Hello Everyone,

At the beginning of last week we lost another of our children. Harmony Taylor passed away on Monday after a respiratory condition associated with her catching a cold or virus. Eight people from the school attended the funeral on Friday. This was very moving and heart wrenching and the grief and loss was apparent everywhere. Harmony will be remembered at our school with a memorial service on Monday, 1 Dec at 9:30am. Although our school loses many students to health issues it is important that we always celebrate our children for what they have given to us all. Harmony was a beautiful child who made us all happy. She is missed. Please come to the memorial if you can.

Graduation
Tonight is our Graduation for 15 students. So sad to see them go and yet, for some reason, they all seem pretty pleased. We will be holding the graduation at the Brothers Club and attendance is by invitation. Ian Berry will be making the presentations. Students leaving to take up their lives as adults in the community are: Rhian McNamara; Luke Purkis; Gemma Harrison; Shaye Harrison; Hannah Cox; Shona Wilson; Dylan Smith; Pat Schmidt; Harley Vestey; Nicholas Kearnon; Heather Livingstone; Joshua Gillespie; Karley Wilson; Hannah Stuart-Knight, and Jeremy Sharp.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know these people and on behalf of everyone at the school, I wish them a wonderful life.

There are so many stories that people will hold close as we say goodbye tonight. In actual fact they still have another couple of weeks, but tonight is symbolic of what will be - a school without 15 amazing young people who have learned so much guided by people who have cared for them for such a long time. All the best Graduates.

Bunnings BBQs
We are having a few more BBQs this year to continue to raise what we can to help assist senior students to attend our Canberra camp next year. Please come along and buy a sausage at Bunnings at Booval on November 30 and December 7, and then you can come to Bunnings at Ipswich West on December 22. Thanks to the wonderful team who continue to strive to make this camp happen for 15 of our senior students.

Raffle Tickets
We have a raffle going at the moment. Our P&C Christmas raffle where we can win groceries and treats for Christmas. Go on! I know you want these.

All the best
Bruce
IMPORTANT DATES:

November 26 — Senior Graduation
December 8 — Brothers Christmas Party
December 10 — Whole School Award Ceremony
December 10 — Reports sent home
December 12 — Last day of school 2014
January 27 — First day back to school 2015

CHAPPY NEWS

Hi everyone,
With just over two weeks left of the school year it is definitely starting to feel a lot like the summer season (even though summer isn’t even here yet!). With that in mind, I hope that everyone is keeping safe and staying well hydrated. From what the students are telling me, they seem to love their time in the hydro pool at the moment, especially because it is a bit of relief from this current heat wave!

“…I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do” – Helen Keller.

Have a great week,
Chappy Lucinda

CURRICULUM NEWS

On Wednesday, 10 December your child will come home with their school report. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your support in a fabulous year of learning.

The highlights of the 2014 school year includes; the introduction of geography into the school curriculum, with students learning about their local area. The implementation of ASDAN into Senior Secondary sector. As recently as last week Ipswich Special School portfolio of work was presented and rated the best collection the international moderator had ever seen.

Alex Wallace - Head of Curriculum

VACATION CARE — JUNIOR and SENIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Focal Extended Inc. is pleased to provide information about the Summer Vacation Care Programs.

Junior Vacation Care Program will operate 9:00am-3:00pm, as follows:
Monday, 15 December to Friday, 19 December 2014
Monday, 5 January 2015 to Friday, 9 January 2015

The Senior Vacation Care program is open to young people with a disability, attending school and aged between 12 years to 18 years. The program will operate 8:30am-5:30pm, as follows:
Monday, 15 December 2014 to Friday, 19 December 2014
Monday, 5 January 2015 to Friday, 9 January 2015
Monday, 12 January 2015 to Friday, 16 January 2015

Please contact the OSHC Coordinator on (07) 3812 2014, 0424 506 546 or via email childcare@focal.org.au

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.
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

LITERACY
Heidi Vestey x 3
Bonita Nyibizi x 2
Luke Mandelkow
Taylor Short

WRITING
Annabelle Brown
Chantelle Essery
Heidi Vestey (Diary)

NUMERACY
William Christie

HYDROTHERAPY
Jackson Conti
Lilly Blunn
Jessie-Lee Russell

SWIMMING
Aaron Arditto

IT SKILLS
Luke Mandelkow

HORTICULTURE
Annabelle Brown
Rhys Bramich
Jye Smith
Kirsty Dwyer

HOME ECONOMICS
Dylan McCann (Cooperation)
All students of S4 for cleaning up

RESPECTFUL and SAFE
Douglas Williams

CERTIFICATE 1 in WORK ACCESS
Madisen Ward
Sean Arnold

Silkstone Baptist
Soccer Club

Our soccer teams are associated with the Queensland Christian Soccer Association which runs a soccer competition for most age groups and both genders in the greater Ipswich and surrounding areas during the normal soccer season.

We strive to support and encourage members of all abilities

2015 Season  March - September

• Training / Coaching
• Saturday Competition
• Friday Night for O40’s
• Pre-season 6-a-side Competition
• Family Discounts
  • Ages 5 and over
  • Under 75 – 145 Mixed
  • Under 15/16 Boys & Girls
  • Senior Men & Women
  • Over 30s / 40s Men & Women

Sign On Dates:

Silkstone Church Hall, cnr Blackstone Rd & Church St, Silkstone
Saturday, 31st January 9am-12noon
Thursday, 5th February 6pm–8pm

Jim Donald Park, Madden St, Silkstone
Saturday, 7th February 9am-12noon

Jim Donald Park, Silkstone
Phone: 07 3282 0630
silkbapsc@yahoo.com.au

CHECK OUT OUR IPSWICH SPECIAL SCHOOL WEBSITE — www.ipswichspecs.eq.edu.au
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*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.

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**Public transport disruption during G20**

Public transport into and across Brisbane City will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to this event.

- South Brisbane train station will be closed from **Monday 10 November** to **Sunday 16 November**. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from **7pm Thursday 13 November** to **Sunday 16 November**, including the closure of Busway stations between RCH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If students commute to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, they should aim to leave the city before **6pm Thursday 13 November** to avoid the disruptions.
- Translink is working to ensure Brisbane’s traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on **Monday 17 November**; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit [translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au) or call 13 12 30 for further details of the public transport changes or [www.g20.org/community_information/brisbaneLocals/traffic_and_transport](http://www.g20.org/community_information/brisbaneLocals/traffic_and_transport) for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.