FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to term 3. Already our attendance rate is dangerously low. Our goal is for 95% attendance. We will be contacting families with high absenteeism over the coming weeks to see where we can assist. Attendance matters and has a large impact on student outcomes.

Thank you to all of our families that supported our School Review. The initial report indicates that we are on track with the full report available in approximately two weeks. The summary report will then be published on the website for your perusal.

Reading continues to be our main focus this year. Our teachers and students started a new reading program this term. It is designed to better suit the needs of each individual student. The reports from teachers and students so far is inspiring.

School Opinion Survey forms went home last week. I ask that you complete the short online survey and have a say. It will help me to plan for the things that are important to you and gives you a voice. If you are unable to access the internet, please feel free to contact the office so we can make other arrangements.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful term 3 and look forward to working with you.

Naomi Meerwald (Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Sports Day
The weather was not kind to us leading up to Sports Day with a number of days and nights of heavy rain leading up to the event. However, even with all the rain Mr Mackay worked tirelessly and was able to prepare the oval so that Sports Day could go ahead.

This was Ms Eliza Mooney’s very first Sports Day and she did an amazing job organising all the children into teams, arranging ribbons, setting up events and doing the hundreds of other things needed to prepare for an event such as sports day. With numerous excited students arriving in their house colours, cheering and singing their house songs our events were enjoyed by all.

Just like the Olympics the children competed to the best of their abilities, had a great time and enjoyed the competitive spirit and fun of all the events and activities. It was great to see so many parents supporting the school by cheering and even participating in the adult/student race. Overall, Sports Day at Ipswich East was an awesome day and a big thank you goes out to all involved because even though the weather was against us, the day was still enjoyed by all.

School Opinion Survey
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year’s School Opinion Survey by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys are currently open and will remain so until Friday, 29 July 2016.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact me on telephone 3432 6333 or email admin@ipsweastss.eq.edu.au.

Damien Lee (Deputy Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS
Last term, a number of our senior students proudly represented our school at the 2016 Reader’s Cup competition, held at Ipswich Girls’ Grammar School. They had to read five book prior to the competition. This team competed against over 10 different schools in a quiz of their knowledge of these books, as well as a general knowledge round on other well-known books. The competition was tough and the final scores were very close! While we didn’t win overall, our team members were all winners! They had fun, worked well together as a team and learnt new skills. The students were fortunate to have the well-known children’s author, Brian Falkner, provide the entertainment as the Quizmaster.

A huge congratulations to our team:

- Ksenia Dwyer
- Kai Dowling
- Fiona Fraser
- Ciara Hansell
- Kaito Nelson

The feedback from the students thoroughly was they thoroughly enjoyed both the experience and challenge. While they were disappointed they didn’t win, they will be a team to look out for as they already have a strategy for next year’s competition! Well done and thank you for representing our school with integrity!

Tania Giansiracusa (Literacy Coach)
**SCHOOL BANKING**

**A Sky Full Of Prizes To Be Won!!!!**

Welcome to term 3 of school banking. This term the CBA has an exciting new competition.

The Dollarmites have discovered prize lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers – that’s YOU!

How to enter: Simply make 3 or more school banking deposits during term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes. Prizes include 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs [K-Zone and Totally Girl]. It’s that easy!

What’s more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making 3 or more School Banking deposits during term 3, you’ll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs. To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Wouldn’t it be cool if a student banker from Ipswich East State School won a prize?

Not a school banker and would like to be? Then visit the school banking staff in the OHSC every Thursday morning for an application pack.

A special visitor from the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting us at parade on Monday 8th of August. There will be an Account Opening Session on Thursday 11th of August. If you were wanting to open an account and haven’t quite made it to the bank to do so, they will be here, so come along before school on August 11th.

**Mandy Andersen (Student Banking)**

**From The RI Team at Ipswich East**

Welcome to a new term at Ipswich East State School, we trust that everyone had a safe, restful and refreshing break after Semester 1.

There are two changes of instructors during term 3.

- **Class 3C** – Moira Keddie will be taken by Nelly Camille from this week until 15th August.
- **Class 5B** – Annette Isager will be taken by Jane Zinn from 21st July until 20th September.
- **Class 2A** – Ala Traill continues with 2A for Esther Keddie

We thank you for your support. If you would like to join our team as an assistant or an instructor, or have any questions, please contact me on 0424 125 519. The CRI Network will arrange training for all instructors and assistants.

**Jane Zinn (RI Co-ordinator)**

**P&C NEWS**

**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.

**Amanda Brady (P&C President)**

Has your daughter lost her reading glasses?  
There is a pretty pink pair of glasses in the school office waiting for their owner to claim them!
COMING EVENTS

**JULY**
18-29 School Opinion Survey

**AUGUST**
25 School Musical

Don’t Forget:

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Michelle Trevino your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
(07) 3282 0571 / 0466 474 584
or michelle.trevino@thesmithfamily.com.au

Sports Day