It is important that the School has on file your child's current information and therefore ask that the below listed forms be completed and returned, as indicated, this week.

2014 Student & Family Information Update
(IF there is no change to your details please write ‘NO CHANGE’ on the form and return)
Education Queensland Medical Details Form
Request to Administer to Medication Form
P & C Membership Registration Form
Student Travel Data—2014
2014 Religious Instruction
Information Technology Use Agreement—2014
Consent form re copyright—2014
Excursion & Photograph Permission Form—2014
Smart Choice Tuckshop—2014

SCHOOL FORMS

2014 HATS & HOMEWORK BAGS
School Hats............. $10
Homework Bags ........ $10
Water Bottle Coolers...$5
Call into the Office at any time to purchase these

SWIMMING TERM 1
Swimming is on every week for all students from Year 1 to Year 3/4.

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Students will need to make sure they have their swimming equipment and $2:00 each week for their lesson.

SPORTS NEWS

In the past Ingham State School has had a number of fantastic sporting teams that have represented the school. This year we are once again looking at the different sports and teams that we will be trying to field a team for.

A part of this decision is having the people to coach and manage the team and it looks like we will be needing parent help in both of these areas this year. If you can help out with any of the following sports can you please let the school know (this is a rough guide only):

Term 1: Netball & Rugby League
Term 2: Rugby Union & Soccer
Term 3: Touch, Softball & Netball
Term 4: Tennis.

Yours in Sport—Steve Ballin

FOR SALE

1 x Size 10 Check Blouse..........................$5
Phone ...........................................4776 1297

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The election of the student council will take place this Friday at 12 o’clock in the Multipurpose Hall for Year 4-7 students only.

Date Claimers

27 February—Meet the Teachers Night
8 June—SMS to students in Year 11 and Year 12.
24 to 26 March—Qld Swimming Championships
17-22 August—Ingham Arts Festival
06 September—SEACAPERS

Dear Parents

Our first P&C meeting occurred last night and we discussed the opportunities availed to us through the Great Results Guarantee. We will be receiving $56 126. We discussed the ideas that the school has had in terms of employing some additional support and exploring what that would look like in terms of fractions of teachers and aides and asked for additional thoughts. We explained that our goal was to improve the number of students achieving national minimum standards and also improving the number of students achieving in the top 2 bands in NAPLAN.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. It is vital not only that your child comes to school every day but that they arrive at school before the bell so they are organised and ready to go. When students come even a half an hour late they are at risk of missing important teaching and learning opportunities. Under Queensland law you must make sure your child of school age attends school all day every day—sleeping in and also being late they are at risk of missing important teaching and learning opportunities.

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In week 7 the leadership team will present a reading workshop for parents who would like some additional information as to how to help their child at home. The major reason we offer such workshops is because we recognize that parents are their child’s first and most important teacher. It would not be possible to overestimate the tremendous impact parents have on their child’s learning! Throughout the first years of school, teachers are helping children to develop reading skills that will enable them to become proficient readers. However becoming a good reader takes practice, much more than a child can get during a school day. We know that many of you provide additional reading opportunities and extra guidance at home. Please turn off that TV as often as possible and show your children that children are exposed to a large variety of words in children’s books that are read to them than from what they hear on prime time TV. That means anything you read to them will enlarge their vocabulary. More information relating to our workshop will come out in the next few newsletters. For now just please ensure that your child reads every day at home—the best way to develop proficiency on reading is to read widely and extensively. Research has shown also that the wider the range of topics the student reads the better.

After school netball starts tomorrow afternoon at 3.10pm. There are still spaces in the netball teams so please feel free to send in your form if you’re running late. All children who brought a netball form in will start tomorrow afternoon with Sophie and Erin. All soccer students who have brought in their forms are accepted for Thursday but the group is full now. We will have further opportunities in the next three terms if your child misses out. The soccer group will commence on Thursday afternoon at 3:10pm.

The Ingham Arts Festival will be held from Sunday 17 August to Friday 22 August. The visual arts will be at The Knight Club and the Performing Arts will be at the Ingham Picture Theatre for individuals, and at the Shire Hall for the Speech and Choral Choirs. The preliminary program will be available in early March with the nominations closing on June 20.

Nominations, on the appropriate forms, together with fees may be posted to the Secretary, PO Box 1448, Ingham. We will also be taking all nominations on Friday 20 June and Saturday 21 June. For any queries, please call either Rita Phillips on 4457 792 601, or Bernadette Mammino on 4776 2107.

