FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This will be the final Newsletter for Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support thus far and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2! I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break. School returns on Monday 11 April.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
A reminder about payment for Student Resource Scheme. If the booklist has not been provided to the class teacher, including text books and other consumables levy OR the Resource Scheme payments have not been made, students may be refused participation in extra curricular activities until the scheme is paid or all of the items on the list have been provided. Activities such as Interschool Sport, Musical, Prep Ball or Graduation could be jeopardised.

2016 P&C ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Ipswich East State School Parents and Citizens’ Association. All positions on the P&C Executive are open for re-election. Any new interest in the positions will be warmly received.
When: Monday 21 March 2016
Where: Ipswich East State School Conference Room

When: Light refreshments from 5:00pm then meeting to commence at 5.30pm. AGM will be followed by March General Meeting.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL:
Our Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will take place in one week; Monday 21 March, from 9am - 11am. All classes have been training for this event during class time. We would like all students to participate. Students can run, jog or walk their event, unless there is a medical condition which prevents them from doing so.

Students in Prep - Year 2 will be participating in year level events, students in Year 3 - Year 6 will participate in age level events. The emphasis will be on participating not winning. Not only do we encourage students to have a go, but we also ask parents to come along and cheer or help out. Parents from Prep - Year 2 are most welcome to come along and run or walk with your child.

The course is one lap of the Junior Oval and Senior Oval (500m) for Prep to Year 2. The course for the Year 3 and Year 4 students is two laps of the Junior Oval and Senior Oval (1000m). The course for the Year 5 and Year 6 students is 3 laps of the Junior Oval and Senior Oval (1500m).

Students should wear house colours on the day. House colours are: Cunningham - Blue, Oxley - Gold and Logan - Red. So come along and enjoy the morning. All welcome!

REPORTING TO PARENTS:
At the commencement of Term Two, teachers in all year levels will be conducting parent teacher interviews. These interviews will be held in the first two weeks, beginning Tuesday 12 April. I urge all parents to make use of this interview opportunity and to act upon the recommendations made by classroom teachers. Any support parents can give to their child’s education will help to ensure their success in the years to come.

REINTRODUCTION OF INTERSCHOOL SPORT:
Over the past few years, I have had a number of conversations with parents and students regarding the reintroduction of interschool sport. After discussions with staff, we would like to trial the reintroduction of interschool sport at Ipswich East, for Years 5 and 6. We are offering three sports each sporting season. Sports on offer for the winter season are Netball, Rugby League and Soccer. Playing Dates are April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 20, 27; and June 3, 10, 17. This equates to 9 weeks (May 13 being Ipswich Show Holiday).
In regards to students not participating in interschool sport, other extra-curricular activities will be on offer, such as musical/ drama/ dance; sports/skill building; and fitness/well being activities. In previous years, Interschool sport had major issues regarding student family payments and a large debt incurred due to lack of continual contributions on a weekly basis. In 2016, Interschool sport will be a user pay, up-front cost of $80 per season. All students who participate will be asked to pay in full before the first game is played. All students will have to travel by bus, so that the cost of transport is covered. All money must be paid to the office by Wednesday 23 March in full. Thank you for your support of this system.

Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Test:
If you have a child in Year 3 or 5, they may have been talking to you about some tests they will be partaking in at school in May. The children have been engaged in some practice test questions, to become more familiar with the types of questioning expected in the tests.
It is very important that all students are at school for the tests. Some of the funding that is allocated to schools occurs
due to the results of these tests. Children who have learning difficulties or disabilities may receive special considerations and parents will be informed about this process.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

NAPLAN is not a test that children can prepare for in the same way they might prepare for an end of term test.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

These are skills that should be continuously developed throughout the year and not just in the lead-up to NAPLAN.

The best way to get your child ready for NAPLAN is to continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills. Your child’s teacher will be able to give you advice on how to help encourage development of these skills at home.

If parents or carers would like more information, please don’t hesitate to speak with a teacher or you may also log onto the National Assessment Program site www.naplan.edu.au.

Byron Van Der Zee (Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN

Thank you so much to the students and families who have already returned sponsorship forms in support of our ‘School Run 4’ Cross Country event. May I congratulate the students who have braved the opportunity to create a fundraising page on the website; I can see your efforts have paid off greatly, well done!

Sponsorship forms and monies for the School Run 4 Fun Program are to be returned to the Administration Office on or before Thursday 24 March. The event will take place on Monday 21 March, commencing at 9am.

Monies raised will provide additional Playground Equipment for students.

