



Ingham State School Newsletter



Welcome Message:

I would like to thank the staff, parents and community for their amazing dedication and commitment to ensuring our students achieve their individual potential. As usual we finish the year with great excitement. Our Graduation ceremony was brilliant on Thursday night, the children and parents had such an amazing time. Thank you to all who were involved in making it such a special night. The decorations were spectacular! Our students looked so grown up and mature and so many commented on how lovely the evening was. Thank you so much to the wonderful helpers who stayed back and took down everything so that the cleaning up of the hall the next day was minimal.

It is however that time of the year where I feel like we are not going to get everything done that has to be done - report cards, grade allocations, room changes, final assembly, organising everything so that the beginning of the year runs as smoothly as possible. We are allocating 14 classes next year and hopefully our numbers remain around the same. We are pretty certain that this will be the status quo but as usual changes could occur after Day 8 next year, when numbers are confirmed. Report cards will go out today.

The Final Assembly for 2023 will take place this Thursday at 9.00am where class prizes will be presented. The results of the election for School Leaders will be announced at the end of Assembly. All parents are very welcome to join us. We will not be notifying the parents of the children who have attained a position as we did this one year and unfortunately a parent put her information relating to her child onto Facebook. I want to reiterate that all the children who put in for a position this year were extremely worthy of fulfilling the obligation of these roles. I know that there will be children who will be disappointed but I am so very excited to be working with that whole year level as leaders.

The P&C Christmas break up was so enjoyable last night. Wonderful attendance from families and the children who have been practising their concert items were so excited to showcase their talent. It was a super relaxed and well organised evening. Thank you to the wonderful band of volunteers who always do such a brilliant job including some wonderful grandparents and older children who were so helpful last night. The Kopeshe family will be moving on next year as their last child has graduated primary school. Lauren and Derek have given so much time and energy to their roles in the P&C and volunteering for so many events. We want to thank them for their many years of support and we can only hope that others will be able to support the P&C team next year.

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Date Claimers:

- **06 December**
Report Cards emailed
Last day for Birthday Buckets
- **07 December**
Final Assembly
- **08 December**
End of School Year

2024

- **19 January**
Book Drop Off
- **22 January**
School Resumes
- **26 January**
Australia Day Holiday

NOTICE OF P&C MEETING

**Monday
19th February 2024**

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Staff Room

Everyone welcome!

Tea and coffee available.



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Classes for 2024:

<i>Prep</i>	<i>Bridgette Duffy</i>
<i>Prep</i>	<i>Anita Stewart</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Sophie Parker</i>
<i>Year 1 / 2</i>	<i>Kym Kelley</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Catherine Mostachetti</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Joanna Gatti</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Sharon Cislowski</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Erica Scott</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Emma Juides</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Keith Amos</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Lisa Naughton</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Stephanie Ellis</i>

Have a happy, restful, peaceful and safe holiday and a joyous festive season. We look forward to seeing you in 2024 with the expectation that the forthcoming year will be another one full of energy, enthusiasm and collaboration. I shall miss every one of your amazing children next year but look forward to seeing them all in 2024.

*Marianne Mac Donald
Principal*





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 **2:00pm** in the Multipurpose Hall.

Covid safe protocols apply.

BE SAFE

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

Items for Purchase

School Badges	\$ 2
School Hats	\$10
Homework Bags	\$10
Water Bottle Coolers	\$10
Call into the Office at any time to purchase.	

Bank Account Details

Bank Account details:

NAME:
Ingham State School

BSB: 064 810

ACCOUNT: 0009 0149

EFTPOS
Available
at office



Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, please advise via the following methods:

- Sending a text to the SMS number (0418 157 321)
- Phoning our Absence Line to leave a message (4776 9360)
- Phoning the Office (4776 9333)
- You may also email admin@inghamss.eq.edu.au.

Please ensure you include your **CHILD'S NAME/ CLASS/ DATE/** and the **REASON FOR THE ABSENCE**.

If no reason is provided, the absence will be recorded as "Unexplained".

School Drop Off and Pick Up

It is important that our school remains safe and maintains hygienic environments for all of our community. Parents are asked to respect and adhere to the following measures:

- ❖ **Students and staff who are unwell must stay home.**
- ❖ Adults must not congregate in and around school grounds, car parks, school gates and outside classrooms.
- ❖ Parents are to use **MP Hall** area or **STOP, DROP & GO** area to drop students off in the morning. There will be supervision from 8.00am.
- ❖ Students can be picked up from the **STOP, DROP & GO** area or **BACK GATE** area. Please organise with your child/ren where pick up will be. Prep students will wait in the MP Hall each afternoon with their teachers.

