

# IPSWICH SPECIAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### Principal's News

Hello Everyone,

The key findings regarding the School Review are now on our website. Please take a look. Our next step is to ask for **School Community involvement on Friday, 6 September from 3:30pm**. We would appreciate you coming to the school for a group meeting to ensure we are capturing the best ideas, and there will be food and refreshments. Put it in your diary and try to attend. We will also send home an ideas sheet so that we are listening even if you are not able to attend. There is an invitation regarding this process, known as a PATH, in this newsletter.

Thanks to the efforts of the fundraising team, and particularly Deanne and her crew, the school will have a **DISCO for Early Years and Middle Years and then a DISCO for Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary on Friday, 30 August**. See the brochure for information. Looks a lot of fun.

On another note, Teacher Aide day is Friday. We value the work of our teacher aides enormously and know that we couldn't do the job without them. If you see TAs on Friday, or any time this week, please remember to say thanks. The P&C have generously provided a lovely breakfast top-up that was shared at their morning meeting on Wednesday. Thank you to the P&C.

On a personal note, I will be taking another 10 weeks of Long Service Leave in term 4. If there is anything I can do for you in the next 5 weeks please let me know

Warm Regards,

*Bruce Grigg*

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#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, 6 September – School PATH Meeting
- Wednesday, 18 September – Seniors 'Big Day Out'
- Friday, 20 September – Last Day of term 3

## Heads of Curriculum

We are entering the busy end of the term. Teachers and students are beginning to complete assessment within the units of work. Congratulations to students on their effort with their learning. Students are visiting us daily to collect prizes from the cupboard for receiving 10 Ollies.

Our Seniors have a number of events coming up. Reminder R.S.V.P for the Dinner Dance is due tomorrow (Friday, 6 September). Big Day Out planning is continuing.

A number of staff are attending P.A.T.H (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) training tomorrow. Our students create an individual P.A.T.H during term 4 for year 10 students. It is a visual planning tool to begin looking at their future with their parents/carers and outlines dreams, short and long term goals, barriers and first steps.

Enjoy the last week 2 of term 3!

*Larissa & Sharon*

## Chappy Chat

Hi everyone,

Well done to everyone who participated in the sports carnival last Wednesday. It was a fantastic day and even though I was cheering for the other team (Goodna), it was great to see our Ipswich students put in lots of energy and efforts into the events.

This week I attended the Wheel of Wellbeing training, which provided great tools on how we can have better wellbeing as individuals and as a whole school. As a way to track our own wellbeing we were asked when we last felt the following feelings – joy, excitement, awe, love, gratitude and contentment. I invite you all to have a think about when it was that you last felt those things.

Due to changing schedules next week between schools, I will be onsite Monday and Tuesday. Breakfast club will still be offered on these days for students.

Have a good weekend,

*Chappy Lucinda*

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## P&C Update

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Hello everyone,

Wow, what a great night we had last Friday night at our very first school disco. Thank you to everyone who supported us including Goodna SS, Ipswich West SS, Claremont SS and the Qld Police Service. A special thank you to those who volunteered their time to help make this a successful event for our school. The winners of the lucky door prizes were Elliott Bell for the early and middle years group and Britney Brown for the junior and senior secondary group.

The lucky raffle winners were:

- Prize one:** Aaron Vogler - beauty hamper  
**Prize two:** Sharon Turner - spa voucher  
**Prize three:** Lan Litzow - float therapy session  
**Prize four:** Sandra Vogler - \$50 Bunnings voucher  
**Prize five:** Colin Stanley - grocery hamper  
**Prize six:** Karyn Klan - wine and chocolates  
**Prize seven:** Tracey Banks - wine and chocolates  
**Prize eight:** Ros c/o Carmel James - chocolate and perfume

The raffle raised \$480 for the Big Day Out.

The disco raised \$653 for the Big Day Out.

We also had our annual Father's Day Stall last Friday. It was another successful day, with us making \$88 to go towards shade for the playgrounds.

**REMEMBER School Banking starts next Wednesday.**

We are planning a Christmas Ham Drive next term so please watch out for the information about this.

The uniform shop will next be open after our P&C meeting at 9:30am on Wednesday, 18 September. We hope you will join us.

Take care

*Paula - P&C President*

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## Authors of the Week

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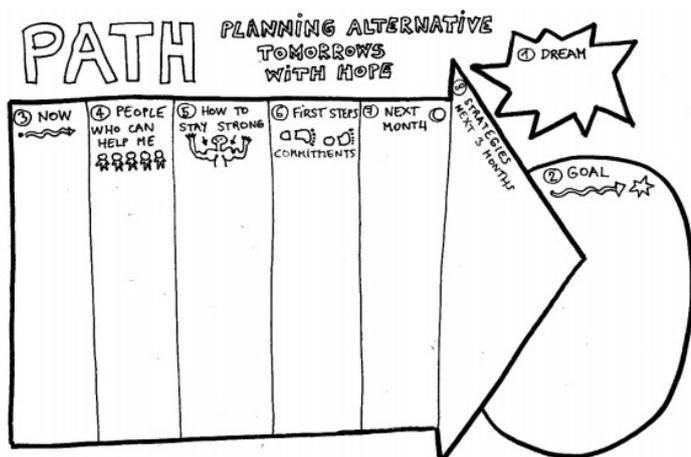
*Congratulations to the following Authors of the Week*

Week 7

**EMMA & JAKE W**

Week 8

**AARON V**



**When: Friday 6 September**

**Time: 3.30PM -5.00 PM**

**Where: Ipswich Special School Terracotta Room**

**RSVP: Wednesday, 4 September for catering purposes (an afternoon tea will be available)**

Our whole school community (parents, carers, community members, staff and students) are invited to help us develop our vision and goals for the next 4 years using the PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) process. Held in the Terracotta room, we would love to have everyone input into our school's plan for the next 4 years, using your ideas and the feedback from our school review.