Hello Everyone,

We’ve come to the end of another term and the students and staff are all excited about the holidays. In the last couple of weeks we’ve celebrated the outstanding work our teacher aides and school support staff (the ladies in the office and our Schools Officer Ray) and the Physios (Grae and Kelsie) do in our school. We said goodbye for a while to Leigh Ann Wright who went off to have a baby and prepare to say goodbye to Bianca who starts maternity leave at the end of this term. Replacing Bianca will be Judith who knows the class really well.

Volunteer Vera
I would like to acknowledge our three volunteers who come in every Thursday to help with the Craft classes. In particular I would like to thank Vera Gesler who has been volunteering at the school and in the Ipswich community for over 45 years and, just quietly, turns 94 this week.

 Canberra Camp
Today you might receive notice of an opportunity to be involved in next year’s Canberra camp. This is expected to run every 2 to 3 years for senior students depending on the interest of the students and their parents. The cost is significant and so needs to be planned for perhaps using one or some of these strategies:

1. Direct the Education Supplement attached to the Disability Pension to the school where it will be kept in your child’s name. Any money left over at the end of the year or your child’s schooling will be sent to the student and family.

2. Send a weekly or fortnightly amount (to be negotiated with the school) to the school where it will be saved in your child’s name. Establish a bank account for holiday savings for your child.

There’s still lots of planning to be done but now’s the time to start putting the funds away.

If you are not wanting your child to attend the Canberra camp there will still be a camp to Tallebudgera each year for the seniors.

 School Uniform
Now that we have a new emblem and a new mascot it’s time for us to be thinking about whether we wish to make changes to the uniform. The senior uniform still seems quite popular but the yellow for the juniors and middles has been difficult to keep clean. One proposal has been to change the colour to the same green as the seniors with yellow inserts. Come along to the P&C meeting tomorrow at 12:30pm and have a look at the possibilities.

A reminder that Monday, 6 October is a Public Holiday. Our return to school date is TUESDAY, 7 October.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday,

Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES:**
September 19—Last day of Term 3
October 7—Back to school, Term 4
October 20 - Student Free Day
October 28 - Spring Concert
**October 30** - Senior Dinner Dance

**CHAPPY NEWS**
Hi everyone,

Only a few more days left of school and then it is school holidays! I am sure that some of you have lots of exciting and fun things planned for the two weeks off. I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of term four.

“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles” – Christopher Reeve.

Have a great week,

Chappy Lucinda

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**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

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**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.

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**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

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LITERACY
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SPELLING
William Christie
Zach Driver
Douglas Williams

HOME ECONOMICS
Allie O’Meara

During the holidays Bruce has been invited to attend the Education Summit (Accord) with others who are interested in preparing for the future of education in the state. If you are interested in contributing please consider your responses to the following 7 key priorities and get on to the website where you can complete a survey with your ideas. https://classroomconnections.eq.edu.au/Pages/EducationAccordEventForm.aspx?isDlg=1

Seven key priorities have been developed to facilitate discussion and capture the diverse opinions of Queenslanders. Feedback from these questions will be extensively reviewed and will shape the content of the Queensland Education Accord.

- How do we ensure that all young Queenslanders have access to an affordable, high-quality education, regardless of their circumstances? In particular, how do we ensure young people in rural and remote locations have access to world-class educational opportunities that build on the strengths and potential of our regions?

- With competing demands on available resources, how do we ensure the school system and schools have the agility, flexibility and autonomy to keep improving in the changing environment over the next 30 years?

- What qualities do we - as parents, educators, business leaders and community members - expect young Queenslanders will gain from their school education?

- How do we ensure that schools equip students with the skills, knowledge, aptitudes and values they need to strengthen our economy and participate in a globalised 21st century world?

- How do we assure and improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools? How do we attract, retain and develop the very best teachers and school leaders?

- How do we support young Queenslanders in making a successful transition from home or early childhood education and care to school, and from school to further education, training and employment?

- How can we develop greater engagement and partnerships between schools and their communities (including parents and carers, other education and training providers, local government and community organisations, businesses and industry)?

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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