Principal’s Note

The Australian Government has committed funding to increase the focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in primary and secondary schools.

A major focus for schools is on elevating teacher capability in STEM learning areas with a particular focus on coding and robotics. The Coding across the curriculum program will support the introduction of computer coding across different year levels in Australian schools. Importantly, this initiative will further support algorithmic thinking in the Australian Curriculum: Technologies and other key learning areas – including mathematics. The program will lead to greater exposure to computational thinking, and, ultimately, expand the pool of ICT-skilled workers in Australia.

Ingham State School is taking this focus very seriously and has already sought additional professional development commencing with a 2 hour session on the 8th of March. Also to ensure we are connected to cutting edge developments and extend our practical IT skills two of our leadership team, Natalie Andersen and Colleen Way will be attending an Information and Technologies branch expo ‘It’s all connected’ that promises hands-on workshops and networking with similar minded schools and industry professionals. Maree Flynn who is Townsville District Office’s STEM coach will also be working closely with us to ensure that our students are equipped with the necessary skills for the economy of the future.

Reading remains our major focus so we are looking forward to seeing you at our Comprehension Workshop Thursday night at 6.30 pm in the resource centre. Please feel comfortable coming along—we always have fun as well as learning. As well we are trialling a new project where our students will all come to the multipurpose hall when they arrive at school and until 8.30am will read. Our Year 6s will buddy read with the Prep students, Year 5s will read with Year 1s, Year 4s will interact with Year 2s and Year 3s will read together. We will commence this next Wednesday and we will keep you up to date as to how it is all going. When it is a bit cooler we will commence dance two mornings at 8.30am.

Next Monday 29 February will be our Meet the Teacher Evening. It will be a 5.15 pm start (introducing all staff) then 20 minute increments from 5.30pm:

5.30pm (Prep)
5.50pm (YrP1-2)
6.10pm (Yr3-4)
6.30pm (Yr5-6)

We have attempted to ensure that parents have the greatest opportunity to touch base with the teacher of each of their children. The teachers will talk about their classrooms and how they work, who they collaborate with and what expectations there are for your child. Everyone is very welcome and we are looking forward to working closely with you all.
**TALKING TUCKSHOP**

**Tuckshop Roster:** The 2016 Tuckshop Roster is now finished. Before the final print is sent home it would be appreciated if all daily volunteers could please check their allocated roster days in case some dates are unsuitable.

Specialty Baking Roster is continuing on from last year until we have all Smart Choice Baking approved.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for either roster; your help is very much appreciated.

All tuckshop orders must be posted by 8:45am each morning. Please remember to pack a fork or spoon in student lunch boxes when required.

Thank you for your cooperation
Mrs Byers—Tuckshop Convenor

**Tuckshop Roster - 2016**

**Wednesday 24 February**—Araya Piakhan, Tricia Cantoni

**Thursday 25 February**—Amanda Lenzo

**Friday 26 February**—Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer

**Monday 29 February**—Araya Piakhan, Araya Piakhan

**Tuesday 01 March**—Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer, Rebecca Savell

**Wednesday 02 March**—Araya Piakhan, Nadine Bulmer

**2016 Specialty Baking Roster**

**Wednesday 24 February**—Sandra Coco

**Thursday 25 February**—Trudie Dezolt

**Wednesday 02 March**—Natalie Erba

**Thursday 03 March**—Glynis Romano, Linda Ballin

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**Stars of the Week**

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**LOTE AWARDS**

Lachlan B, Lara, Roscoe, Lachlan E

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**CHAPPY’S WORD**

Hello Ingham State School Community!

Audio Monitor Training – starts this week with the Year 6 Audio Monitors.

Tree of Kindness – If you see any kind acts done at the school – remember to fill in a leaf for the “Tree of Kindness”.

‘Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear’

Have a fantastic week.

Chappy Josh

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**SWIMMING**

Please note swimming may be paid weekly or by Term. There is no pressure on parents to pay a bulk amount.

Please remember to bring your swimming gear and $4-00 to school on the day you have swimming lessons.

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**COMPREHENSION WORKSHOP**

THIS THURSDAY NIGHT
AT 6:30PM
IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE
SPORTS NEWS

Herbert River Schools Netball Trials
Trials will now be held on MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY at the HR Netball Courts 3:30 to 5:00pm. These trials are for girls turning 12 this year (or younger girls who have good skills).

Girls must bring along SIGNED Permission to Trial forms. These forms are available from the School Office. NQ Trials will be held in Townsville on 2 and 3 May.

Sophie Parker Convenor

Herbert River Schools Girls Football Trials
Students aged 10 to 12 years in 2016 are eligible.
Dates: February 24th  Venue: Ingham State School (mail oval)  Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Shin guards essential and mouth guards are recommended.
The Permission to Trial form must be signed and brought along to the trials. Forms are available from the School Office.

SCHOOL NOTICES

• All Medical Forms which have been sent home should be completed and returned as soon as possible. As we are legally required to keep separate records for each student we require you to complete one form for each student. Forms are available from the Office if required.

• Administration of Emergency Medication forms have been sent home to relevant students.

Please complete and return these forms AS A MATTER OF URGENCY with a completed Action Plan for your child’s medical condition.

