FROM THE PRINCIPAL
I would like to extend a heart-felt CONGRATULATIONS to all of our students and teachers for their hard work and efforts in "Cinderella Rockerfella". I believe it was a great success. Well done.

The new reading program at our school is well and truly underway. The program is designed to ensure your child/children are taught the individual reading comprehension strategies that good readers use. So far our students have learnt the skills of; activating prior knowledge, Self-monitoring, predicting, questioning, skimming and scanning, visualising and making connections. They will learn about inferring, summarising and synthesising over the next few weeks.

Our attendance over the past 2 weeks has dropped dramatically. We need your help to improve on this. This week we sent home letters letting you know about your child’s attendance rate. We understand that many of you have been in contact with us regarding illness and other authorised reason for absenteeism. This letter is simply designed to let you know what your child’s attendance rate currently is.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
As per a note and email home last week, a Parent/Teacher interview afternoon with all class teachers has been arranged for Tuesday September 6th 2016 from 3.15pm until 5.25pm in the Hall. All special education teachers (except for Ms. Tunstall) and all specialist teachers (including Ms. Hall, Mr. Michin and Mrs. Giddins) will be available and may be booked in addition to your child’s class teacher. Please arrive early ready for your interview time as we cannot guarantee another time slot will be available for you if you are late. If you require a longer interview or a different day/time then please contact the teacher to negotiate directly.

To co-ordinate the interviews Ipswich East State School is embracing new technology and as such is trialling an online booking system for parent teacher interviews. The system is called SOBS – School Online Booking System. This will enable parents to book interview sessions in real time with your child’s class teachers. You can access the SOBS website via your phone or computer. If you do not have access to the internet at all you can still ring the School Office to book an interview for your child and this will be entered into the SOBS database on your behalf. You are able to book an interview time now until 12pm on Tuesday September 6th. No interview requests will be accepted outside of these times.

The system is available by going to: https://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=1269 If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

Naomi Meerwald (Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS
Science Week
Our school was a buzz with National Science recently, celebrating the theme ‘Drones, Droids and Robots’. The theme centred on the real-world application of autonomous technologies in areas including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, medicine and space and deep ocean exploration. As a way of celebrating, our school invited ‘Street Science’ to present workshops, Biosecurity Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries presented Fire Ant education sessions and 3B were lucky enough to be selected as the class to design and make brush bots and then appraise and improve them to compete in a race. A big thank you to the Australian Science Teachers Association for our National Science Week school grant to help make this event possible and Mrs. McQueen for co-ordinating the activities for our students.

End of Term Celebrations
All classes have worked extremely hard this term in their units of work, well done! Teachers are beginning to finalise assessment and are also now planning celebratory activities to round out the learning. Here are just a few of the celebrations happening at the end of the term. More information will be available from class teachers as the events are finalised.

Year 1 – ‘Procedure’ morning, where students will be using procedures to create things to eat, things to make and things to play with!

Year 2 – Australian animal activity day – students will do a whole range of fun and creative art activities such as making animals masks, painting etc.
Year 3 – Poetry Slam – showcasing Year 3’s best poems!

Year 4 - Poetry Recital

Year 5 – 5A’s debaters are going to challenge 5B’s debaters on a topic based on their recent unit of study: “the book version of Storm Boy is better than the movie”.

**Book Week**

This year the Children’s Book Week theme is ‘Australia: Story Country; celebrating Australia’s stories, authors and illustrators’. On **Tuesday September 13th** students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or interpret the theme ‘Australia: Story Country’ theme for their costume. We will be holding a special parade at 9.05am in the hall, where students will have the opportunity to parade their costume and win themselves some great prizes! So put your thinking caps on! Parents are very welcome to join us.

**Book Fair**

During Book Week we will also be holding our annual Book Fair. Book Fair for our school will be held from **Thursday 8 September until the morning of Wednesday 14 September** in the Library. We ask that you support our Book Fair by purchasing a book, as every purchase you make translates into resources for our school. Books start at only $4 (however Scholastic Book Fair sometimes send a bargain box to us with some super specials!). Novelty items are also available. Students will be given the opportunity to preview the books and write a ‘wish list’ in their Library time.

The opening times for Book Fair are:

- **Thursday 8 Sept** 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm
- **Friday 9 Sept** 8:30-9:00am
- **Monday 12 Sept** 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm
- **Tuesday 13 Sept** 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm
- **Wednesday 14 Sept** 8:30-9:00am

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now closed. Well done to all of the students who participated. We are now busy finalised our school entries for submission to the Premier.

Amanda Richardson *(Head of Curriculum)*

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**UNIFORMS**

Have your children grown out of their uniforms? We have no ‘spares’ left for ‘little accidents’. If you have sizes 4, 6, 8 or 10 that you no longer need, or if you have some that we’ve sent home on your child, we would love to have them.