Hello Everyone

Next week is our second P&C meeting to be held in the daytime. We encourage as many people as possible to attend to help give us direction particularly about the use of funds raised and how to raise some more. It’s wonderful that we have a few dedicated and committed parents who are able to attend the meetings but sometimes it’s nice to feel supported. If daytime meetings don’t work out this term we will discuss going back to nights. Please remember that we are always open to your thoughts so please let us know what suits best. The meeting will be Wednesday, 21 May at 12:30 in the Atrium.

This Friday is our Show holiday. At this time I would like send my thanks to Heather and Donna for putting together all the show entries our school submits. We usually win a number of categories so try to drop in and find out if your child is a winner. Heather and Donna also helped the students put in a poster for the Bendi-go Bank. Check it out while you’re having your Dagwood dog- we might have won $500 for the school.

Alex Wallace, our Acting Head of Curriculum and Acting Deputy Principal until the end of the week, will add a short piece to this newsletter. Please take a look at what the students have been doing.

On that note, thanks to Jenny and Alex who both stepped up for the four weeks Darren has been acting Principal at Mount Ommaney. Jenny has been in the Head of Curriculum role and Alex in the Deputy role. Both have done a wonderful job and it’s clear that we have considerable depth of ability and talent in our school.

Last week we welcomed Taylor to the school from Eldsvold. She will join Angela’s class. This week we welcome Paul who has joined Lyn Russell and Karen’s class. Please make them welcome.

This week is your last chance to submit an entry into our school mascot competition. The drawing doesn’t have to be exact because we would need to do editing and redrawing to fit different situations. Your idea is all we need at the moment. Some ideas include Ippy Lions, Ipswich Special Flying Foxes, Beverley the Beetle and Sammy the Seal (a hydrotherapy reference?). Give it some thought and we will put it to the vote early next week.

Bruce
**IMPORTANT DATES.**

**Friday, 16 May**—Ipswich Show Day  
**Thursday, 22 May**—Parent and Carer Workshops by FOCAL  
**Thursday, 29 May**—Magic and Ventriloquism Show  
**Wednesday, 9 June**—Queensland Day Celebrations

**ALEX’S CURRICULUM NEWS AND VIEWS**

This term the middle school have been very busy participating in the Stephanie Alexander Gardening Program, with Miss Tania.  
This valuable program is also linked to the Science topic – Lifecycles as well as the Mathematics unit - Measurement.  
The students have been growing fruit, vegetable and herbs and once they have all matured they will be using the fresh produce to cook with. Students have learnt about the importance of mulching the garden to ensure that the moisture is retained. The students were very excited to receive their ‘wheelbarrow licences’.  
J1 - Miss Lynn Russell and Miss Karen’s class have been busily learning how to use different measuring equipment within Miss Heather’s Home Economics Program. The focus has been around introducing a variety of different foods to give the students an experience of different textures and flavours. They made some pikelets this week which they thoroughly enjoyed making and eating.

**Alex**

**UP COMING FUNDRAISERS**

**PIE DRIVE**
Unfortunately we skipped last year, and with the winter creeping upon us... Guess what everyone? The Pie Drive is back! The order form is attached.  
The important dates to make sure you don’t miss out is as follows:  
**Return orders and money by Tuesday, 10 June.**  
**Collection Date is Thursday, 19 June.**

**MAY RAFFLE MULTI PRIZE DRAW**
Prizes Include:
- Millers clothing voucher  
- Seed coffee $20 voucher  
- 2x Tickets Limelight Cinemas  
- Gloria Jeans gift basket  
- Brothers League’s Club $50 Dinner Voucher  
And many more  
**Raffle drawn Thursday 29th May 2014**  
Please return tickets and money in the envelope provided. More tickets are available from the Office.

**CHANGE OF STUDENT DETAILS**
Please ensure you make any changes of details eg phone numbers, emergency contact and medical details. ASAP. Thanks
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

COMMUNITY ACCESS
- Darelle Bond
- Rhiani McNamara
- Luke Purkis

WRITING
- Luke Mandelkow

READING
- Allie O'Meara
- Heidi Vestey
- Shekinah Robertson

LAUNDARY
- Douglas Williams
- Shaylea Crosbie-Snape

CLICKER 5
- Dylan McCann

PAPER DELIVERY
- Darelle Bond
- Rhiani McNamara
- Luke Purkis
- Jye Smith

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR—COMMUNITY ACCESS
- Matthew Van Der Muelen
- Jamie Mclean
- Hannah Johnson
- Heidi Vestey

Stepping Stones Seminar
Stepping Stones Seminars is an exciting new initiative, Stepping Stones Tripple-P Project. The project is an evidence-based parenting program that has helped thousands of families to reduce child emotional and behavioural problems. Referring to children who have a disability in Queensland ages 2-12.

WHAT — Level 4 group
WHEN — Wednesday 21 May 2014
TIME — 9:30-12:00
WHERE — 136 Robertson Road Claremont Special School Silkstone QLD 4304

or for information please call 07 3365 6499 or email steppingstones@uq.edu.au

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](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes) for more information.
**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

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**IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY**

Just another reminder that tomorrow Friday, 16 May is Ipswich Show Holiday.