LATE ARRIVALS –

All students arriving late to School **MUST** present to the Office and collect a Late Arrival Slip before going to class. Please try to have your students on time for school.

EARLY DEPARTURES –

If you are collecting your child from school early, you **MUST** attend the Office and sign the Early Departure Register. Your child will then be asked to meet you at the Office. If possible, please advise your child's teacher or the Office beforehand. *This is especially so when children are being collected at lunch times.*

IMPORTANT –

If you are arranging for someone other than yourself to pick up your child from School, **ONLY** those people you have listed as an **EMERGENCY CONTACT** may do so. Please call into the office to complete the relevant paperwork.

GUIDELINES FOR PARENT ATTENDANCE -

- ❖ Remember to observe social distancing requirements. (1.5 metres for adults)
- ❖ Please observe COVID safe practices while on the school grounds.
- ❖ Maintaining good hand hygiene
- ❖ Staying home when sick
- ❖ Parents are allowed on the school grounds. Unfortunately, it is difficult to have parents in the classrooms due to social distancing. Mornings and afternoons are also very busy times for teachers. If you have anything you wish to discuss with teachers, please make an appointment to ensure that any concerns/issues can be discussed.



BELL TIMES



Morning	First Bell	8.40am
	Second Bell	8.45am
First Session:	8.45am – 10.45am	
Lunch	Eating Bell	10.45am
	Play Bell	11.00am
	End of Play	11.25am
Second Session:	11.30am – 1.30pm	
Afternoon Tea	Eating Bell	1.30pm
	Play Bell	1.40pm
	End of Play	1.55pm
Third Session:	2.00pm – 2.50pm	
End of School Day	2.50pm	

Social Emotional Program
HOLIDAY SAFETY

- Stranger Danger
- Safety in the home
- Road safety
- Railway / Cane train safety

Remember to stay with your parents when you are out and about on the holidays!

Final Assembly

Thursday
7th December

9:00am

Multipurpose Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Ingham State School

2024 Book Drop Off

Come along and drop off all student booklist materials to their classroom and meet the teachers!

Friday
19th January 2024
11:00am – 12:30pm

Class lists will be posted on notice board outside office

28 Mc Ilwraith Street (PO Box 388), Ingham QLD 4850
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Good Citizens





Talking Tuckshop



Hi everyone,

Today is the last day of Tuckshop for this year.
Thank you very much for your support this year.

Tuckshop will reopen on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with last night's Christmas BBQ. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the night.

A big thank you to the Tuckshop Volunteers who have worked so hard the last few days to help get things ready.

Merry Christmas and a Safe Summer Holiday.
I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Mrs Byers
Tuckshop Convenor



TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR 2024

WEDNESDAY
24TH January

JACQUI

ANNE

EMMA

MELISSA

THURSDAY
25TH January

KRISTINE

FIONA

KAREN

JESSICA

NO TUCKSHOP

**Thursday & Friday to
allow for cleaning and
shut down.**

TO OUR YEAR 6 GRADUATES

Goodbye, Farewell,
Good Luck!

ALL THE BEST AT YOUR NEW SCHOOL!

We will miss you!



TERM DATES FOR 2024

TERM 1	22 JANUARY – 28 MARCH
TERM 2	15 APRIL – 21 JUNE
TERM 3	8 JULY – 13 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	30 SEPTEMBER – 13 DECEMBER

INGHAM STATE SCHOOL

We can all help keep our schools safe. The responsibility rests with all of us.

If you see something suspicious, look, listen, and report.

Contact **School Watch on 13 17 88** to report any incidents you see or hear, even if they seem minor.

In an emergency or if you see a crime in progress dial Triple Zero (000).



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return
all outstanding
library
books as
soon as
possible.



Administration Office

Office will be closed from
Friday 4:00pm and re-open on
Monday 16th January 2024



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ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2024

If you have a child born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019
they are eligible for Prep in 2024!

Enrolment Interview will commence after the holidays.

Please make sure you have handed in your enrolment forms.

For more information, please contact the Office on 4776 9333.

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STEAM Team 2023

The dedicated STEAM Team have enjoyed a brilliant 2023! We welcomed our new members from Year 4 early in the year and they quickly found their feet and began contributing well. The Year 5 students already knew the ropes and our Year 6 students expertly mentored and supported all the younger students.



