5 September 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

This edition you will notice some significant changes to our newsletter format. Following recent consultation with our community, we have decided to reduce the content each edition, but increase the frequency. We hope to be able to produce a newsletter each week which will focus on our recent events, identify future excursions or programmes, and include some relevant community news. Each short article will be accompanied by photos wherever possible, and the reports will highlight our student, staff and community successes. Most of the photos will be taken by our student reporters and while some may appear a little out-of-focus at times, we are confident the quality will improve as they become more used to the newsletter requirements.

We would welcome your feedback on the new look. Please email newsletter@ipswichshs.eq.edu.au with your comments or suggestions for articles.

Simon Riley
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Happiness Cycle 2014

On the 1st August Ipswich SHS students attended The Happiness Cycle. Happiness Cycle is an initiative supported by Coca-Cola to encourage young people to be physically active by riding bikes in their community. The day included an introduction with Olympic BMX silver medallist Sam Willoughby, students constructing a bike each and participation in riding safety on that same bike.

The small group of 16 students whom participated had a fantastic day and were a credit to our school in the way they behaved and represented Ipswich.

The majority of students rode home at the end of the day on their own craftsmanship. See if you can spot the white bike and Coca-Cola red helmets riding in our community!

Excursion to Nova Radio Station

Last Thursday the year 8, 9 and 10 film and TV class went on an excursion to Nova Radio station. We were given the opportunity to have a behind the scenes tour of the studio and we were lucky enough to meet Ash, Kip and Lutsy.

Visit from USQ

The Ipswich State High School was extremely lucky to have recently received a visit from Mr Lutomski who is the Director of Risk Management for SpaceX.

He has spent nearly 30 years at NASA and in private industry working on manned Spaceflight Programs. He has worked in different areas including Operations, Engineering and Program
management for the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station programs. Mr Lutomski started his career as a flight controller working the Mission Control Centre in Houston.

In the mid-90’s Mr Lutomski spent two years working in NASA’s Moscow, Russia office. While in Russia he worked in the Mission Control Centre supporting early ISS Operations infrastructure development. Mr Lutomski retired from NASA in 2013 and has recently joined the private industry where he works as the director of risk management for an aerospace start-up.

Thank you Mr Lutomski. Our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed your visit.

QCS – YEAR 12
Year 12 students taking a break between QCS papers.

CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

Presentations of Awards
Recently our school band competed in the Silkstone Eisteddfod. There was a variety of performances and results included: strings – bronze, guitar – silver, and concert band – silver (only narrowly missing out on gold). Congratulations to all students and staff. These students received Maroon Cultural Badges for their achievements.

Caleb Wood, Caleb Haynes, Jacob Reyne, Pepa Sua, Michael Sleep, Megan Lane, Sophie Stenner, Ben Arndt, David Arndt, Matthew Westphal, Daniel Westphal, Sara Pitkin, Charlie Hargreaves, Tahlia McIntosh, Emma Reyne, Nikkieta Stenner.

Teachers/Pre-service teachers
Miss Brown, Miss MacNamee, Miss Webb, Miss Bastion, Mr Cumming, Miss Weightman, Miss Grant, Mr Walsh, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Rule

Congratulations again to all those involved.

Employment News
Last month five of our students were lucky enough to go through to the first round of group interviews for a school-based traineeship with the Greencross Vets doing a Certificate II in Animal Studies. All girls and their parents attended the information evening with excitement and enthusiasm.

From left to right – Alana Johns Donaghue (yr 10), Courtney Jarrett (yr 10), Molly Macdonald (yr 10), Greencross Vets Christine Pavy, Hannah Cripps (yr 9), Georgia Pereira (yr 11) and Mrs Zampech – Vocational Placement Officer. Following the information evening Alana and Georgia were lucky enough to obtain one on one interviews. Well done girls.

School-based Traineeships
Please see Mrs Zampech if you would like help with your resume and covering letter – upstairs in A block – AS02.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NEWS

23-25 September 2014

School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds ($210)

- Bus service also available ($55)
- Activities include; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, rock climbing, archery and open fire cooking.
- Location: Maroon Dam.

Also, the following activities may also be of interest...

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