Dear Parents,

According to day 8 figures it would appear that we will not be entitled to the teacher numbers we have on classes. Unfortunately we have lost some really lovely families who have moved away from Ingham for greater opportunities for work. We are working to see if we can keep these classes using school funds as the classes seem to be very conducive to students achieving their greatest potential. It will mean however that money will be tight in other areas but as a school we work hard to provide effective learning experiences that ensure that every day in every classroom, every student is achieving.

Critically, in designing any learning, we seek to understand the readiness of all learners and set challenging but achievable learning goals. For that reason your child does diagnostic testing and pre-tests before each unit of work so we know how best to differentiate for each child. Quality data gives us information relating to each individual student’s needs and how best we can create the most advantageous learning experiences. As a staff we are very aware that improving levels of student achievement depends on all of us working together and striving for continual improvement. Our teaching staff continues to be involved in exploring the relevant data and research to ensure that this is then used to inform their planning and practice so that they can pick the most appropriate teaching strategies and methods to improve students’ outcome.

Last night at P&C I worked through our draft Annual Implementation Plan to get parent feedback relating to getting more effective communication and collaboration so that we can pick the most appropriate teaching strategies and methods to improve students’ outcome.

We will be having a ‘Meet the Teachers Night’ in the next few weeks. Information relating to this will be in our next newsletter and on our Facebook page. You will get the opportunity to touch base with the teachers but also have an opportunity to have further insight into the basis of what happens in all classrooms.

Previously I have talked about our pedagogical framework and the research of John Hattie. The research of John Hattie investigates the different factors as to what really has a big influence on students’ learning. Hattie studied six areas that contribute to learning: the student, the home, the school, the curricula, the teacher, and teaching and learning approaches. Hattie did not only provide a list of the relative effects of different influences on student achievement. He found that the key to making a difference was making teaching and learning visible. These are the top ten factors that were seen as having the greatest effects on students’ learning with feedback being the highest:

- Feedback
- Prior Ability
- Instructional Quality
- Direct instruction
- Remediation feedback
- Student disposition
- Class environment
- Challenge/goals
- Peer tutoring
- Mastery learning

Teaching is a complex and challenging profession in which an effective teacher makes countless daily decisions. The most critical decisions focus on the student. These are the questions that influence our teachers based on our pedagogical model – “Dimensions of Teaching and Learning”.

- What do my students already know?
- What do they need to learn?
- How do I teach it?
- How will they demonstrate their learning?
- How will I know how well my students have learned it?

Please ensure that you take care when picking up your child! The back carpark is dangerous if not used as a carpark. The police will be helping us to monitor and ensure that your child safe.

The Admin Team
TALKING TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop Menu and instruction sheet for placing Tuckshop orders are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

Volunteers are an essential part of the Tuckshop daily operation. If you would like to volunteer for the Tuckshop Roster either the Daily Roster (Mon-Fri) or the Specialty Baking Roster (Mon, Wed, Thu) please fill in the Volunteer Form enclosed with the Newsletter and return to the TUCKSHOP POST BOX which can be found on the tables outside the Tuckshop. Tuckshop roster rotates every four weeks.

Specialty Baking Volunteers will be provided with a recipe. If you were on the roster last year, please continue to make your recipe from last year.

Tuckshop orders are due in before school each morning by 8:45. Should your student become sick and go home during the day, please let us know so we may withdraw their order until they return to school.

Should you have any queries regarding Tuckshop, please call into the Tuckshop and I will be only too happy to answer your questions.

Many hands make light work so please remember to return your volunteer forms as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mrs B—T.C.

Tuckshop News

Only Icy Poles and Tuckshop Frozen Icy Pops available up to and including this Wednesday.

Other items should be available from Thursday onwards.

Tuckshop Roster - 2017

- 01 February — Nadine Bulmer
- 02 February — Karen Harragon
- 03 February — Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer, Jan Marinoni
- 06 February — Helen Carey, Nadine Bulmer
- 07 February — Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer, Elena Russo
- 08 February — Amanda Lenz, Kay Pearce
- 09 February — Karen Harragon
- 10 February — Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer

2017 Specialty Baking Roster

Will be updated in the next Newsletter

School Banking

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

The School Banking Program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

The Youthsaver account has no monthly account fees or withdrawal fees.

Banking Day is Wednesday – drop off bank book and money at the Office they will be processed and returned on Thursday to class teachers.

Included with today’s Newsletter is an information booklet for parents regarding the program, including how to open an account for your student and the rewards available for regular deposits.

Thank you,

School Banking Coordinator
**HPE AND SPORTS NEWS**  (Helen Hobbs & Steve Ballin PE Teachers)

**Swimming**
All students in classes 1/2AS, 2CP, 4KN, 4/5KH, 6SE and 6LN should have received swimming permission and medical forms. If your child hasn't presented these documents please follow up on this matter.