We had our usual robotic and iPad fun throughout the year, and we were treated to a brand new set of 20 Sphero Bolts in a flash charging case! These are ball shaped robotic devices that can be programmed and have an LED screen. They are incredibly fast and robust. We may have got a little rowdy when it was Sphero Chasey time!

At the beginning of Term 2, our school was successful in winning a grant of \$10,370 from Sustainability Funding for a project titled 'Native Trees for Native Bees and Other Wildlife'. Our weekly lessons changed to doing lots of research around native bees and suitable plants and nesting boxes/hives. We learnt a lot! We discovered that we had several native bee hives already in our school grounds! We had concerns about dry weather and security of nesting boxes and hives over school holidays and luckily, we got an extension on our project to mid-2024.

So, STEAM Team of 2024 will have a busy Term 1 and 2 completing this exciting environmental project!

It is with a little sadness, but also huge pride that I farewell our Year 6 STEAM Teamers who have been with me for 3 years – Luciana, Heath, Laura, Adele, Tilly, Ruby. Plus, Ada, Kurt and Judah who joined us for the second half of the year as an alternative to Green STEM. I wish you a bright future in the world of STEM!

See you all in 2024!

Mrs Way



STEAM Team 2023

'This year STEAM Team collected research about nesting boxes for bees, birds and mammals. This may have taken a while, but we got the research. I really liked STEAM Team and it was lots of fun. I can't wait for the next lot of kids to come join STEAM Team' Anonymous



'Being in STEAM is a really big thing. I'm passionate about what we did for a whole three years. It's been an amazing experience from playing with Spheros to helping the environment. None of us would have had a chance to do this without Mrs Way' Ruby

'Over the time span of 2023, we have enjoyed playing with Spheros and we have also been working on a project called 'Native Trees for Native Bees and Other Wildlife' and trying to give possums, birds and native bees a home in their natural environment. The STEAM Team and Mrs Way have been working really hard to get this project done. Thank you everyone! Laura



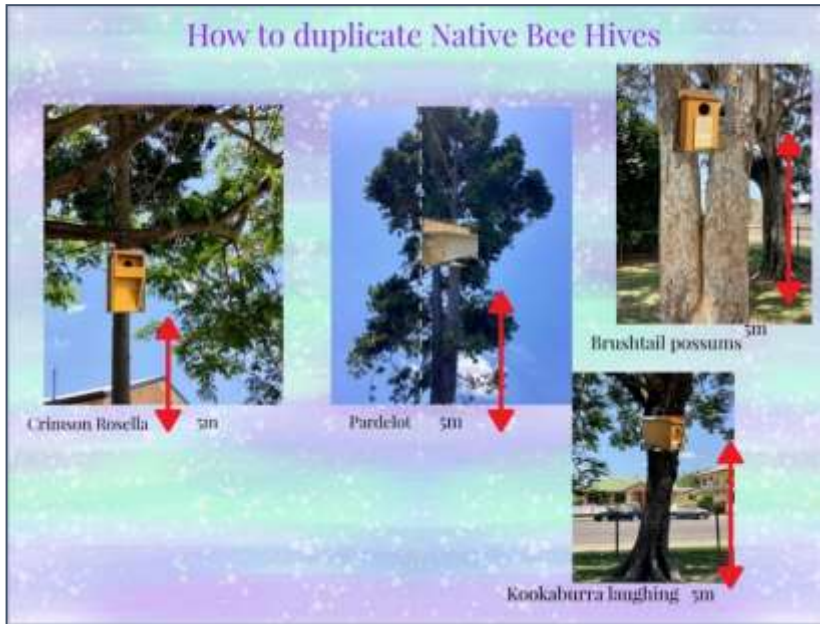
I learnt a lot in the past few months about how to duplicate native bee hives' Kurt



'I have been in STEAM Team for 3 years and I have loved it in all my time here. I love the robotics, the Maths and definitely the people. I have to thank Mrs Way for all her help and support, and also all the fellow students who I have worked alongside. My favourite thing about STEAM Team is our newest project, Native trees for native bees and other wildlife. Although that can barely compete with Spheros, which are small ball-shaped robots. They are so much fun!' Adele



STEAM Team 2023



Youth Parliament 2023

On Monday, a group of budding Year 5 politicians travelled to Tyto to participate in the district's second Youth Parliament along with students from Mr Fox, Rollingstone, Forrest Beach and Toobanna State Schools.

