Hello Everyone,

It’s been wonderful to see the new students setting in and the new staff as well. And it’s been wonderful to see the ongoing smiles of the students as they join us each day. We have had several of our previous students come in to visit and it’s been heart-warming to hear how they are progressing so well in their lives after school.

**Student Leaders**

We are currently in the process of nominating and electing our 2014 school leaders. Students are able to nominate to be school captain if they are in year 12 and to be school vice-captain if they are in Year 11. Students in Years 11, 12 and extension are all able to nominate as school leaders. Students are presenting their nominations to their peers and staff over the next couple of weeks. Good luck to them all and I look forward to working closely with the leaders who will represent the students at meetings.

**Parents and Citizens Association**

The P&C will hold our first meeting on Wednesday at 7pm. If you would like to come we would love to see you. This meeting will begin with an AGM and I would hope that we could get the support of all our families to promote and progress the school. We currently are looking for someone who could give the time to learn and perform the treasurer’s position but we also need to increase the number of people who attend the meetings. One way I would like to check that our times for the meetings are suitable is to ask for your thoughts. Please let the school office know if you would support having P&C meetings held during the daytime.

**Channel Nine Visit**

Tomorrow we will have a visit from the Channel Nine weather crew. Please make sure the permission forms for photographing that were sent home yesterday are returned.

**Collecting children from school**

If you regularly collect your child and this has been arranged with the school then please continue as usual.

If you are picking up your child and this is not your regular practice please let the office know of this in advance or at the time.

If you are asking a friend, relative or agency to pick up your child it is expected that they sign the collection register at the front desk and have proof of identification. You as parent should let us know that there will be a change so that we know what to expect.

**Parent Teacher meetings.**

On Monday of next week the **Intensive Interaction and Communication classes** will hold their parent meeting starting at 2:30pm. These include Trish Turner, Deb/Karen, Bahnu, Raju, Bianca and Marion’s classes.

Also on Monday the parents of students in **middle and junior classes** will meet in Miss Angela’s room at 3pm. The classes involved are Lynn Cairns, Steve, Naina, Angela, Jo Corcoran, Lyn Russell, Jenny Bargewell.

On Wednesday 26 we are pleased to invite the parents of students in the senior classes to a parent information evening starting at 6:00pm in the Terracotta room.

All the best for this week

Bruce
IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 19 February — Channel 9 Visit.
Friday 21 February — Sun Fish Program Starts.
Monday 10 March to Friday 14 March — Parent/Carer Interviews for Individual Learning Plans (ILP).
Tuesday 25 March — School Photos.
Friday 4 April — Last day of Term 1.
Tuesday 22 April — First day of Term 2.

P&C NEWS
I hope you and your children have now settled back into school for the year. The P&C as always will continue to fundraise and help support the school as best they can. Any parents who are keen to help with the P&C are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. We encourage new members. Don’t forget to look at the school website for events and relevant information.
www.ipswichspecs.eq.edu.au

Lyndee Nicholson
P&C President

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
(07) 3812 2014
0424 506 546
via email childcare@focal.org.au

OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

Literacy
Heidi Vestey x3  Allie O’Meara
Matthew Van de Meulen  Jye Smith
Kirsty Dwyer

Numeracy
Jasmin Strickland
Zakorah Smith

Reading
Allie O’Meara
**Sensory Movie Day**

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets, which can be handed out on the day of the screening. Children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. cards are accepted. “Regarding Movies, changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances.”

Tickets $6 each Ipswich City Birch Carroll & Coyle

Contact sensorymovieday.ipswich@hotmail.com

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**EMAILING THE NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS**

Any parents who would like to receive their school newsletter via email could you please enter your details in the space provided below return it to school. Thank you

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

EMAIL ADDRESS: ……………………………………………………………………………...
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

Classroom work continues to be of a high standard. It is great to see so many students working so hard.

Keep up the good work!