Hello Everyone and welcome to term 3.
We started the term with a wonderful Senior Camp. I send my thanks to all the wonderful staff who put this together and then contributed to another outstanding opportunity for our students.

School Opinion Survey
It seems that School Opinion Survey time has come a little earlier this year and begins this week. The process this year involves completing the surveys online. All parents will receive a letter with the details of how to log in. Please take this opportunity seriously and let us know how we are going. I know the people who work in our school are totally committed to your children and do their best at all times. This survey is a chance to acknowledge this. In the past parents have been very supportive and we appreciate this.

Music Therapist
I’m sure everyone will be thrilled to hear that we have been able to secure the services of a Music Therapist for 4 to 4 ½ hours every Tuesday until the end of the year. Please make Rachael welcome. Rachael will visit several classes, run a percussion session in the first lunch break for some students and then offer a choir in the second break in the Terracotta room. So exciting!

New Mascot
Ollie is our new mascot and he appears at the bottom of this newsletter. Around the school, in the near future, you will see Ollie being Safe, Respectful and as a Learner.

Staff changes
I would like to congratulate Angela who has taken up a role as Acting Head of Special Services at Lowood State High for the next 6 months. Angela has been replaced by Charlene. Yes, Charlene has come back to us from overseas and is doing a wonderful job at continuing the work Angela has put in place. Neil has taken up an opportunity to return to Manual Arts teaching at a local High School. Bhanu has taken up a role as a Learning Support teacher and Raju is walking 5 minutes to work rather than making a 45 minute drive. I would like to thank them all for their efforts and wish them all the best for the future. Elwyn returns to us after 6 months leave and will cover Neil’s Man Arts classes. Lisa Morar has returned to us for 2 days each week and will work in Raju’s class with Trish Predo. We also welcome Tim Vassella into the Early Years area.

NAIDOC Week
This week we celebrate NAIDOC week at our school and what a wonderful program we have thanks to the efforts of Amanda, Jenny Warren and Deanne. You will need to come and have a look at the mural being painted at the bottom of A Block near the toilets, and see if you can find Ollie.

Have a wonderful fortnight.
Bruce

If you are buying anything at AMART All Sports please let them know that you are with the Ipswich Special School. This will mean that a percentage of your purchase cost will go to supporting the school with equipment in the future.
**Important Dates:**

July 21—25  - NAIDOC Week Celebrations  
August 3—School Survey Online Finishes  
August 25—29  - Parent/Carer Interviews  
August 27—InterSchool Sports Carnival  

**Chaplain News**

Hi everyone,

It has been great to see you all back at school for the start of term three! For the next few months you may notice that I have an extra pair of hands helping me, this is Fiona who is currently on placement with SU Queensland while she completes her Diploma of Community Services. If you see her around please make her feel welcome. I have the annual chaplaincy conference, as well as training coming up in August so I will not be at school for two weeks commencing Tuesday 5th August. During this time Fiona will be coordinating the Breakfast Club of a morning.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart“ – Helen Keller.

Have a great week  
Chappy Lucinda  

**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 three key parts of the code. They are:  
*We are SAFE*  
*We are RESPECTFUL*  
*We are LEARNERS*  
Our school welcomes your support with this program.

**WELL DONE RHYS!**

Rhys was involved in a Basketball Competition during the school holidays at Boondall Entertainment Centre. Rhys’s team won all four of their matches by 20 points or more each game.

**Senior School Shirts**

Senior School Shirts are now available in the following sizes:  
Children's sizes: 10-16  
Adults sizes: Small - 4X Large  
All Senior shirts are $20 each.  
Shirts are available from the office.
### OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

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### NAIDOC WEEK AT IPSWICH SPECIAL

In the month of July, NAIDOC week activities are held to celebrate the history, achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people of Australia.

This year at school the program will begin on Monday seeing the children be apart of the Flag Raising Ceremony and acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land on parade. Also starting Monday will be the painting of two murals on the walls of A Block. Students will be able watch the artists at work and the gradual development of the art pieces, through to completion on Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday and Thursday the students will partake in Indigenous sports and dancing. The program will close on Friday with Dreamtime Story Telling.

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**Male Carers Lunch - At the Centre 10.00am**

Where: Blue Care, Blaxland Street, Eastern Heights (Lauriston)

When: 30th July 2014

RSVP: Friday 25th July 2014

Contact: Lee-Ann Joseph  Blue Care Ipswich Day Respite  3813 3825

(If there is any diet requirement please let me know when you call)

*Note:* If you have booked and find that you are unable to make it, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Australian Government
**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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**IPSWICH LITTLE ATHLETICS**

We strive to support, educate and encourage athletes of all abilities

* Athletes 5 -16 Years  
* Free training sessions  
* Friday Night competition  
* Develop fundamental skills  
* Wide range of events - throws, jumps, sprints, hurdles, walks and long distance

Bill Patterson Oval, Lion St Ipswich  
www.ipswichla.org.au  
Ph: 07 3812 3833    0427 112 661
Focal Extended Inc. is pleased to provide information about the Winter Vacation Care Program.

The **Junior** Vacation Care Program will operate **9:00am-3:00pm**, as follows:
Monday, 30 June 2014 - Friday, 4 July 2014

The **Senior** Vacation Care program will operate **8:30am-5:30pm**, as follows:
Monday, 30 June 2014 - Friday, 4 July 2014
Monday, 7 July 2014 - Friday, 11 July 2014

**Senior After School and Vacation Care programs:**
Open to young people with a disability, attending school and aged between 12 years to 18 years.

**Junior Vacation Care program:**
Open to young people with a disability, attending school and aged between 5 years to 11 years.
**Priority** is for children with a disability, however, if there are vacancies, siblings without a disability, attending school and aged 5-11 years, may also be able to attend this program.

For more information
Please contact the OSHC coordinator Kerri
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0424 506 546
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