It was a great opportunity for students to gain some first-hand experience of how our state parliament operates and passes legislation.



They also practised their public speaking skills as they presented speeches and voted on various education and health measures as part of a simulation of the parliamentary proceedings of legislature.

Mrs Juides & Mr Amos were very proud of how well the students conducted themselves and represented our school. Mr Dametto and Mr Jayo also commented on how insightful the students were in their understanding of the broad range of issues that affect our region.





Performing Arts



Instrumental Music

A reminder that if any students still have a school instrument at home, these need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Both the Year 6 String and Multi instrumental students will be performing at our final assembly this Thursday morning - all students will need to bring their instruments and music to school on Thursday morning.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see so many students continue to grow and develop their skills in music.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Kind Regards,
Lynda Wright and Carolyn Gunston



Choir

Congratulations to all of the choir students who performed at the P&C Break Up. A reminder that there will be no choir rehearsal this Friday.

Thank you to all families for your support during the year. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with your children in 2024!

Carolyn Gunston

PREP CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING WITH MRS SERRA!





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P&C News

That's a wrap on 2023!

What a lovely night last night at our Christmas Break-Up! Our children performed wonderfully, and got us in the spirit! We love seeing our school community come together!

Now for some thank yous, in no particular order!

Thank you to the teachers and Mrs Gunston for organising the songs and performances for us to enjoy. Your support does not go unnoticed and we really wouldn't have an event without the children being involved. Not only do the kids enjoy putting on a show, but getting up in front of others takes courage, and builds their confidence and pride in themselves and others.

Thank you to the families for supporting the night and coming along. We were blown away with the support, and although we catered similar to previous years, the rib fillet steak sangas didn't make it to the end and we had to go out and buy lots more drinks! We appreciate your understanding and patience



Thank you to Mrs Byers who takes on the food organisation. Mrs Byers does this as a volunteer, outside of her employment and makes sure everything is ordered, delivered, prepared, set out and cleaned up.

Thank you to the families that came for set up and stayed for pack up. It makes for a hectic afternoon/evening sometimes, but many hands really do make light work, and the teamwork to get the job done is fantastic!

Thank you to the Mostachetti family and extended family for providing lighting for our stalls and fantastic sound for our classes so that we all could really enjoy their performances! These things happen 'in the background' on the night but make such a big impact on the running of the evening, and we are very grateful!

Thank you to all the volunteers that popped up to help cook, take orders, serve food, serve drinks, sell raffle tickets. We have just a small organising team and we can't do everything at once so we really appreciate the help to keep everything running as smoothly as it can.

Thank you to the P&C members and organising team who take care of stuff behind the scenes and at meetings. There are often messages flying everywhere in the lead up! We get it done, and pretty well I think! From planning, to making sure EFTPOS is set up and running, to purchasing and delivering what we need. We do it so we can give back to our school and kids and build a community. We'd love it if anyone else would like to join us, too!

Thank you to the admin team that support our endeavours. Once again there are behind-the-scenes things that have to happen and they help make it so. Right down to Ms Mac Donald waiting behind for us to clean up and close up.

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P&C News (Continued...)

Thank you to our president, Shawn Hague, who tends to get given the MC job on these nights! We don't really ask him, but rather "you'll do it, won't you?"... and he has obliged each time. We know he gets tired of listening to his own voice over the mic, but he does a fantastic job keeping things rolling along and we appreciate it greatly.

Now on a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank Shawn and the P&C for my beautiful flowers, presented to me last night. It was such a lovely surprise; a beautiful gesture that warms my heart. A huge thank you, team, for your efforts this year. A thank you to my family who often has to wait until I've done what I need to, or gets volunteered to help set up, clean up and help on stalls!

Apart from our Break-Up I have had Caitlin Russo offer to take over the organisation of birthday buckets next year. Therefore from next year contact details will change. You can contact Caitlin via text on 0417 026 280. Please no longer use the secretary email address for bookings at this stage. Transfer of payment direct to the P&C account will be the preferred option and details will be provided once Caitlin has been contacted. We still request that you provide notice the week prior to bucket being delivered as this ensures that there is stock, and delivery days and times can be organised with teachers and volunteers.

Your support of the birthday buckets is greatly appreciated! The average over the year works out to almost one per day, so it keeps us busy and the kids just love it!

Have a wonderful Christmas and Blessings for the New Year!

Secretary Lauren 😊





*Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.
See you all again in 2024.*