FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Thank you to the many parents that have registered for our Parent teacher interviews. This year we have made slight changes to the evening based on the feedback you have given us. We thank you for your support in making this evening more beneficial for us all.

I have noticed in the mornings that a number of students are arriving prior to 8:30am when there is no supervision. Outside School Hours Care is available for students who need to arrive prior to 8:30am or after 3:15pm.

Baseball caps are not considered sun smart or part of our school uniform. Please encourage your child/ren to wear a wide brimmed hat to protect them to the exposed conditions.

I will be attending the State Wide Principal Conference this Thursday and Friday. I look forward to hearing the key messages and direction of State Education so I can bring these back to Ipswich East State School.

Naomi Meerwald (Principal)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Sporting Schools Initiative (Lunchtime Activities)
What is SPORTING SCHOOLS? Sporting Schools is a national program available to all Australian primary schools. It will engage more children in more sport based activity within schools and then convert their interest into club based settings.

It will help children foster a lifelong interest in sport, gain a healthier mind and body, have fun and learn sport activities and games in a safe environment.

This term the sports on offer will be Rugby League (NRL) and football (soccer). The sessions at Ipswich East will be at 1st break on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (NRL) and Thursdays (Soccer).

Starting this Wednesday we will have the NRL Development Officer out working with up to 30 students at 1st break from 11:00 – 11:45. The days he is here is in the table below.

Teachers from each class will be given a number of laminated vouchers each week to give out. The students then bring down these vouchers to the NRL Development Officer onto the bottom oval.

Students will bring their lunches down with them onto the oval and work with the NRL officer for 45 minutes. The same or different students can be chosen each week. Class teacher decision.

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| Wednesday – Senior Students (Yr 5 & 6) 5A, 5B, 6A & 6B – 7 students from each class |
| Friday – Middle School Students (Yr 3 & 4) 3A, 3B, 3/4C, 4A, 4B – 6 students from each class |
| Monday – Junior School Students (Prep, Yr 1 & 2) PA, PB, 1A, 1B, 1/2C, 2A, 2B – 4 students from each class |

Attendance
On parade you will hear us say, At School, On time, Every day. This is so very important in the development and well-being of every child’s life. Each day a child is away, they are missing important learning that is happening in their classrooms and the playground. Birthdays, shopping, tired, no clean uniforms are no excuse not to be at school. If a child is away sick, please contact the office to let us know by 9:15am. Otherwise you will receive an SMS informing you that they are away from school. If a child is away more than 1 day, we do require a medical certificate to be able to record it as an illness.

Here at Ipswich East we promote and reward good attendance. Each week the junior and senior classes with the best attendance receive a Trophy for their classroom. Remember to be At School, On time, Every Day.

Byron Van Der Zee (Deputy Principal)

CURRICULUM NEWS
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 March 7th 2017 from 3:30-6pm in the Resource Centre. All special education teachers and specialist teachers (including Ms. Hall, Mrs. Krause 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 uses an online booking system called SOBS – School Online Booking System. This enables parents to book interview slots 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 come to the school office to book your interview time on the iPad available. Or you can ring or speak to 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 now until 12pm on Tuesday March 7th. No interview requests will be accepted after this time. 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.

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.

Amanda Richardson (Head of Curriculum)

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Reading is a priority at Ipswich East and exposing students to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books assists with comprehension of what is read. Students who regularly return their library books can explore more and more titles that interest them.

There is weekly class borrowing and library books need to be returned to the library in order for a new book to be issued. Library bags or folders are required to protect our resources.

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed to classes. Payment and orders are due to the school office by March 17th.

The Reader’s Cup competition is open to Years 5 & 6. The competition will be held on Thursday, 8 June at Ipswich Junior Grammar School. We are currently scouting for high achievers in reading and Ipswich East behaviour expectations to form teams to compete with schools across the Ipswich region. From 2011 Ipswich East students have attained top 5 place results such as 2nd place in 2011 and 2012. We aspire to achieve good results for 2017.

Nominations have been received for Library Leader and Library Helpers. The successful candidates will be announced in the next school newsletter issue.

Happy Reading

Ms Koppen (Teacher/Librarian)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons take place every Thursday afternoon through the school term unless notified otherwise. Please ensure your child has all their equipment including:

- Instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drum sticks)
- Handouts (worksheets from class in A4 display folder)
- Tutor book (Essential Elements 2000 Book 1)
- Practice Diary complete with parent signature

Please feel free to contact me via email: jlewi54@eq.edu.au

Student Resource Scheme – Instrumental Music

All instrumental students will be issued with 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. Please forward all payments through the school office.

