FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attendance

Congratulations to all our parents and students for your ongoing support with improving attendance. Our school goal is 95% and this term we have seen an increase from 89% to 90.8%. Still a way to go but a massive effort. Please note that under the Education Act all absences must be explained, so please continue to call, send a note and complete absence forms when students are sick.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports should go home this week. Please remember that these results give an indication of how your child is performing against the standards at one particular point in time.

Lost Property

The lost property store located under B wing is overflowing. Please check for your belongings over the next two weeks. Any property remaining in two weeks will be donated to charity.

School Review

Our School Review report is in and up on the school website for you to peruse. I again thank everyone who participated in this process.

Naomi Meerwald (Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS

Term 3 Teaching and Learning

Welcome back a busy term of teaching and learning. Year level teaching teams are doing excellent work in planning school curriculum that is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. This is leading to greater consistency of teaching practices across classes and between year levels.

Book Week 2016

Each year, the Children’s Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children’s Book Week. This year’s theme is Australia: Story Country, celebrating Australia’s stories, authors and illustrators.

The short list has been announced and can be found at https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016

At Ipswich East State School Book Week celebrations will be held in September. Book Fair will be held in the Library from Thursday 8 September until the morning of Wednesday 14 September. Book Week dress up parade will be held in the Hall at 9:05am on Tuesday 13 September. There are some terrific prizes to be won! Keep an eye out in the newsletter and also, on parade for more information in the coming weeks, but start preparing those costumes!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Many students have completed their Reading Records and dropped them off into the box in the Library! Keep up the great reading as the challenge runs until 26th August. Further Reading Record sheets can be collected at the library.

See you @ the Library.

Library Volunteers Needed

If anyone can spare any time after school drop off, before pick up, or any time in between to help in the Library, then please pop in to the library and see Mrs Forman or Mrs Richardson. There is always books to shelve and many other tasks if you are available. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Overdue Books

Thank you to those who have returned their overdue books. Some books are still outstanding. Please help your student look for any overdue books so they may be returned to the library. If the book is definitely missing, can you please write a note and send it to the library with your student. A reminder that in order to borrow students require a Library bag or folder to protect the Library book.

Free Author Event

Dymocks have advised schools of the following FREE event. The Treehouse series is certainly a favourite amongst students here at Ipswich East State School

Meet Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Date: Sunday 14 August 2016
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Brisbane City Hall, Main Auditorium
64 Adelaide St, Brisbane QLD 4000
Cost: Free - bookings essential
 bijes: (07) 3007 2800

briscorp@dymocks.com.au

Join Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton when they visit Brisbane as part of the Lord Mayor’s Writers in Residence series to share their spectacular new book, The 78-Storey Treehouse. They have added 13 new levels including a drive-thru car wash, a combining machine, a scribbletorium and ALL-BALL sports stadium, Andyland, Terrytown, a high-security potato chip storage facility and an open-air movie theatre. Well, what are you waiting for? Explore the 78-storey treehouse!

Book signing will not be available at the event but pre-signed copies of Andy and Terry’s books will be available for purchase. Bookings essential via (07) 3007 2800 or email: briscorp@dymocks.com.au

 GALAXY DAY

Wednesday the 20 July saw 16 of our top year 6 students attend Galaxy Day at Bundamba State Secondary College. All the students worked really hard in their teams. They met lots of other students from other schools in the district and really enjoyed getting to know them. Students were challenged in Maths, Science, Teamwork/Leadership (Rock Wall) and school against school in spelling! There winners were spread across all school with Lania coming in 2nd place for overall winner! Congratulations to all that participated and especially Lania who was offered a scholarship to BSSC. A huge thank you must go to Vicki Amber for being a parent volunteer for the day.

(picture two is Lania receiving her prize from Junior Deputy Mr Jack.)

P&C NEWS

Pie drive

Ipswich East State School is running a Pie Drive to warm you up this winter. Homestyle Bake is a family owned bakery that is 100% Queensland made & owned, packed with nutritious real ingredients from Australian growers. The forms will be distributed on Monday 1st August and due back to school by 3pm on Wednesday 17th August 2016. Please note - No late orders will be accepted after this date. Please place orders in the Kids Café letterbox. The bakery products will be delivered to the school Thursday 25th August and available for pick up from the Kids Café from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Don’t forget to take the order form round when visiting family especially grandparents, take it along to any social groups such as playgroups or soccer training, and of course your workplace. The more pies we sell the more funds we raise for Ipswich East State School.

Father’s Day Stall

This year Fathers Day stall will be run from the Kids Café on Wednesday 31st August for Prep to Year 2 and Thursday 1st September for Year 3 to 6. If there are enough gifts remaining we will also sell Friday 2nd September first break from Kids Café for all years. Gift prices will range from $1 to $6. The P&C are seeking donations of items appropriate for sale or to be used in packaging the gifts at the Fathers Day Stall such as boxes of chocolates, gift tags, ribbons, cellophane, hankies, socks etc. Parents please ensure your children have money on the right days to pick up dad or granddad something special!

Amanda Brady (P&C President)

As part of our school’s commitment to providing opportunities for our students to experience real world applications of the curriculum taught in the classroom, we have organized a visit from Queensland’s Premier Science Educators, Street Science.

Street Science are a team of passionate science educators who use exciting and interactive stage demonstrations to bring science to life. In celebration of National Science Week’s 2016 technology theme this August, they are touring an exclusive stage show titled ‘FIREBALLS, LIQUID NITROGEN & A 4 FOOT ROBOT’. The show promises to live up to its title with a range of exhilarating science demonstrations exploring fantastic fire, super cool chemistry and, yes, a real robot! Our student are very much looking forward to this high energy Celebrations of all things science!

The cost of these exciting demonstrations will be $6.60 per child. A permission note with performance details will be sent home with an invoice this week.
Outside School Hours Care - Educator

Ipswich East State School Outside School Hours Care are currently looking for an Educator to join our team. The position is casual only and the successful applicant would be able to work (approx.) 15 hours per fortnight plus extra shifts to cover staff absences and over the school vacation period.

The successful applicant would be available to work within the following hours, Monday to Friday:
   School Holiday Vacation Care 6:30am – 6:00pm
   Before School Care 6:30am – 9:15am
   After School Care 2:00pm – 6:00pm

The ideal candidate will have the following:
   A Certificate III or equivalent or be studying towards Diploma
   Previous experience in an OHSC setting or similar
   Working knowledge of “My Time Our Place”
   Working knowledge of the NQF and accountability requirements
   Current Paid Blue Card, First Aid, CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis
   Assist in Program planning, implementation and evaluation
   Ability to follow the centres policies and procedures
   A love of children and willingness to engage with them in a friendly and supportive manner
   Deliver a high standard of professionalism
   Be a team player; and
   Be diligent when reporting incidents accurately and maintain confidentiality
   Assist with the development and continuous improvement of the service and children

Please forward your resume and cover letter to Rebecca – ohsc@bigpond.com.