Hello Everyone,
Here’s a quick summary of three big events from the last couple of weeks:
1. Discipline audit- went very well. The school received HIGH in all areas with some peaks into OUTSTANDING.
2. Our Athletics carnival was another wonderful success with a trophy win for Middle Years and lots of ribbons and a few medals to people like Madisen Ward. Thanks AB for all your efforts to make this happen.

Our school-based athletics carnival for students unable to attend Limestone Park, was also a wonderful success. Many ribbons went to the students and the smiles were great indicators of the fun they were having. Thanks Trish Turner and Deb Dowling for running such an organised event.

This week is School Support Staff Week. Teacher Aides, Admin Ladies in the office, our Janitor/Groundsman, are all sent our thanks for the wonderful work they do. This Friday is Teacher Aide Day. Please let these people know how you feel about the wonderful work they do.

Junior Sports
On Monday students in J1 will participate in the Junior Sports Day at Ipswich West Special School. Parents are very welcome.

GOLF
Another great event organised by AB and supported by students and staff across the middle and senior areas. I think Chris was the big hitter this time.

ASDAN
If your child is in the senior and extension end of the school they might be involved in the ASDAN program. ASDAN is a range of project based resources, using individual student work booklets to deliver The Australian Curriculum. And don’t the students enjoy it!

SICKNESS
I learned a new word from a doctor at Qld Health- “shedding”. They use this to describe what happens when you’ve been ill, finished the contagious stage and still have germs that can be passed on to others. If your child is unwell it is important that you keep them at home for the full 5 to 7 days recommended by Qld Health to avoid the contagious and shedding periods. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience but we have to do what we can to control the spread of these conditions. Hopefully we’re coming to the end of the season.

SIGNAGE
We have 15 new signs up. Let’s see how many you can spot.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES:**
September 19—Last day of Term 3
October 7—Back to school, start of Term 4

**CHAPPY NEWS**
Hi everyone,
I hope that everyone is having a good week so far! Spring is finally here and the days are definitely starting to get warmer. It is hard to believe that there is only two and a half weeks left of term three... I bet all of you are getting excited for the school holidays!

“You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great” – Zig Ziglar

Have a great week

Chappy Lucinda

**CURRICULUM NEWS**
All individual learning plans (ILP’s) and SETPlans have been sent home for parent/carers to review and sign. Parent/Carer meetings have been taking place this week. In 2015 the ILP’s will be changing to an Individual Curriculum Plan (ICP). More details will follow early next year.

**FOCAL EXTENDED INCORPORATED**
Focal Extended Inc is pleased to provide information about the Spring Vacation Care Program to be held at Ipswich Special School.

**Junior Vacation Care Program (5yrs—11yrs):**
Monday, 22 Sept—Friday, 26 Sept
9.00am—3.00

**Senior Vacation Care Program (12yrs—18yrs):**
Monday, 22 Sept—Friday, 26 Sept
Monday, 29 Sept—Friday, 3 Oct

For more information call 3812 2014

**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.

**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
via email childcare@focal.org.au
Phone: (07) 3812 2014, 0424 506 546
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

LITERACY
Bonita Nyibizi
Heidi Vestey x 2
Jaimee McLean

WRITING
Luke Mandelkow
Celina Robson (Her name)

SPELLING
William Christie
Zach Driver
Douglas Williams

HOME ECONOMICS

SPORTS NEWS

Reflections on the Regional Athletics Carnival by Mr AB

On Wednesday, 27 August, Ipswich Special, Ipswich West, Goodna, Claremont and Western Suburbs participated in the annual Regional Athletics Carnival. The forecast was for inclement weather but the weather was perfect for the duration of the athletics carnival. In attendance for the first time in the history of this carnival were officials from Queensland Little Athletics and officials from the Active Community Sports to assist as volunteers. It was a great day and congratulations to our students for their excellent performance on and off the track. What a great effort from our cheerleading team! Well done girls and Deanne!

Functions of this nature are always about team work. It is about the dedicated staff at Ipswich Special working behind the scenes preparing permission letters, name tags, printing programs, booking buses, preparing staff duty rosters, placing safety pins into ribbons, organising seating arrangements on the buses for students. It is about those who turn up at 7.00AM to set up the equipment and about those who clean-up and pack away after everyone has left. It is also about those dedicated parents who support their students on the track and assist as volunteer officials. It is about the officials who give off their best under pressure to have the results ready for the presentations.

It is about throwing the athletics rule book out the window and modifying the rules as the day progresses in the interest of our students and ensuring that every student feels like a winner. It is about working together as a team so that our students have a memorable and an enjoyable day. Well done Ipswich Special School!

Reminder..... 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.
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