.

School Disco
The P&C are keen to encourage the children to have a bit of fun after all their hard work this semester and have proposed a school disco for the Juniors and Middles on Tuesday of the last week and for the seniors on the last Friday of term. Please send a gold coin donation and the money raised will go towards supporting Ben Fenton’s quest for gold at the basketball competition later in the year.

QLD Day celebrations
With everything else that we’re doing this term we decided that our Qld Day celebrations can wait a few weeks until we return after the holidays. Look out for some great activities and some special awards for our high achieving students.
Have a wonderful Qld day today.

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

**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.

**Monday 11 June—Queens Diamond Jubilee Public Holiday**
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:

11 June—Queens Diamond Jubilee
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
**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.

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**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
Cooperation

Respect for Others

Self Control

Respect for Property

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!

Newspaper Delivery
Kimberley Poole
Karley Wilson

Maths
Maddy Smith

Literacy
Holly Butler
Lily Blunn

Reading
Allie O'Meara

Writing
Zac Grbin
Grace Benton

Catering for guests
Kurtley Ryan
Jeremy Sharpe
Christopher Myers

Science
Karley Wilson
Chantelle Peters
Kimberley Poole
Brie-Anna Auld
IPSWICH SHOW RESULTS

Ryan Hartley—1st Cross Stitch, 1st any article of craft, 2nd recycled craft, Trophy School Work Section - Best Exhibit of show

Hannah Stuart-Knight—2nd Knitting, 2nd Tie Dyeing

Josh Boyle—1st & 2nd Card Making, 2nd Cross Stitch

Tyson Nichols—HC any article of craft

Chantelle Peters—1st Card Making, HC any article of craft

Dylan Smith—3rd Knitting

Carly Williams—1st Tie Dyeing, 2nd Any article of stitching, 2nd any article of craft, HC any article of craft

Tyler Harmer—3rd Tie Dyeing, 2nd any article of craft

Sonja Casson—1st Recycled craft

Freddy Hornsby—3rd any article of craft

Indio Williams—3rd Recycled craft, HC Recycled craft

Madelynne Smith—3rd any article of craft

Josh Gillespie—1st Tapestry

Darelle Bond—1st any article of stitching

Harley Ludwick—2nd Tapestry

Kurtley Ryan—1st any article of craft, 3rd card making, HC Card Making

Jarod Barney—3rd Tie Dyeing, 3rd Tapestry, 2nd Tapestry

Chris Hall—2nd Cross Stitch

Luke Mandelkow—2nd Cross Stitch

Sean Arnold—HC any article of craft

Kirra Fitton—HC any article of craft

Johanna Crow—3rd any article of craft

Zac Baker—1st any article of craft, 2nd Recycled craft, Champion Junior Exhibit of show

Jackson Davenport—1st Tie Dyeing, 1st Cross Stitch

Ben Fenton—3rd Tapestry, HC any article of craft

Brooke McQueen—HC any article of craft

Zac Driver—1st Tapestry, Eric Vestey—1st Tapestry

James Van Der Meulen—2nd Tie Dyeing

Aidan Murray—2nd Card making