We are already well into week three of the school year and it seems like the days are flying by. Because schools are such busy places and each school day is packed with various activities, it is so important that students attend every day to maximise their learning opportunities. Each school day a student is absent is a lost opportunity to learn a new skill, to better understand a concept, to gain experience at different activities, make a new friend or develop interpersonal skills. Attendance at school is vital for a young person’s development.

This afternoon the school is hosting the first parent meet and greet session starting at 5.15pm. These meetings are an ideal time for parents and guardians to speak with teachers to gain a better understanding of what students will be learning this term, what expectations will be placed on students and what parents can do to support their child in the classroom. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions to gain clarity about their child’s education and what to expect over the coming weeks and months.

I strongly encourage parents and guardians to attend the meet and greet sessions to strengthen the relationship between the school and home, to provide our young people with the best support network available to them.

Our tuckshop is always in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve food to provide for students. Working in the tuckshop is a great way to be involved in the school and contributing to the smooth running of such an important and necessary service. Parents, grandparents and friends are always welcome to help out when time permits. The school will offer support for volunteers who need assistance gaining a Blue Card or working with children qualifications.

By working together we can all achieve more to help our school grow stronger and provide for our students.

Mr Kevin Barnes
Principal
STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child is absent from school, please advise (preferably) via:
Absence Line 4776 9360 or
SMS 0418 157 321
You may also email admin@inghamss.eq.edu.au or call the school Office.
Please ensure you include your child’s name / class and reason for absence.
If no reason is provided, the absence will be recorded as “Unauthorised”.

Performing Arts

Strings
We had a great start to string lessons last week and it was lovely to see the new Year 3 beginners so eager to start.
Loan instruments will go home on Friday with the Year 3 children as long as all permission forms and Loan Agreement forms are returned to school by Friday. I will let families know when the String Basics books are available to purchase from the office.
The Year 4-6 children have all started new songs and I hope they are all busy practising at home. Ensemble rehearsals will start on Friday 21 February from 8 am.
Kind regards
Lynda Wright

Woodwind / Brass
Our Year 5 and 6 Woodwind / Brass instrumental music students were very excited to play their instruments last week after such a big break! A few students commented on how sore their mouths were – this is to be expected, as students have not used these muscles for weeks! It does highlight the importance of all music students getting back into the habit of practicing regularly, as students need to build up their stamina again to play their instruments for a long period of time. Thank you to those students who returned their loan agreement forms promptly – all loan agreement forms need to be returned to Mrs Gunston by this Thursday.
The recruitment process will be continuing for Year 4 students this week. Unfortunately, no more expression of interest forms will be accepted. Hopefully, the Year 4 students will be informed of whether or not they have been successful in securing a place in the instrumental program by the end of next week.
A reminder that this year, ensemble rehearsals for Woodwind / Brass students will be held before school, commencing from 8am on Thursdays and it is expected that all instrumental students will attend these rehearsals. Our first rehearsal for Woodwind / Brass students will be next Thursday in week 4 (20 February). We understand that some students travel on buses to school in the mornings – those students will need to make their way to the music room for rehearsals. Please note that these ensemble rehearsals are for Year 5 and 6 students only at this point in time. The new Year 4 instrumental students will not be coming to ensemble rehearsals until Semester 2.
If you have any questions regarding the Woodwind / Brass Instrumental Program, please see Mrs Gunston.

Choir
We had some very enthusiastic students come along to our Choir sign on last week! Choir practice will be held during first lunch every Wednesday in the Music room. Any student who is in Years 3-6 is welcome to come along and join Choir – any students who missed the sign on are still more than welcome to join. If you have any questions regarding the school choir, please see Mrs Gunston.
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PE & Sports News

School Cross Country Training

This year Ingham State School’s Annual Cross Country will be held towards the end of term 1 (Date TBC) at Ingham State School. All preps to year 6 will participate in the event.

Every Tuesday from 8:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. all students from year 3 to 6 will be able to participate in Cross Country training on the school oval. Students wishing to practice their long distance training will be required to bring their drink bottle, hat and perhaps an old shirt that they can change out of once they have completed their training. Students wishing to practice are to meet Mr Smith for stretches on the school oval no later than 8:10 a.m. Training begins next Tuesday (18th February).

Herbert River District Trials (12 year olds)

All students wishing to nominate for a trial will be required to see Mr Smith. This year the district will have one unified note for all sports that parents will be required to fill in. If the student does not turn up with their permission form, they will not be allowed to trial. Mr Smith will hand out permission forms leading up to each trial.

Below are the dates for this year’s Herbert River Sport Trials.

