Hello Everyone,

I have to start the newsletter with a mention of the Spring Concert. Every year I can’t help but spend the rest of a concert day smiling and remembering the fabulous and confident performances of the students. Although I missed the Juniors I’m sure it was just as wonderful. The main theme was our new motto, ‘Together We Can.’

My thanks go to the staff who organised and supported the students, who trained the students and who helped with the setting up, music and technical details. I will always miss someone so I will just acknowledge Deanne Smith as chief organiser and Master of Ceremonies. Great job Deanne, to you and to your team.

This Friday we remember Daniel Morcombe. We remember the lessons we learned about personal safety and the affect that losing someone has on the whole family. These lessons are so important that we include them in our Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum but emphasise them particularly this Friday. PLEASE WEAR RED FOR THE DAY.

This coming Wednesday the school will celebrate Teacher’s Day. The teachers who work with your children have what seems to be growing and heightened levels of responsibility, and they don’t mind a bit. It would be nice if you were to wish them well and to thank them for all they do, come Wednesday.

You might have seen a couple of fresh faces around the school of late. We have 2 young intern teachers finishing their prac with Jenny Bargewell and Sharon Kitching. Please make them welcome if you see them.

Tomorrow night will be our Senior Dinner Dance. Students 16 and over will be able to attend the night and join in the dancing and feasting with students from other schools including Claremont Special, Goodna Special and Western Suburbs. As always the students are looking forward to the day with great anticipation and will come looking their absolute best. If you would like to see them arrive, the evening will be at the Brothers Club starting at 6pm. The P&C have chosen their preferred design for the middle and junior school uniform shirts and the staff have chosen. It’s come down to 2 designs that are running neck and neck. If you are dropping in to the school ask to have a look at the shirts so that you can pass on your opinion.

The time has come to start organising classes for 2015. If you haven’t seen me and would like to let me know what you would prefer then you are welcome to do so. I’m sure you appreciate that we will do our best to place your child into the best arrangement according to their age, abilities and needs, and that this will be done in consultation with the staff who have been working with them.

For those who are interested, I didn’t bring any luck to the fishing competition. The best we got was undersized, caught by Josh Van, and the only other was a small stingray caught by Chloe. They probably won’t let me come with them next year.

Another BBQ fund raiser this Sunday at Bunnings. Hope to see you there.

There will be no holiday associated with the G20 for Ipswich Special School. Normal school day.

All the best,
Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**October 30**—Senior Dinner Dance  
**October 31**—Day for Daniel  
**November 3**—Poppys on sale  
**November 26**—Senior Graduation  
**December 8**—Brothers Christmas Party  
**December 10**—Whole School Award Ceremony  
**December 10**—Reports sent home

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Hi everyone,

This term definitely seems to be going very quickly - I cannot believe that it is week four already! I am very much looking forward to all the exciting things that are happening later on this year; it is sure to be a busy second half to the term. Next Thursday (6th November 2014) I will not be at school however, Fiona my placement student from Evocca will be facilitating the breakfast club in the morning.

“If you think you’re too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room” – Dame Anita Roddick.

Have a great week,  
Chappy Lucinda

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

Students are learning about the significance of Rememberance Day, classes within Junior and Middle will be attending the Rememberance Day ceremony on Tuesday, 11 November at the Ipswich RSL. Miss Charlene’s class will be selling poppies for 50c each from Monday, 3 November.

This semester students will be receiving their end of school reports on Wednesday, 10 December, please be on the look out for it.

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**VACANCIES AVAILABLE FOR AFTERSCHOOL 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).  
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Please contact the OSHC coordinator Kerri  
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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**
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.

Ipswich Riverlink Shopping Centre

SENSORY SANTA

Sensory Santa was created for families with special needs children that have sensory disorders and couldn’t have a photo with Santa because of the sensory barriers. Sensory Santa offers

No Background Music, No Lines/queues. 5min bookings, No spotlights, Chair next to Santa, understanding Santa & Photographer.

Ipswich Riverlink Shopping Centre has dedicated the day for Special needs photos with Santa

Limited Bookings
10am-2pm Sunday 30th November

book online or phone 3294 5500

http://www.riverlink.net.au/event-registration.php
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