The year six classes begin lessons this Wednesday.

**Sports Uniform**
Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform on their Physical Education lesson day. These garments are designed for movement and activity so please make use of them on these days.

Helen and Steve

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**2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Term 1**: 23 January to 31 March
**Term 2**: 18 April to 23 June
**Term 3**: 10 July to 15 September
**Term 4**: 03 October to 08 December

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**URGENT NOTICE**

**STUDENT ABSENCE PHONE NUMBER**
Please ring 4776 9360 and leave a message of your student/s absence.

You may also e-mail the school. It is very important that parents/carers ring the School on the morning of your student/s absence.

Your cooperation in this matter is important.

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**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

**Netball**
This term, interested students have the opportunity to participate in an after school sports program being run by Hayley and Jessica Carey as representatives of Herbert River Netball Association.

This program will run on a Monday afternoon, 3:15-4:15pm for Term 1, starting Monday 6th February.

This opportunity is open to all Ingham State School students, but will be limited to the first 30 students who return fully completed permission and medical forms. These are available from the Office. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Yours in Sport,  Steve Ballin
STUDENT ABSENCES

From Day 1 2017, state schools must notify parents on the same day a student is absent from school. This means that EVERY day that your child is away from school, you will be contacted by phone or automated SMS text message requesting the reason or explanation for their absence. This will also be the case for students who are late without reasonable explanation.

If your child is absent or you know in advance that your child will be absent, you can contact the school by:

- Email: admin@inghamss.eq.edu.au
- A handwritten note from parent/carer with date and signature
- Or phoning Student Absence Hotline Number – 4776 9360 from 7 am in the morning.

HATS AND HOMEWORK BAGS

School Hats........... $10
Homework Bags .......$10
Water Bottle Coolers....$5
School Badges .........$1

Call into the Office at any time to purchase these items.

OUR BELIEF

At Ingham State School we work together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.

Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.

Please ensure your child’s deposit slip is filled out before banking with School Banking. All 7 fields below need to be completed:

1. Child’s name
2. Child’s School Banking student number
3. Child’s Youthsaver account number
4. Date
5. Amount in coins, notes and/or cheques
6. Total amount of deposit
7. Total amount of deposit (input into the “Add this deposit” field)

REMINDER TO STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:00AM

You MUST report to the Office as there is NO SUPERVISION BEFORE 8:00AM

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Anyone wishing to enter the Ingham State School Grounds outside school hours, or during school holidays MUST first obtain written permission from the School Administration.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC are urged to ring SCHOOL WATCH on 131 788 or the police to report trespassers who will be prosecuted.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Ingham State School P & C are once again looking into the possibility of providing after school care. More information will be provided in next week’s Newsletter.
Scinspiration Information Evening

Friday 10th February @ 6:30pm
in the Resource Centre

Parents and students need to attend please.

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P & C NEWS

Grants

The P&C submitted a grant last year for the purchase of new playground equipment but were unsuccessful - we will be resubmitting again this year for the next round of funding.

Ingham State School Facebook Page

We encourage all parents to like our Ingham State School Facebook Page. Any communications ie up to date information on upcoming events, school related information, reminders and changes will be posted here on a regular basis. We also have an ISS Parents Messenger Group - if you are already a member please feel free to invite other parents of our school community that may not be aware of it.

Refrigerators in Classrooms

At last night’s P&C Meeting it was brought to our attention that there has been some discussion in our school community around the inclusion of fridges in classrooms. After much deliberation it was decided that it was not a viable option for our large school considering the amount of learning space it would take up.

P&C Membership Forms

A P&C Membership form has been included in this week's newsletter - please complete and return to the Office if you would like to be a member of our P&C Team.
Come & Play!

...THE GREATEST GAME OF ALL!....

- Activities and drills
- Sausage sizzle & softdrinks for sale
- Girls U13 & U15 teams
- Game shorts $20 and socks $10 for sale
- Online registrations
- New players required to bring birth certificate

2017 Sign On
at the Crushers Club House,
Fairford Road, Ingham
Sat 4th February
9am—1pm

For more information contact Jodie 0407 904 918 or Satu 0438 120 738

Club is registered for the Queensland Government’s “Get In the game – Get Started” program for eligible players. To apply for help with registration fees, go to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getintheqame

Ingham State School PLAYGROUP

When - Monday 9.00am - 11.00am
Where - I.S.S. Multipurpose Hall

For all children 0-5 years and their parents/carers. Please bring a hat, morning tea and water for your child. Tea and coffee available. Lots to do, rain or shine! Great chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER!