Hello Everyone

We are all systems go for another great term and I hope you can hold on to your hats for everything that will be going on. Changes to staffing, the Spring Concert, Senior Dinner Dance, Graduation, the acquisition of more iPads and, most importantly, the Memorial Service for Taylah Kerridge-Oliver are discussed below.

Fishing camp
Some of the seniors are currently on camp at Bribie Island involved in a fishing camp. They’ve earned this opportunity by raising funds and participating in the Certificate 1 in Work Readiness. It’s amazing how the elements of education can all fit together.

Spring Concert
The Spring Concert is being held in the new Terracotta room this year. I know that this is going to be more difficult for people to attend so please plan as best you can. The students are hoping to see you there if you can make it.

Memorial Service for Taylah Kerridge-Oliver
On Friday, 26 October the school will hold a memorial service for Taylah. Her passing at the end of last term was a shock and distressing for everyone who knew her. The school will hold a short service followed by the release of red and black balloons, representing the lady beetles Taylah loved the most. Please try to come for the service if you can afford the time.

P2P
Matthew Armstrong from Parent-To-Parent will shortly be coming to the school to discuss ways of planning for the future. The process has proven highly successful in many settings over the past decade and fits well with Disability Services requirements.

Staff
Darren has been asked to assist over at Sunnybank Special School for the rest of this term. This will mean that an Expression of Interest will be put out for his position. In the meantime Alex will act in this role. We wish Darren well.
Jenny Warren and Avril Liston will be absent for some of this term due to health and personal issues. We look forward to seeing them back soon.
Hanna Mengel, one of our Occupational Therapists, will be finishing in the next week. If you have had anything to do with Hanna you will understand how much she will be missed. We will let you know who her replacement is as soon as we can. Please let her know how much she has been appreciated and wish her well for the future, as do I.

Senior Dance
The Senior Dinner Dance is just around the corner. Senior students will be able to attend a dinner at Brothers Club on Thursday, 15 November. The theme is SPARKLE. I know the students are looking forward to night and I’m looking forward to seeing them in their best outfits.

20 iPads
The government’s iPad initiative has resulted in the school receiving 20 iPads. These are currently being prepared to be issued to classroom teachers.

HRE program
The Human Relationships Education Program is under way and if your child is involved you will have been informed. Family Planning Qld are running the program but if you would like to discuss any issue please contact your child’s teacher.

P&C
A reminder that the next P&C meeting is tonight. 7:00pm start.

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:

17 October—P&C Meeting
22 October—Student Free Day
26 October—World Teachers Day
31 October—Spring Concert
14 November—Senior Dinner Dance
**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
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via email childcare@focal.org.au
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 Delivery**
Karley Wilson
Kimberley Poole

**Spelling**
Freddy Hornsby
Jeremy Sharp

**Numeracy**
Grace Benton
Kimberley Poole
Karley Wilson

**Literacy**
Allie O’Meara

**Art**
Kevin Daniels

**Hydrotherapy**
Teigan Hendry