Instruments will not be issued unless full or part payment has been received by the office. All payments need to be finalized by the end of Term 1 to remain in the Instrumental program.

Practice

You can help your child learn their instrument by following these suggestions:
- Help by providing a quite 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.

Julie Lewis (Instrumental Music Teacher)

FROM THE P&C

AGM

After the P&C AGM last week we have some changes to announce to the Committee Executives. We said goodbye to Amanda Brady as our President this year. We would like to thank her for all the support and time committed to the running of events over the past years. Also Anne Guymer, our unofficial assistant treasurer who has helped us over the last few years. Your support and knowledge is always appreciated.

Many hands make light work and this year we welcome our new committee members:

President: Yvette McLeod
Vice President: Alisha Stringer
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Channon Schiemer
School Banking Co-ordinator: Rebecca Cuthbert

We still have the positions of Treasurer and Secretary available. We are always happy to take in new members and experience fresh ideas and views on school events and fundraising.
**Kids Café**

We are considering changing our menu to set meals on set days to encourage children to try different foods. We would love to hear from parents in regards to this. There is a suggestion box at the canteen if you would like to leave your opinion on this or any other matter.

_Yvette McLeod (P&C President)_

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**PLAYGROUP NEWS**

Come along for a morning of fun to Eddie Eagles Playgroup and meet some other mums and their children. All families are welcome. There are organized craft activities each week as well as a great space to play & plenty of toys as well.

Play group is held every Thursday in Demountable 1 from 9-11am through the school term. Parents are to bring a snack for their child/children to eat, and tea/ coffee is available for parents.

Cost is a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of craft supplies, milk, tea and coffee.

Please see the ladies in the office for more information or call Channon Schiemer on 0432 089 966.

It would be great to see you there.

_Channon Schiemer (Playgroup Co-ordinator)_

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**Coming Events**

**MARCH**

1 Prep Photos
7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
17 Book Club Orders due
29 School Photos
31 Last day of Term 1

**APRIL**

1 Uniforms at Booval Fair Lowes
18 First day of Term 2
25 ANZAC Day

_DON'T FORGET_
Our school newsletter is produced fortnightly, goes out on a Wednesday and the preferred delivery method is email. This year we are embarking on a new avenue of delivering these emails in which you subscribe to receive the emails and unsubscribe yourself when you no longer wish to receive them.

For those that don’t have email access there will be limited copies available in the office.

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please leave your name and email address at the office, or email: aguym3@eq.edu.au

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

**Week 5 Expectation:** Move safely around the school

Eddie Eagle Awards go to:

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

**Week 6 Expectation:** Use High 5

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say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

on Wednesday 29 March 2017

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. **All payments are due on photo day.**

- You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual ‘shootkey’ listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child’s order.

- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.

- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM**
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.

- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.

- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography
p 07 3848 3946
e admin.sgp@msp.com.au
VACATION CARE STARTS RIGHT HERE

Ipswich East OHSC

3rd April 2017 – 13th April 2017

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<td>Don't forget closed in shoes and sun safe clothing</td>
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<td>A day filled with fun. Don't forget to take it home with you</td>
<td>Come dressed as your favorite super hero</td>
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**Daily activities will also include, ball games, arts & craft, imaginative indoor & outdoor play, chill out time & time at the playgrounds**

**Fees:**
$50 per child per day Less CCB, CCR
Additional charges for incursions/excursions
$10.00 for late fee for bookings received after 31/03/2017
Includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.
Please supply your child with a healthy morning tea snack
Forms need to be back ASAP. Need minimum of 20 children to open each day.
For further information, please contact:
07 3282 9071 042 621 5228 ohsc@bigpond.com

Come down to the hall and get a booking form
Year 3 ‘Little Green Thumbs’

Year 3 were treated to a special visit by Reannon from the Ipswich City Council Nursery on Tuesday. She has shown us lots of great ideas on how to pot plants and look after our plants and trees. Reannon was so nice to us she donated lots of plants to Mr Mackay for our school. We are looking forward to see how great these plants look in our gardens soon.

Uniform Update

At the end of this term our uniforms will relocate from Lowes at Riverlink to Lowes at Booval Fair. This means that from 1 April 2017 you will be able to purchase your school uniform from Lowes at Booval Fair Shopping Centre.