17 October 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

Term four is always very hectic. We will be celebrating Academic, Vocational and Sporting achievements at our Annual Awards Nights and I look forward to meeting as many parents and family members as possible at those events.

Enrolments keep coming in, and elsewhere in this newsletter you will see that we have increased the number of enrolment sessions due to demand. In addition, we are holding enrolment sessions on site at several local primary schools over the next week or so. Please check with your school’s office to see if we are visiting your school.

Students with special learning needs who are coming to our high school next year in Years 7 or 8 will be starting their transition program in Week 4. Please check with your school for the dates and times of these visits. We look forward to welcoming them to the Ipswich High community.

Monday is a Student Free Day. Please do not send your students to school on the 20th October. Teachers are involved in moderating work samples and other professional development activities.

Students who nominated for senior leadership positions in 2015 will attend a brief interview on the Student Free Day as part of the selection process. I look forward to meeting with them and finding out more about their plans for the school’s continuing development.

Enjoy the rest of the term. It will go quickly.

Simon Riley
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

This week I was invited by Ms Tanya McKenna to talk to her year 10 students currently working towards their Cert 1 in Work Preparation; Community Services, which this term is focused on youth work and Drug and Alcohol awareness. During this class I provided information on a Queensland Police Service initiative called Party Safe and recently introduced Out Of Control Events legislation. The safe partying information was an eye opener for the students and they gave great feedback about now wanting to register a safe party.

Party Safe allows you to register your party with your local police. For more information on how to make your party safe, lawful and enjoyable for everyone please go to; http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/personalSafety/youth/partySafe/

Also please see the attached information sheet for Out of Control Events.

Constable Storm
School Based Police Officer

CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

Cultural Performance

Presentations of Awards

Mr Steve Smith was nominated for the Community Volunteer of the Year Award for his commitment to Toowoomba AFL. Unfortunately he did not win the award but the school would like to acknowledge his community engagement and thank him for selflessly giving his time to the community. It must also be mentioned that Mr Smith not only gives his time to AFL but also to this school. Most lunch times you will find Mr Smith in the garden out the back of B block assisting with the planting and weeding, feeding the worms or showing students how to care for the chickens he brings into the school. Other common places you’ll see Mr Smith are in the Murri Centre, manual arts block or general classroom always helping students.

Thank you Mr Smith, please accept this Blue Community Badge as a thank you for the time and effort you put into the community and our school.

Courtney Robinson has been selected to play in the Queensland Indigenous Women’s Rugby League team. The game is on the 18 October where she will play the New Zealand
Maori Women’s team. Courtney, as quoted by the QT, is said to be:

*a star of the future, refusing to take a backward step. She is very tiny for a halfback but pound for pound she would have been the toughest player at the carnival.*

Good luck Courtney and please accept this *Gold Sporting Badge* for your selection in a state team.

One of our teachers, Ms Veronica White has been selected as coach for this team.

Chloe Speechly, Claryce Peterson and Maddelene Clarke were selected to play in the regional Westzone Soccer team to play for the state titles. Their team came 4th in the competition and for their selection in a regional team they are receiving a *Maroon Sporting Badge*.

*Ritro Bolton* has been successful for receiving a Principals Recommendation Award from University of Southern Queensland. This award will ensure he will receive an offer of a place at the University of Southern Queensland in the first round of offers in January.

The following students received their *Maroon Academic Badge* for completing a Certificate 2 vocational qualification.

- Teagan Harvey – Certificate II Business
- Amber Harman – Certificate II in Hairdressing
- Melissa Humphry – Certificate II in Hairdressing
- Sharmane Fernandez – Certificate II in Hairdressing

**UP COMING EVENTS**

**ENROLMENT SESSIONS & ORIENTATION DAYS FOR YEAR 6 & 7**

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**Junior School Glow Party 24th October 2014**

*(Year 8, 9 and 10 students only)*

- DJ playing all your favourite tunes
- $5 entry fee made payable to the finance window by 22nd October
- No ticket no entry
- Food, soft drinks and glow sticks for sale on the night
- Glow face painting $2
- More details to follow

**Year 10 History Excursion 10th November 2014**

World War II unit linking to current day issues including bullying, stereotyping and discrimination at Logan City Library

Payment required by 31st October.
Yr12 Post Formal Mystery Tour
The 2014 Mystery Tour will be the best yet! Tuesday 18 November 11.30pm until Wednesday 19 9.30am! There will be 6 activities during this event (ice skating and a REALLY fast ride that goes into the air and back to earth)! Please be planning how you will be able to leave the Formal at 11pm and get to the Brassall 7Eleven by 11.30pm for the Mystery Tour buses to leave! For further information please see Miss McKenna or Ms Taylor!

Year 11 and 12 Ski Trip 2015
- Ski trip occurs during September holidays 2015
- Deposit of $300 due Friday 17th October 2014
- Permission forms available from F Block staffroom
- Please contact Miss Walsh for further information

Cultural Exchange USA
Want to say “G’day USA!” in 2016? Places are available for a 20 day cultural exchange to the United States in either January or April of 2016. You will stay with an American family and visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, San Diego and San Francisco! If you are interested and want to find out more, see Mr Swan in B Block.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NEWS
17-19 October 2014
Family Fishing Weekend ($215)
- Open to all. At least one parent must participate. Grandparents also welcome.

14-16 November 2014
Bluefin Lake Maroon Fishing Classic (Senior $30, Junior $15)
- Over $55,000 in prizes.
- Every junior entrant receives a sample bag...approx $90 value).

All details and registrations are through the Sports Tuition website. www.sportstuition.com.au

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2015
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2015 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe (Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland and France), South America (Argentina) and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENCES - THE SMITH FAMILY
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs.

UNIFORM SHOP DATES & TIMES
Normal Hours of Trading are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.00am

Extra Day and Dates for Uniform Trading Hours

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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 textbooks
- 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) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact David Smit, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 3115 6202 / 0417 436 183
or david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au

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