FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IN ORDER TO TEACH THEM WE MUST BE ABLE TO REACH THEM

For the remainder of the year our school will be focussing on improving students’ ability to read. We are currently developing a new reading program which will target the personal reading needs of your child. To ensure this happens we are channelling all of our resources into the program and need your help.

In order to teach our students, they need to be attending to access the program. Over the past eight weeks our attendance has dropped dramatically. The Education Act requires every student to be attending school everyday unless an absence is authorised by the Principal, and this is monitored by the Department. This means we need to know if your child is away.

We will be sending home a letter this week asking you to complete with a reason for all unexplained absences for your child/children. Your help in completing this would be greatly appreciated.

DISCO

I would like to say a huge thank you to the P&C for the Super Heroes Disco held on Friday. I had an absolute ball and I know that our students did too. I believe this was the largest turnout for the past 12 months. Thank you to you all for supporting your child/children with their costumes.

Naomi Meerwald (Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime, now in its 16th year, was held last Wednesday 25 May at 11am. In 2015, over 500 000 children at over 3 100 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. This year we read the book, *I Got This Hat* (written by Jol and Kate Temple and illustrated by Jon Foye) in the Library at lunchtime.

Our Readers Cup team are competing with about 20 other Ipswich district school this term for the Ipswich District Readers Cup trophy. The team have been working hard reading, taking notes and swapping books. We wish them all the very best on Thursday 9 June at the Ipswich Junior Grammar School (Phoenix Room) from 9:30am until 12:30pm. All parents are welcome to come and watch our students in action.

Amanda Richardson (Head of Curriculum)

Procedure for Dentist Appointments

If taking your child for an appointment at our Dental Clinic please call in to the office for a pink ‘Dental Release Slip’. This will allow the teacher to release your child from the classroom for the appointment. This slip will only release your child for the appointment. If you are taking your child home after the appointment you will still need to sign them out at the office.
**INSTRUMENTAL NOTES**

**Student Resource Scheme – Instrumental Music**

All instrumental students have been issued an invoice as part of the Student Resource Scheme. This payment contributes towards our Instrumental program by offsetting the cost of maintaining equipment, purchasing band music etc. **Payments need to be finalized by the end of the term to remain in the school program.** Contact the school office if you require further assistance.

**Equipment**

Students are reminded that instruments, tutor book, display folder, pencils and USB are required for each lesson. Lessons cannot function properly if some or all of these items are missing. Students who play clarinets or saxophones also require workable reeds to play and should have at least 2 reeds available to use during their lesson. Local music stores can provide the necessary equipment: Booval Music Focus (Brisbane Rd, Ipswich), The Best Music Shop (Jindalee) or online shops Ellaways, Music Express can also supply equipment.

**Practice**

You can help your child learn their instrument by following these suggestions:

- Help by providing a quiet safe area to practice their instrument
- Establish a regular practice time and routine
- Listen to them play and encourage them
- Play their Tutor book CD/DVD so you both know what to expect.