Hello Everyone,

We are in the last half of the year which means that parents of those students in their last year of school need to be thinking about whether they will be applying for an extension. Letters have gone home to those who have done their 12 years of schooling and it is now up to you whether you would like to apply for another 6 months or 12 months. Usually approval is more likely in the cases where we are continuing to work on transition goals or where we are close to achieving employment. Please return the requests as soon as possible.

**Student Leaders**

We held a student leader’s meeting yesterday and I am pleased to say that everyone contributed in their own way. An important point was that student leaders should be wearing a badge. If your child has lost their badge it is important that they bring in $6 to pay for a replacement. Other items included organising the bag pipe band, NRL players to organise a game (thanks Harley), offering fishing to other students now that many are working on Fridays (thanks Maddy), and that we could be offering to volunteer at Girls Grammar since they have volunteered with us (thanks Heather).

**School Opinion Survey**

This will be the last opportunity to get involved with the School Opinion Survey. Due to a poor take-up they have extended the date to the end of the week.

**SWPBS**

The school expectations matrix has been developed and reviewed by the staff and shared with the students. You will find a copy of the matrix attached to this newsletter.

**NAIDOC Week**

We had a wonderful week last week celebrating and acknowledging the Aboriginal and Islander influence around our community. Thanks go to teachers Amanda, Deanne and Jenny Warren for organising the activities. We also now have two wonderful murals at the bottom of A Block painted over the besser block walls. Come and have a look and see if you can spot Ollie.

**ONSIE DAY**

Last week you and the students and the staff supported the ONSIE Day. The money raised was donated to the Qld Diabetes Association. We have 3 students with Type 1 Diabetes and we saw this as a chance to have a bit of fun and to help those with this condition. How much was raised? $148. Thanks to Leonie and Carol for organising the event and the prizes.

**Covered Walkways**

The walkways are now complete and we are thrilled with the result. All students can now access the top of G Block and the atrium which means that the space is a lot more useable by everyone. The walkway from the pool to A Block is wide, dry and a delight to use. Some fencing to be completed tomorrow but otherwise all systems are go.

**Fresh Futures Market**

Tomorrow students and their parents and carers are welcome to attend the Fresh Futures Market being held at the North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre. This is an opportunity for all transition aged students and their parents, and all parents and carers of students with disabilities interested in knowing more about what’s available for their children in the future, to get the right information from people in over 50 stalls. Have a wonderful fortnight.

Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES:**
August 25—29 - Parent/Carer Interviews
August 27—Inter School Athletics Carnival
**THERE IS NO SHOW HOLIDAY FOR OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR, DUE TO OUR SCHOOL HAVING IPSWICH SHOW DAY.**

**CURRICULUM NEWS**
This semester students in the Middle and Junior secondary sector will be focusing on Celebrations as part of their English Unit. Students will identify the theme, key events and characters from a story about a celebration. They will discuss celebrations by investigating the term celebration and exploring examples of different celebrations, engaging in shared reading of a story about a celebration, recording the theme, main characters and events in a story about a celebration. Students will then create an invitation for a celebration within school.

Many of our senior students have been participating in External Work Experience. Some of the industries that our students work at include; My Mower Man, Endeavour, Woolworths, Ipswich Grey Hounds, Royal Mail Hotel, Llewellyn Motors, Kmart and Trade Secret. If you can, please support these industries that support Ipswich Special School.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact
Alexandra Wallace
Acting Head of Curriculum

**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.

**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.

**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 child-care@focal.org.au

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*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.*
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

HORTICULTURE
William Christie
Douglas William

MONEY/NUMERACY
Jaimee McLean
Matthew Van Der Meulen
Allie O’Meara
Heidi Vestey
Shekinah Robertson

GEOGRAPHY
Allie O’Meara
Jaimee McLean
Heidi Vestey
Shekinah Robertson

DIARY WRITING
Dylan McCann

CRAFT
Emily Horsfall

SHARING WITH PEERS
Maegen Robson

BUS LIST
Rhyley Schultz
Annabellah Brown

HELPING IN THE PLAYGROUND
Kirill Haevecker

HORSE RIDING
Alan Taylor

SAFETY ON PAPER DELIVERY
Jye Smith
Luke Purkis

1ST COLES TRIP & CO-OPERATION
McCoy Clayton

IPSWICH LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Athletes aged 5-16 years
Bill Patterson Oval, Lion St Ipswich

2014/15 Sign On
Friday 29th August 5-7pm
Saturday 30th August 2-5pm

First Competition Night
Friday 5th September 5:30pm

For more information visit our website
www.ipswichla.org.au

CPL invites you to our
Family Fun Day!
Sunday 24 August from 11:00am to 3:00pm
CPL - 44 South Station Street, Booval
Join us for CPL’s first ever family fun day in Ipswich!
Enjoy heaps of exciting activities including a jumping castle, face painting and jewellery making plus be in the draw to win a $500 Visa Prepaid Card on the day!
Enter online now at cpl.org.au/funday.