The following incentives are available to all students:

- Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a prize of their choice. The more donations they receive the better prizes they can choose.
- The class that raises the most will receive $30 credit towards an class activity of choice.
- The highest fundraising student will receive a 2GB MP3 Player.
- Each student will receive a Berri Quelch Frozen Juice Stick on the day of the event.
- Students will receive a participation certificate for their efforts.
- Each student/family has the chance to win a family holiday to the Gold Coast for five nights simply by raising $10 or more. Accommodation is at Sea World Resort and Water Park for two adults and two children including entry to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast and a choice of either $1000 cash or $1000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School Photos will be taken tomorrow, Tuesday 15 March. Order forms must be received prior to photos being taken. On the day of photos, all students should wear their full school uniform and have their hair neatly presented. Approximate photo times are as follows:

Dominica Joseph (Deputy Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) – REWARDS DAY: On Thursday 24 March, our school will participate in an end of term celebration, culminating in the Easter Bonnet Parade for the exemplary behaviour shown by students from Prep to Year 6. Classes will be invited to participate in pool and special class activities throughout the day. More information will follow from class teachers.

EASTER BONNET PARADE: On Thursday 24 March from 2:15-3:00pm we will be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade in the Hall. Children from Prep – Year 3 can make a special hat with an Easter theme at home to wear on the day. There will be random prize draws for those who those with Easter bonnets! The whole school will attend the parade with
classes from Prep – Year 3 performing an Easter song each, so parents are warmly welcome to join us. You never know, an extra special visitor might surprise us! If you have any further questions please contact your child’s teacher.

**CURRICULUM – STARTSMART SESSIONS:** From Monday 21 March to Wednesday 23 March, students in Years 1-6 will attend StartSmart sessions. Start Smart teaches students about financial literacy, empowering them to make wise financial decisions for themselves. The Primary program consists of three stages, each of which corresponds to a different level of learning. The workshops are engaging as well as educational, featuring characters such as Captain SuperCents and Coach Cash, who represents all the temptations to spend money needlessly. Research suggests it is never too early to learn money management skills. And it is never too late to start learning!

**CURRICULUM – MATHS ACHIEVEMENT:** Teachers are continuing their fabulous teaching and learning in classrooms right up until the last day of term, so it is vital that students continue to attend in order to maximize their achievement. Last week I met with all classroom teachers regarding their Maths assessment pieces for the first half of this term, to gauge our student achievement. It was pleasing to see so many of our students achieve well. Well done, and keep up the great work! Teachers will be providing feedback to students about their assessment pieces in the coming week, so students directly know how they can set goals to improve.

**CURRICULUM – READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME:**

Our school has a school-wide home reading routine. Here are some tips to support your child and their reading at home.

1. Sit side-by-side with your child.
2. Don’t ‘tell’ the words.
3. Move beyond ‘sound it out’.
4. Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
5. Allow some mistakes to go uncorrected.
6. Allow the same book multiple times.
7. Keep reading to your child.

If you would like any further information about these tips, please feel free to drop into my office in the Library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

*Amanda Richardson (Head of Teaching & Learning)*

**CROSS COUNTRY**

As previously mentioned, the School Cross Country will be held on the Monday 21 March 9am-11am. Classes will have opportunities to practise over the next week to allow students to become familiar with the course. There will also be training sessions held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30am on the Bottom Oval. All students are welcome to attend these training sessions.

*Eliza Mooney (PE Teacher)*

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**MARCH**

15 School Photos
21 P&C AGM
21 Run for Fun (Cross Country)
24 PBL Rewards Day
24 Easter Bonnet Parade
24 Last day of Term 1

**APRIL**

11 First day of Term 2
IT’S ALL HAPPENING HERE
IPSWICH EAST OHSC
VACATION CARE
AUTUMN 2016
Tuesday 29th March 2016 to
Friday 8th April 2016

$50 per child per day Less CCB       $10.00 for late fee for bookings received after 21/03/2016

For further information, please contact:
3282 9071          0426215228       ohsc@bigpond.com

BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT SIGNATURE

IPSWICH EAST VACATION CARE PROGRAM

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<td>Fly a kite learn something new Blow something up (just kidding)</td>
<td>Bring your spare clothes Take chances make mistakes and get messy</td>
<td>Bring your swimmers with sun shirt and have some fun splashing in the water and have a sausage sizzle</td>
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### Week Two

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<td><strong>ARTS &amp; CRAFT</strong></td>
<td><strong>NATURALS TUESDAY!</strong></td>
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<td>Grasshopper Soccer is a fun filled, non-competitive and child focused soccer program  Approx. $8</td>
<td>Fun cooking &amp; games! Egg parachute comp.  Frog in a pond Yum Yum Balls Rocky Road Decorate Wooden Spoons</td>
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