30 May 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

This has been a huge month at school. Students and staff have

- assisted in the ANZAC Day celebrations at both the Ipswich March and Ipswich Railways RSL sub-branch ceremony;
- rehearsed for and performed at our Annual Variety Night concerts;
- won more sporting competition matches than we’ve lost, including two undefeated CISSSA premierships in Volleyball;
- competed in Eisteddfods and other Cultural events;
- been audited with outstanding results in both our approach to Behaviour Support and our preparedness for Year 7s;
- opened a Trade Training Centre;
- taken part in the Ipswich Festival and other curriculum excursions;
- catered for a number of events including a Fifth Anniversary celebration and a Ministerial Forum; and
- won three Regional Showcase Awards.

You’ll be able to read about some of these moments, and more, in the pages that follow, but I want to highlight a couple in my column – Right Here, Right Now.

The Metropolitan Showcase Event is the regional precursor to the State celebration of teaching and learning excellence in our schools. This year The Ipswich State High School entered two individual submissions, but we won three awards!

We are officially the best school in the Region in the Junior Secondary area, having won this Award category for our pACE, ACE and Excellence programs which Grant Darnell and Andy Noble have developed in partnership with our primary schools. The success of these initiatives has been really evident over the past two or three years as the students have moved through the school. This year the first participants are in Year 11, and with the start-up of an Excellence elective class in Year 8, we are really able to show the worth of this program to all participants.

We were very lucky to be able to have Hugh from Ipswich North SS and Reuben from Tivoli SS assist Michael Boltron from Year 8 on the expo stand at the Awards Ceremony. Their presence was noted by a number of people as real evidence of our local partnerships. Thank you to their parents who allowed them to attend last week.

We are also officially the best school in the Region in the category of Innovation, winning the Award for our Hair and Beauty program. My thanks to Deb Whyatt, and Nicole Sherlock, who came up with this idea, and to Year 12 students Emily Macdonald and Maddie Bourke who attended the Awards Ceremony and received the award on behalf of the program.

There is a profile on the HAB Program elsewhere in this newsletter, but it is worth noting that in the five years since the town salon has been open, every student who has sought employment in the HAB field after leaving school has been successful in that ambition. 100%! Excellent results.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Challenge of which we were a part last year, also won an Award in the Community or Industry Partnerships category; so we received a Certificate for that one too! Next year we’ll have our own entrant in this category as the lead school in the Western STEM Program.

The second focal point of my column is the opening of The Ipswich Region Trade Training Centre which took place on Thursday, 22 May [Education day, in the middle of Education Week]. Senator Barry O’Sullivan officially opened the Centre on behalf of the Federal Government, and he rightfully acknowledged the huge support given to this training program by the former labour Government, while at the same time pledging the current Government’s support for Regional Australia.
Shayne Neumann, Member for Blair, has been a great supporter of this project right from the start and in his speech he identified The Ipswich State High School as "the premier school in Ipswich", referencing not only the Trade Training Centre which is on our grounds, but also the Hair and Beauty program, the Flexible Learning Programs, our Dance Excellence initiative, our Indigenous partnerships and of course our sporting successes particularly with Rugby League.

That’s not a bad rap to get from your local Federal Member of Parliament. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in these and every other school program.

Finally, thanks to an initiative of our local Queensland Member of Parliament, Sean Choat, we were invited to host a Ministerial Education Forum. This took place on Thursday with more than twenty local school principals, from all sectors of education, meeting with the Minister in the new Trade Training Centre. The discussion was wide-ranging, and I was very pleased to be able to show off our facilities and highlight our programs to some new faces.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education of your children. "The premier school in Ipswich" looks forward to your continued support as we prepare to welcome the Year 7s in 2015.

SIMON RILEY
Principal

Year 8 & 11

We are now at the end of week 6, so the term is quickly coming to an end. There will be an end of semester exam block for all Year 11 and 12 students. This will commence on Monday 16 June 2014 and finish on Friday 20 June 2014 for all Year 11 students. The Year 12 exam block will commence on Monday 20 June 2014 and finish on Friday 27 June 2014, the last day of term. The exam timetable was issued to students on Tuesday 27 May 2014. All Year 11 and 12 students will be issued with an ‘Approval for Study Leave during Exam Block’ form. This form will need to be signed by all the student’s teachers and returned to Mrs Gilvarry, Head of Senior Schooling, to be verified.

