FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

Some important items as we near the end of term 3, and the most important at the moment is our Athletics carnival on Wednesday. Please remember that you are welcome to attend to watch your child compete but there are two different carnivals going on—one at the school and one at Limestone Park. Check below for the details. Also in this edition are some very important considerations for our Spring Concert.

**Athletics Carnival**

Tomorrow is our big Athletics carnival. Our school, along with Goodna Special, Western Suburbs Special, Claremont Special and Ipswich West Special, will compete for trophies in track and field events. As explained in the last newsletter, those students not able to manage leaving the school will be competing at the school under the watchful eye of Darren Greenway and the others will be off to Limestone Park. Please check with your child’s teacher if you’re not sure where your child will be. Everyone always has a great day at these events and you can expect to see some special events and visitors if you can make it to Limestone. Along with our good friends David Morrison, Andrew Antonelli, Shayne Neumann and Aunty Davina, there will be people from the Special Olympics and even an Olympic Torch being carried around the oval.

One important point to consider is that if it is a rainy day the event will be postponed by one week.

**Vacation Care**

It is nearly time to consider what is happening during the Spring Vacation. You will find further information regarding this in the newsletter so register soon.

**Heated Pool**

Due to maintenance needs the pool will have to be closed for the next few days but we are hoping that all will be back to normal for Friday’s classes. Your child’s teacher will let you know.

**School Opinion Survey**

If you were one of the lucky ones to receive a School Opinion Survey please consider getting this back to us immediately. Only 40 parents are able to complete the survey and these are chosen randomly through our computer system so it is very important that we get as many of these back as possible.

**Parent 2 Parent**

This wonderful initiative is something I would love to offer all parents to help guide their child’s future, but time and places are limited. Wendy Chandler and Matt Armstrong will be attending our school on Monday 15 October to explain how they can contribute to developing a futures plan and path for individual students. After that day Matt will come to the school every third week to work with parents who would appreciate developing a vision, and a path to achieving that vision, for their child. I will send out more information at the beginning of term 4 and asking for an indication of who would like to be involved. This is not just for senior students.

Taylah Louise Kerridge-Oliver (30.07.2005-16.08.2012)

On Saturday a number of our staff attended the funeral of one of our wonderful students. The funeral was heart-wrenching and heart-warming and her family clearly were devoted to her. Taylah passed away after a short illness. Our school will hold a memorial service for Taylah in the near future and it would be lovely to have as many of the parents as possible attend.

**Spring Concert**

Due to a variety of circumstances we will not be able to hold our concert in the evening as we usually do. This year our Spring Concert will be held during school time on Wednesday 31 October in the Terracotta Room. Juniors and middle students will hold their concert in the morning and seniors in the afternoon. We understand that this is not the most convenient but we hope you will do your best to attend to watch your child perform. We will still have lots of things happening including raffles, Christmas card sales and plant sales.

All the best,

Bruce
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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

29 August—Sports Carnival
21 September—Last day of term 3
8 October—First day of term 4
22 October—Student Free Day
31 October—Spring Concert

SPECIAL THANKS
Ipswich Special school would like to thank Ausco for their donation towards our new G Block port racks.
**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.

**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

**Vacation Care**
Focal will be running a Junior and Senior vacation care program during the September holidays at our school. Please contact them on 3812 2014 for further information.

**Father’s Day Raffle**
The father’s day raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 29 August** so make sure that you return your money and tickets by tomorrow morning.

**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.
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!

**Paper Shredding**
Darelle Bond

**Maths**
Karley Wilson

**Independent Spelling**
Allie O’Meara

**Good Reading**
Zac Grbin

**Good Writing**
Zac Grbin