Hello Everyone

Student behaviour is always a key element when ensuring all students have a chance to learn. There are so many things to consider that we must be careful we do not put our students into a position where the only alternative is suspension. We acknowledge each student’s right to learn and to be safe and each staff member’s right to teach and to be safe, and we put many arrangements in place to give everyone the best chance to achieve.

We know that School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a researched and successful approach to supporting behaviour. It is based on the understanding that reinforcing behaviours we want to see has more long term benefit than punishing behaviours we don’t want to see. Our school is an SWPBS school and we have regular acknowledgements of appropriate behaviours on parade and in class. Gotchas and certificates are central to this. Other behaviours that are not acceptable are addressed in a number of ways including being spoken to or being sent to the office. If a behaviour is considered minor, staff will handle this in class. Any behaviour that needs to be referred to the office is considered a major behaviour and is addressed as such. Where possible we will keep the student at the office or in another room where they will be supervised but not have access to other students until they are deemed to be safe and responsible. Due to individual characteristics of students, it might be necessary to ask parents to pick up their child and it might also be necessary to apply a suspension as a last resort. This will give people a chance to reconsider the plan designed to support the student’s appropriate behaviours. We like to talk about the behaviours with everyone concerned, including parents and will always try to have a chat to let you know what we’re doing and why.

SWPBS Mascot

Our school has designed the logo and written the motto and our feedback is that you like them. Our next step is to create a mascot. If you would like to enter the competition simply enter what or who you think could be a good mascot which meets the following three criteria.

1. Uses the school colours
2. Addresses either our logo or motto, ‘Together we can’.
3. Feels like our school.

Students will also be able to contribute and a decision should be made within the next three weeks. Please have your entry in to us by Friday May 9.

MOTHERS DAY — HIGH TEA

On Friday May 9 we will be having our Mother’s Day High Tea. This is a fund raiser for the P&C and we would love to have as many mothers attend as possible. There are wonderful prizes and free massages plus a talk from our OT and Physio. Please come if you can.

All the best

Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES.**

Wednesday 30 April—The Ditto Show; 10.30am  
Friday 9 May - Mothers Day High Tea  
Friday 16 May—Ipswich Show Day

**MOTHER’S DAY HIGH TEA**

Date: Friday 9 May  
Time: 10.30-12 noon  
Cost: $20 per person

Includes:  
- Complimentary flower on arrival  
- $5 worth of raffle tickets  
- Free head/shoulder massage from final year massage students  
- A chat on back health/lifting from the school’s OT/Physio  
- Lucky door prize, hot/cold food, tea/coffee and raffle prizes.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE**

**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.

**CHANGE OF STUDENT DETAILS**

Please ensure you make any changes of details eg phone numbers, emergency contact and medical details. ASAP. Thanks

**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

HORTICULTURE  MATHS  READING  PAPER DELIVERY
Dylan  Heidi Vestey  Allie O’Meara  Corey Stoakes
Emily  Kiarna Smith  Heidi Vestey  Maurie Kelleher

LISTENING & FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS
Karley Wilson
Harley Vestey
Kimberley Poole

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My Time Ipswich Men’s Group

You are invited to join the My Time Ipswich Men’s Group for Quiz Night

The My Time Ipswich Men’s Group is a peer support group for men who are Dads, Granddads, Uncles, Male Adult Siblings or Male friends of a person with a disability or chronic medical condition.

We usually meet four times each school term for dinner or for an activity that we would like to do together. This is an excellent opportunity to catch up and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. For this event we will be returning to the Goodna RSL to share our knowledge and have a bit of fun - Last time we even won!

We hope you will be able to join us at this event or another in the future as new members are always welcome.

Please note: To assist you to join the group we are able to provide a qualified worker on the night to support member’s sons or daughters. If this would be helpful please let us know when you RSVP.

Date: Thursday 1st May
Venue: Goodna RSL
32 Woogaroo St Goodna
Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Cost: $10.00 contribution
To RSVP for all events contact:
Focal Office on 3812 2014
or Tracey Slater
(Group Facilitator) on M: 0428 386 442
e-mail: traceys@focal.org.au

UPCOMING EVENT
Event: Mystery Trip Out
Date: Saturday 10th May 2014
Time: 1:00—4:00pm
Venue: Meet at Focal, 6 Canning St, North Ipswich
Book early as places are limited.

Proudly presented by FOCAL Extended Inc.

With funding through MyTime and Saponi from QP
Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.