19 September 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term. The new format is certainly proving a hit judging from the increased email traffic we are experiencing.

Last Friday the school celebrated its Rugby League successes with the first Annual RL Dinner. More than 180 staff, students and their families – and some special guests – recognised the efforts of the school’s teams with a great evening of multi-media, fund-raising and collegiality. Steve Renouf was the guest speaker and I have rarely heard such pearls of wisdom [pun intended] from an elite sportsman. If any young football player was to model themselves on that man, they could not go wrong.

Thanks to Celestial and Love’aiya for providing the entertainment, Messrs Acevedo and Moore for the media presentations and coverage, all the rugby coaches for their efforts in organising the event and the families and members of the community for their continued support.

Also on Friday, over 150 students attended the Gatton Festival, performing in 14 separate dance ensembles and winning a number of awards. This was the first time the school had competed in this Eisteddfod and the standard was extremely high. Thanks to the Misses B, Fitz and Mac for all their efforts. On Friday 50 of our Polynesian students are performing at MultiFest at USQ – good luck to you all, and well done to Tiffany and Soma for your leadership efforts.

Our students certainly deserve a holiday! Stay safe, we’ll see you all in October.

Rugby League Dinner Photos

Simon Riley
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Japan Tour

19 students and three teachers will be going to Japan on the school holidays for a Japanese Cultural Exchange Tour. The tour will depart on Sunday 21 September and return on Saturday 4 October. The tour will visit a number of different cities including Hiroshima, Miyajima, Kyoto and Tokyo including a trip to the famous Tokyo Disneyland. The students will also spend three nights with a host family with our sister city, Nerima.

Year 12 Early Childhood educates the community

The year 12 Early Childhood students have been educating the community about the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and the effects of drugs on the unborn, developing child. Students can go to Brassall shopping Centre with the drug dependent ‘baby’ simulator and a healthy ‘baby’ doll and the pregnancy belly in order to explain to people the effects of drinking alcohol or smoking or taking other drugs during pregnancy. Well done Early Childhood classes ☆

Nominations for Ipswich Youth Advisory Council and the Ipswich Indigenous Youth Advisory Council

The Ipswich City Council is looking for young people aged between 12 and 17, living in the region, to act as a voice for other Ipswich young people. Positions are available on both the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council and the Ipswich Indigenous Youth Advisory Council. If you are interested or just want to find
out more, see Mr Swan in B Block. Hurry, applications close Friday 17 October!

CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

Presentations of Awards

Logan Holmes-Richardson received a gold academic badge as this week she is flying to Perth to compete in the Queensland Team for World Skills. This is a 3 day competition which is centered on vocational skills. Logan is competing in the Business Services field. We wish you luck in this competition.

Victor Tufuga Lauifata, Alexis List and Courtney Robinson

All 3 students were selected to compete for Met. West various sports and the results are as follows: Victor placed 1st in discus and 3rd in shot put and 3rd in javelin, Alexis placed 2nd shot put, 3rd 100m hurdles, 2nd javelin and 4th long jump and also participated in discus and triple jump, and Courtney placed 3rd javelin and participated in 200m, 100m, long jump..

Congratulations on your results and you are receiving a Maroon Sporting Badge for your efforts.

UQ Young Scholars

There have been many great achievements by student at ISHS in 2014. To add to this we have (3) students who have been selected into the highly contestable UQ Young Scholars Program. Congratulations to Sara Fishburn (Yr 10), Emma Reyne (Year 11) and Jayden Howard (Year 11) for this achievement.

Each student receives a financial scholarship during Years 11 and 12.

Employment News

Year 11 students completed one week work experience placements in September. Thank you to all the employers who helped make this program a success.

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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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.

The following activities may also be of interest...

3 day holiday acting intensive & Showcase for 10-17 year olds

The 3-day holiday intensives are held in the new $3 million theatre at Karalee Primary School, and run on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, and culminate in an original performance on Thursday at 3pm.

Dates:

- Group 1 September 23 – 25
- Group 2 September 30 - October 2

Feel free to let your budding thespians know!

ICYS School Holiday Program

Join Ipswich Community Youth Service for these exciting school holiday activities.

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.


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.