Assembly is held on Friday afternoons in the Multipurpose Hall commencing at 2:15pm.

All are welcome!

EFTPOS OR CREDIT CARD facilities are now available at Ingham State School.

2014 ASSEMBLY

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All are welcome!

Meet the Teachers

Thursday 27 February

Meet the Teachers Night
Comming at 6:00pm
TALKING TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop Roster—the 2014 Roster has now been completed and will be sent home, hopefully next week. Thank you to those people who have volunteered.

There are still some rosters that require extra volunteers so if you have not sent your form back and would like to volunteer, please return the form to the Tuckshop as soon as possible.

If you have any small basil and/or parsley plants to donate for our herb pot, please drop them off to the Tuckshop, we would love to have them.

Please remember to pack forks and spoons in your student’s lunch box when required.

Now swimming has started a little extra lunch for your student’s lunch box when required. We would love to have them off to the Tuckshop, we would love to have them.

If you have any small basil and/or parsley plants to donate for our herb pot, please drop them off to the Tuckshop, we would love to have them.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Mrs Byers—Tuckshop Convenor

2014 Tuckshop Roster
Wednesday 19 February — Kelli Carbone, Araya Piakhan
Thursday 20 February — Rosa Marshall, Karen Harragon
Friday 21 February — Lina Marmara, Yvonne Bosworth, Lynda Wright
Monday 24 February — Barbara Smith
Tuesday 25 February — Lina Marmara, Sharon Morley

2014 Specialty Baking Roster
Wednesday 19 February — Denise Palmas
Thursday 20 February — Linda Ballin, Rebecca Woodbrook
Friday 21 February — Lee-Anne Waller

P & C NEWS

The first meeting for 2014 was held last night. The main topic of conversation was fundraising.

EASTER RAFFLE
We will be holding an Easter Raffle and parents are asked to please donate something for this or to donate a couple of dollars to buy something towards it. Please leave donations at the Office.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
In term two the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser will once again be happening to satisfy those sweet cravings.

STATION HOTEL
Megan Carbone and Michelle Lenzo have kindly offered to run the Station Hotel fundraiser. The Station Hotel roster is attached with a letter explaining briefly how it all happens. We will also be adding a new twist to the raffles and including a Jackpot Draw. More information on the Jackpot later. Please put your name down for the Station Hotel and help us fund the student camps and excursions for this year. Thank you Megan and Michelle.

GOLF AMBROSE
It was discussed that a Golf Ambrose may be held a little later in the year, as soon as we have more details and a date set we will let you know.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
The $2.00 Voluntary Contribution was passed by the P&C last night. This form is attached to the newsletter today. If you could please contribute and send it in as soon as possible it would be appreciated. This money mainly goes toward the purchasing of paper for photocopying.

SCHOOL RULES

Be Responsible—Be Safe—Be Respectful

Mobile Phones - Children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school due to theft/loss/respect for privacy. If brought, they must be handed in at the Office ad collected at 3:00pm.

Banned Items - The following items are banned at school: Liquid paper, chewing gum, matches or lighters, cigarettes, alcohol or drugs, shanghaies, knives, other weapons, or any other items at the discretion of the Principal.

STARS OF THE WEEK
Presented on Assembly Friday 14 February

P/1DR Lucas
Prep KH Israel
1WT Shinae
1/2ES Neveah
2CP Clinton
3NA Travis
3/4TI Alison, Alyssa
4JC Leanne
5CN Jade
5JM Leiren
6/7DM Adam
7LN Gio

MUSIC Sean 2CP

SCINSPIRATION 2014

Who is eligible
Any student 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.

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

HOMEWORK FOLDERS HAVE ARRIVED

The new supply of homework folders has arrived and are now available for purchase from the School Office at a cost of $10.

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 stimuli for blood feeding. Parents may choose to spray their children before they come to school each day.

HEARING HEALTH SCREEN.

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Program are again offering the Hearing Health Screen for Indigenous Students.

The forms were sent out last week and need to be returned to the Office as soon as possible.

The screening will take place on 5th March in the Ingham State School Resource Centre 2nd meeting room.

UNIFORMS WANTED

2ND HAND UNIFORMS
in good condition
SPORTS SHIRTS FOR ALL HOUSES
BOYS—SHORTS AND SHIRTS

PLEASE LEAVE AT THE OFFICE

Thank You