Dear Parents,

According to day 8 figures it would appear that we will not be entitled to a whole additional teacher but we have had to do some shifting around between preps and year 1s so that we can have more workable classes. I would like to welcome Emily Jones to our school she is working in Year 3 (one of her personal favourite year levels) and also supporting students in years prep to two with Anne Roberts. We also welcome back Sandra Parker who will continue to support those year levels. As these classes while manageable remain quite large we will be employing an additional teacher part time to support these students as well. I think that this will be highly successful! As a school we work hard to provide learning experiences to attempt to 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 is involved in the first few weeks of school, in quite a bit of testing so that we have quality data that gives us information relating to each individual student's needs.

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' outcomes. We believe at Ingham State that it is vital that all parents are a part of this team supporting each student achieving their potential. We will be having a Meet the Teachers Night on the 27th of February at 6:00pm. 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 presented to P&C our pedagogical framework. It incorporates the research of John Hattie who investigates the variance of different factors as to what really has a big influence on students’ learning.

John Hattie’s High performing innovations ‘top ten’ / Effect size:

Feedback / 1.13
Prior Ability / 1.04
Instructional Quality / 1.00
Direct Instruction / 0.82
Remediation Feedback / 0.65
Student Disposition / 0.61
Class Environment (culture) / 0.56
Challenge/goals / 0.52
Peer Tutoring / 0.50
Mastery Learning / 0.50

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 – “The Five 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?
- Where to next?

We will be able to explain this more fully at the Meet the Teachers’ Night and explore what this means to you as parents and how best you can help us support your child to achieve their very best outcomes.

Have a brilliant week I know your children will be!

Steve Ballin

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NOTES TO PARENTS

Absences—Parents, on the day that your child will be absent please ring the School Office to advise of their absence and the reason for their absence.

Late Arrivals—ALL students arriving at school late MUST present to the Office BEFORE they go to their classroom and collect a Late Arrival Slip which they then must give to their classroom teacher.

Early Departures—Parents, if you are arranging for someone other than yourself to pick up your child early from school, ONLY those people you have identified as an Emergency Contact may do so and also, the Early Departure Register, which is located in the Office, MUST be signed and then the student collected from their classroom.

ISS Playgroup News

Ingham State School Playgroup is held every Monday commencing at 9:00am in the Multipurpose Hall.

Tea and coffee available. Bring your own morning tea. Cost is $2.00 per family. Anne & Bridgette.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Presented on Assembly Friday 31 January

1/ES K/on 2/ES Amber
3/ATI 3/ACS Alex
3/SCN Kaylee
5/SCN Wade, Michael
5/JMC Jessica
6/CP Hannah, Sean
7/LN Nicholas

MUSIC Ashley

SCINSPIRATION 2014

Who is eligible

Any students in Years 5-7 who are interested in science. The group is strictly limited to 40 students and places are allocated on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis.

Cost

Approximately $1250 per student (this cost is subject to change).

A deposit of $400 must be paid to the School Office on or before Friday 7 March. Please be advised that this deposit is non-refundable should the student not attend Scinspiration 2014. An ‘Info for Parents’ flyer and Registration Form are available from the Office on request.

Tennis Hot Shots 2014

For more information, please call the Club on 4776 1030 to register your interest.

Red Launch—Prep & 1 at Menegon Centre Mondays 3:15pm—3:50pm. Starts February 24

Red Ball Squad—Grades 1 & 2 at Ingham Tennis Assoc. Fridays 3:20pm—4:00pm. Starts February 28

Orange Ball Squad—Grades 3&4 at Ingham Tennis Assoc. Thursdays 3:20pm—4:00pm or Fridays 4:00pm—4:40pm

Green Ball Squad—Grades 4 & Up at Ingham Tennis Assoc. Tuesdays 3:30pm—4:10pm or Tuesdays 4:10pm—4:50pm. Starts February 25

MOSQUITOES.

At the moment mosquitoes seem to be on the rampage. We are taking measures at school to control them as well as contacting the Hinchinbrook Shire Council about having the creek looked at.

Some personal protection measures are:

Avoidance of mosquitoes when and where they are most active.

Use of registered insect repellents.

Responsible use of insecticides in and around the home.

Minimising opportunities for mosquito breeding around the home, backyard habitats including bird baths, buckets, pot plant saucers, discarded tyres, blocked guttering and unscreened rainwater tanks may provide habitats for pest mosquitoes.

While mosquitoes can be active around the home, the greatest risk of mosquito borne disease transmission typically occurs close to wetlands, bushland or other environments where both mosquitoes and wildlife are abundant.

Avoid these natural habitats and times of the day when mosquitoes are most active. When mosquito populations are high, biting may be experienced at any time of day.

INSECT REPELLENTS

Insect repellents assist in preventing bites by repelling mosquitoes or inhibiting the mosquito’s stimulus for blood feeding. Parents may choose to spray their children before they come to school each day.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Term 1 Tuesday 18 January—Friday 14 April
Term 2 Tuesday 22 January—Friday 7 June
Term 3 Monday 14 July—Friday 30 August
Term 4 Tuesday 14 September—Tuesday 13 December

Pupil Free Days

Monday 30 October
Public Holidays

Good Friday—Friday 18 March
Easter Monday—Monday 21 April
Anzac Day—Friday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 19 May
Labour Day—Monday 8 October

UNIFORMS WANTED

2ND HAND UNIFORMS

in good condition

SPORTS SHIRTS FOR ALL HOUSES

BOYS—SHORTS AND SHIRTS

PLEASE LEAVE AT THE OFFICE

Thank You

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TALKING TUCKSHOP

Thank you to those people who have sent their volunteer forms back. If you would like to volunteer for the tuckshop roster please return your form this week as the roster is ready to be sent home. If you would like to check your rostered dates for the year, please call into the tuckshop this week.

Price List and Menu was sent home in the first week’s Newsletter. Always check prices and availability of the lunch you require before writing out your student’s bags. Bags without money enclosed will not be processed.

Specials are available Monday to Friday:

Monday Ravioli
Tuesday Piece of fish, Fish Burger with salad, Meal Deal (chicken nuggets specially approved for school menus) plus sauce and small apple juice.
Wednesday Hamburger and salad
Thursday Spaghetti Cups
Friday Spaghetti Cups or Lasagne

Salads, sandwiches, jaffles, mince buns, pizzas and drinks are available each day for Big Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Fruit cups, piece of fruit, subs, home bakes, jelly/jam custard cups, popcorn, drinks and approved cold treats are available after each lunch. Menu is Smart Choice Approved.

Welcome to our prep students. A number of prep students bought their lunches from the Tuckshop last week and must be complimented on their excellent manners. Well done prep students!

If you are new to the school and have questions, feel free to come in and discuss this with me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Byers—Tuckshop Convenor

2014 Tuckshop Roster

Wednesday 12 February — Araya Pikhan
Thursday 13 February — Rosa Marshall
Friday 14 February — Lina Marmara, Jan Marinoni
Monday 17 February — Laura Rainaudo, Angela Tabone
Tuesday 18 February — Lina Marmara, Rosa Marshall

2014 Specialty Baking Roster

Wednesday 12 February —

JUSTINE ALTADONNA

Thursday 13 February —

ARAYA PIKHAN

Wednesday 12 February —

Rosa Marshall

Friday 14 February —

REBECCA WEEBROOK

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