• Electronic Newsletter. Please return ONLY if you are not currently receiving our newsletter by email or your details have changed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Commonwealth Bank – Student Banking

Ingham State School have registered for the Student Banking.

We will soon be receiving a starter pack and will arrange a day for a bank staff member to come along for an “Account Opening” and information session with the students and parents.

Students with current accounts will be uploaded into the system so there is no need to re-register. More information on this as it becomes available.

2016 SCHOOL YEAR

TERM DATES
Term 1:  27 January to 24 March
Term 2:  11 April to 24 June
Term 3:  11 July to 16 September
Term 4:  04 October to 09 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Easter: Good Friday  25 March
ANZAC Day: 25 April
Labour Day:  02 May
Ingham Show:  08 July
Queen’s Birthday: 03 October

New Administration of Medication Forms

There are new guidelines for Administering Medication to Students in Schools.

Please see ‘School Notices’ for further information.
STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2016

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
  Sarah Buckman & Harry Hardy
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS
  Alissa Carey & Callum Romano
STUDENT COUNCIL
  Ethan Giacomi, Joshua Mamara, Simone Di Maggio, Ashley Barrett, Kaylee Hillyard,
  Bridie Abenzi, Renae Carbone, Emily Topfer.
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS
  Jessica Macarone, Alna Joseph, Sheridan Chadwick, Troy Pollock.
LIBRARY MONITORS
  Abbey Russo, Damon Maultby, Jack Greenwood, Declan Winstone, Hunter Castorina,
  Tristan Colson, Theresa Smith.
ARTS CAPTAIN
  Ashley Barrett, Anton Bolton.
DALRYMPLE CAPTAINS  Kelsey Lavarini & Rhy Woods
DALRYMPLE VICE CAPTAINS  Caitlin Lenzo & Max Pelleri
HUNTER CAPTAINS  Paris Andersen & Jordan Westhoff
HUNTER VICE CAPTAINS  Mia Gofton & Ethan Carbone
SCOTT CAPTAINS  Hayley Mombelli & Hunter Winkel
SCOTT VICE CAPTAINS Hannah Di Bella & Hunter De Campo
AUDIO MONITORS  Karl Sellick, Matthew Watts, James Goodes, Josh Macarone, Dean
  Jones, Jayden Biasi, Loclan Pershouse, Chayse Sellick, Ethan Muller.
MEDIA LEADERS (Semester 1)Eryn Reinaudo, Tully Stanes, Justine Clough.
(Semester 2)  Molly Toigo, Seanna Bennett, Jacinta Lewis.
INDIGENOUS LEADERS (Semester 1) Leeann Bamaga & Shuantae Purcell.
(Semester 2) Nymera Supple & Kei-Zahn Wotton-Forbes.

REMINDER
Students who arrive at school before 8:00am
MUST report to the Office as there is NO supervision before 8:00am

HATS AND HOMEWORK BAGS
School Hats........... $10
Homework Bags ........$10
Water Bottle Coolers....$5
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.
ELECTION DAY RAFFLE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SATURDAY 19th March is Election Day.
The P&C Association will be conducting a raffle as well as a Sausage Sizzle on this day.

A roster was sent out in last week’s newsletter – please complete and return if you can help even if only for an hour.
Alternatively you can ring the school office and put your name down.
Every little bit helps

Have your say ...

If you have any fundraising ideas or something you would like to see happen at the school, pop a note in the mail box outside the office and we’ll address it at the next P&C Meeting!

All matters will remain strictly confidential.

Chocolates have landed at School!

Be sure to get in a grab a box before they all disappear!
  Freddos - $1 each (Box of 48)
  White Chocolate Freddos - $1 each (Box of 48)
  Caramello Koalas - $1 each (Box of 48)
  Easter Eggs - $4 a packet (Box of 20)
  Europe Bars - $1 each (Box of 50)
  Goody Box Bars - $1 each (Box of 50)
Deputy Donates . . .

Mrs. Andersen will be supporting the Leukaemia Foundation Ingham Branch by participating in the World’s Greatest Shave!

Come along and see Mrs. Andersen lose ALL of her locks on Friday 11th March on ASSEMBLY!!

Please show your support & help her reach her target of $3000, by making a donation at the tin in the office.

Thank-you 😊

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Ingham State School Playgroup

When - Monday 9.00am - 11.00am

Playgroup

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.

Please like us on Facebook to keep up with what’s happening!

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Bravehearts

Is a 40-minute live production that effectively teaches strategies and skills to stay safe in a range of situations from bullying, sexual assault, cyber safety and domestic violence.

Friday 26 February 2016
12:30pm in the MP Hall
All year levels attending.
The P&C Association are conducting a raffle at Ingham State School on voting day 19th March 2016. We require 2 or 3 volunteers per time slot. Please put aside an hour to help us to help our students. Please return to the Office ASAP or phone the office to register your preferred time.
Welcome to Ingham State School.

The Parent and Citizen Association meets on the third (3rd) Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Resource Centre.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Constitution:
- Membership of the Association is annual and subject to the completion of this form.
- Members of staff are eligible to be members of the Association.
- Parents of students attending the School and any other persons aged 18 years or over, who are interested in the welfare of the School, are eligible to be members of the Association.
- Parents applying for membership at the Annual General Meeting need not be present to have their application considered.
- Parents applying for membership at a monthly meeting must be present at the meeting at which their application is considered.

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