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North Queensland Region

Early Childhood Development Programs and Services (ECDP) for children with disabilities prior to Prep

The department provides early childhood development programs (ECDPs) and services to support children aged 0-5 years with significant educational support needs arising from a diagnosed or suspected disability in the categories of:

- intellectual disability
- autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- physical impairment
- vision impairment
- hearing impairment
- speech-language impairment

Early childhood development programs and services are aimed to ensure that children with disability can achieve maximum skills and capacity to access and participate in schooling.

For more information, please contact Ingham State School on (07) 4776 9333
It was great to see so many students at Tuckshop last Friday!

Please remember that lunch boxes need at least two or more ice bricks in this hot weather to keep lunches cool.

Volunteers are the backbone of our Tuckshop, and without them we could not operate. Specialty Baking volunteers are also needed. Please see the attached Volunteer form and complete if you are able to assist with any tuckshop rosters. Completed forms can be returned to the Tuckshop or Office.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Breakfast Club on Monday. Donations of butter and spreads are most appreciated.

Thank you,
Mrs Byers
Tuckshop Convenor

Tuckshop Roster

Wednesday 12 February – Nadine Bulmer, Jacki Ellery-Swain
Thursday 13 February – Karen Harragon
Friday 14 February – Nadine Bulmer, Sandra Lambert
Monday 17 February – Nadine Bulmer
Tuesday 18 February – Lina Marmara, Nadine Bulmer
Wednesday 19 February – Nadine Bulmer, Jacki Ellery-Swain

2019 Specialty Baking Roster

Wednesday 12 February – Karen Harragon
Monday 17 February – Colleen O’Sullivan
Wednesday 19 February – Rose-Anne Cervellin
ISS Social Emotional Program Focus:
Responsibility – this week students will learn about responsible ways to take care of their belongings, responsible ways to play with fairness, as well as what it means to be a responsible buddy.

Our Purpose
is to provide quality learning environments in which students improve their academic and social development.

Our Focus
is on building a strong professional learning culture focussed on student progress.

Assembly
Held on Monday afternoons commencing at 2:30pm in the Multipurpose Hall.
Everyone welcome!

Bank Account Details
ISS Bank Account details:
NAME: Ingham State School
BSB: 064 810
ACCOUNT: 00090149

Items for Purchase
School Hats...............$10
Homework Bags ........$10
Water Bottle Coolers..$5
Call into the Office at any time to purchase these items.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEAT GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE
REGISTER TO PLAY AND WIN!

THE NQ GIRLS HEAT LEAGUE IS BACK!
WHERE & WHEN: Riverway Stadium - Mondays, February 17 to March 30
COST: $50 and includes a Heat WBBL jersey for new players
Open to girls aged 11 to 16
Find your nearest club at www.playcricket.com.au

INGHAM FC WOLVES
PLAYERS WANTED
TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR 11-17 YEAR OLD
POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN JUNIOR REP & JUNIOR SOCIAL TEAMS

Contact Ingham FC via Facebook to express your child’s interest in a team
We have been so busy in 1/2KK and 1MB the past 2 weeks! We have been learning about our classroom behaviour, how to deal with situations using a High 5 and working on lots of different writing genres. We have read so many different books but our favourite book so far has to be “Excuse Me!” by Dave Hughes and Holly Ife. We are all settling in well, learning the new routines and finding our way around the flexible seating in Mrs Biasi’s room.

The teachers would just like to remind parents that the Parent Information Night for 1MB and 1/2KK has been postponed from tonight to **next Tuesday 18th February at 5:15pm**. We can’t wait to see you up in the classroom.
**INGHAM STATE SCHOOL**  
**SMART CHOICE TUCKSHOP - 2020**

We are asking for volunteers for Tuckshop and Specialty Baking Roster.

If you are able to help out in either of these please indicate on the form below. Please tick beside days which suit you to help and please indicate 1st and 2nd preference – the roster rotates once per month. Please remember that anyone who is not a parent MUST have a Blue Card before commencing work. If you are unsure how to apply for a Blue Card, we will be happy to help. All volunteers must also complete the school Volunteer Induction. We will advise when this is scheduled to be held.

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Please remember if you are unable to do your allocated Tuckshop Day it is your responsibility to change your day with another volunteer. If you are unable to change your roster, please advise the school.

A donation of baking is required for Afternoon Tea on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only and should be left at the Tuckshop. Recipes will be supplied.

No bought items or chocolate items allowed.

I am able to supply Specialty Baked Items on:

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Name: __________________________ (Please Print)

Your eldest child ______________ Year Level ______

Phone Number ______________________

Signature: _________________________

Yours faithfully

RHONDA BYERS – TUCKSHOP CONVENOR