Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance matters. When you are reviewing your child’s report card, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school, arrive late or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential. We are very lucky at Ingham State School to only have a relatively small number of students/families who don’t attend school regularly and when required we work in the support of the Police Service and the Police Liaison Officers to encourage parents/carer s to send their children to school on a regular basis. Our school’s current attendance rate for all students is 95%. It is important that students, staff, parents/carers and the community strive to improve this figure. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/EVERYDAYCOUNTS/factsheet.html for more information on student attendance requirements.

Supporting your child’s wellbeing and learning

All parents and carers are encouraged to watch the short video presentations by respected child and adolescent psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. There is a very strong link between the wellbeing of young people, and their ability to learn and achieve in education. Dr Carr-Gregg outlines ways that you can support your child’s wellbeing at home, which will in turn help them during their school years. The websites provide an opportunity to learn practical ideas and tips and are available online at: http://det.qld.gov.au/initiatives/learningandwellbeing/resources.html

Tuckshop Day. Students, staff and parents in schools across Queensland are encouraged to give a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers on Tuckshop Day, Friday 7 November. Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life. Providing nutritious food and drinks means families can have one less task to worry about at the start of the day and helps students to concentrate and learn well in class. The thousands of tuckshop workers in Queensland schools are unsung heroes, so on the first Friday in November each year they get a collective pat on the back during Tuckshop Day. Sometimes we forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers make to the everyday operation of schools. Tuckshop Day is the day to promote your school tuckshop and say thanks to the workers for their hard work. The Queensland Government places great importance on providing healthy food and drinks in schools through the Smart Choices – Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy Queensland Schools. The Smart Choices strategy supports schools to offer healthy food and drink choices. Tuckshop workers use the ideas in the strategy to promote healthy eating as a way of maintaining good health. A nutritious diet ensures students’ fuel supplies are topped up during the day which supports schools’ social and learning objectives. To view the full Smart Choices strategy, related fact sheets and other resources, visit the Smart Choices website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drinkstrategy.html

Chatter matters—Get DETE’s new SPEAK oral language app The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment as a joint initiative with Goodstart Early Learning and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability. SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0-6 years of age. The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals. The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Cards to Certificates. Nearly all year, we have been inundated at the end of every lunchtime with students proudly waving Blue (exemplary behaviour) Cards, Gold (Outstanding Academic Achievement) Cards, White (100 or 200 night’s reading) Cards as well as Green (Environment) Cards, Red (Outstanding Behaviour) Cards to Certificates. These are collected and go towards the certificates that are presented on Assembly. This is a fantastic way to celebrate our students successes.

THANK YOU
A huge Thank you to all the students and teachers who wore PINK last Monday helping raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer. WE together raised $252.20. Thank you all so much. Tammy Collins – Hope Ambassador Cancer Council

Book Club Issues 7 & 8

Issue 7 orders have been placed and should be received late this week or early next week. Issue 8 Brochures will go home later this week and the closing date is 20 November. No orders can be accepted after the 20 November so that books can be received and given to students before the end of school.

EFTPOS or CREDIT CARD facilities are NOT available at Ingham State School.

2015 ENROLMENTS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. ENROLMENT PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. BIRTH CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS.

Cook’s, servers and people to clean-up are required for both Discos.

IF you can help please let Marianne MacDonald or Lisa Naughton know.
**P & C Major Fundraiser**

**HAMILTON ISLAND HOLIDAY RAFFLE**

- The raffle prize is 4 nights at the Reef View Hotel on Hamilton Island for 2 adults and 2 children with many wonderful benefits.
- There are wonderful incentive prizes for those who sell or purchase a complete book of raffle tickets such as:
  - Book Seller’s Prize
  - Individual Prizes
  - Family Holiday Promotion
- Ticket Books are available from the Office and may be collected by students and/or parents.

Thank you from Ingham State P&C

**All monies and tickets (including unsold tickets) are to be returned to the School Office by 24 November 2014**

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Presented on Assembly 31 October

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**CARNIVAL’**

Remember to mark their lunch bag ‘Swimming the lower grades and swimming, then please Wednesday 12 November.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on November.

On Friday for without their ongoing support we ‘Thank You’ to any Tuckshop volunteers you seen Students, perhaps you might like to say a simple nutritious food and drinks each day. This helps play an important role in school life providing Queensland each and every school day. Tuckshops Tuckshop Day is this Friday.

Please, pick up a Ticket Book from the Office at any time and help sell tickets to raises funds for Fundraiser for it to be a success for our School.

We need to sell a lot more tickets in this Major P&C Association Tuckshop Orders:

- Prep Open Days
  - Thursday 13 November ~ ICT & Meet the Buddies
  - Session Time: 9:00 to 11:00am

**Music Concert Date Claimer**

The violin, woodwind, brass and choir students will be giving their Annual End of Year Concert on Tuesday 25 November in the Activities Hall at 7 pm.

A letter will be sent home in the next few weeks with further details.

Lynda Wright

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**GRADUATION MEETING for Years 6 & 7**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 November commencing at 5:00pm and will be held in Year 6NR Classroom.

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**HAMLET ISLAND RAFFLE—PARENTS—NEED YOUR HELP**

We need to sell a lot more tickets in this Major Fundraiser for it to be a success for our School.

Please, pick up a Ticket Book from the Office at any time and help sell tickets to raises funds for your child’s school.

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**PARENTS! MATHS WORKSHOP 12 NOVEMBER**

Why is my child getting a C for Maths and not an A? (They got an A last semester). Should I worry? Does he/she need extra help?

The answers to these questions plus the assessment process will be clearly explained at Gayle Holmes’ Maths Workshop on Wednesday 12th November from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Resource Centre.

Please come along.

By Luke and Alana

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**Y E A R S 6 & 7 GRADUATION FUNDRAISING**

**Date:** 22 November—BBQ

**Where:** Woolworths

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**2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Term 4:** Friday 12 December

**Public Holidays**

Christmas Day—Thursday 25 December

Boxing Day—Friday 26 December

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**2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Term 1:** Tuesday 27 January—Thursday 02 April

**Term 2:** Monday 20 April — Friday 26 June

**Term 3:** Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September

**Term 4:** Tuesday 06 October — Friday 11 December

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**FRIEDAY NIGHT STATION HOTEL RAFFLES**

**URGENT! URGENT! VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Friday 14 November

Grant & Deanna Swarbrick

Only 5 weeks until the end of term and we require volunteers for the following Fridays: 21 and 28 November 12 December

Please, if you can help out on any of these Friday nights, ring the Office on 4776 9333.