All students who have unexplained absences for the semester will also be issued with a list of dates that will need to be explained and signed off by a parent / guardian. Students will be required to attend exam block until both the ‘Approval for Study Leave’ and ‘Unexplained Absences’ are verified. Please be aware that we have this system in place to ensure we give all students the best chance to achieve their desired OP and / or their Queensland Certificate in Education (QCE) by the end of Year 12.

This year we are trialling one week blocks for the Year 11 students who are required to complete 80 hours of work experience in order to gain the Certificate II in Workplace Practices. The first block of work experience is scheduled for the last week of this semester, 23 June 2014 to 27 June 2014. Students who are not attending work experience are expected to be at school.

We have also recommended our once a week free cooked breakfast, which is organised and run by our Community Education Counsellor. All students and staff are welcome. The breakfast is held every Thursday morning outside G block.

Good luck to all students on their exams. I am sure all their hard work will be worth it.

Michelle Campbell
Year 8 & 11 Deputy Principal

Year 10

Ipswich High does extremely well in a variety of sports and cultural events and it’s important that we are united in our performance and spirit. I’m searching for the "Queenslander!!" moment like when Billy Moore inspired the Queensland State of Origin team before playing at Lang Park (actually I don’t know if we’ve lost a series since).

Recently on assembly I asked the students to start thinking about school spirit and what war cry we could have that would represent our school at performances and games where we compete. To demonstrate I asked Mr Addison and a small group of football boys to come on stage and chant their pre and post-game song. They demonstrated school spirit extremely well as they sung and cheered together. So the search has begun. We are not only looking for a war cry but also some simple dance moves to go with it. I’ve asked Mr Addison and Miss Brown to lead the search and hopefully by the end of the term we will have our own “Queenslander” chant.

SWITCH update

Thanks to the Tzu Chi Foundation, our "Blue Angels", we are able to offer our students a school hoodie if they are making the SWITCH to positive behaviours at school. They have sponsored 100 hoodies so there are plenty to go around. Again, thank you to River Link and McDonald’s Brassall for their continued support of the program.

SET Planning

All year 10 students from the 9 June will be involved in Career Education lessons twice a week. Students will be given the opportunity to explore their interests and research different career pathways they could make based on these interests. Please take the time to discuss with your son/daughter what they might like to consider doing when they finish their schooling and explore what subjects they might study in year 11 and 12 to make this become a reality.

Year 10 Camp

I’m very excited that we are off to Emu Gully again this year for year 10 camp. It’s a fantastic opportunity for students to work together in the outdoors, get very muddy and have a great time. The camp will be from the 14 to 16 June (beginning of term 3) and I would encourage all students to attend.

Exam Block

Exam block will start around the 16 June and students in year 11 and 12 will be bringing home their exam timetable. All assessment pieces must be handed in prior to this exam block or students will be required to attend until assessment is finished.

Kristie De Brenni
Year 10 Deputy Principal

Australian Defence Force Families

Hi my name is Shelley MacDonald and I am the Defence Transition Mentor at The Ipswich State High School. I have returned from extended leave and am looking forward to meeting all the new students and families that have joined us here as well as catching up with current students and families. I’d like to thank Jodie Dunning for her work in this role while I’ve been away.

Do you have a current or upcoming deployment? If so please ensure that I am made aware so that additional support can be provided for your student and family.
Parents & Citizens Association

The next P & C meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday 23rd June in the Resource Centre. (Please note P & C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month except when they fall in school holidays.)

Our P&C is the voice for you and your students to assist in school decision making when appropriate. Each year the P & C tries to assist the school by providing our students with access to the resources that are not always readily available through the school grants process.

We would encourage you to attend the meetings or to please find attached a letter to consider making a donation to the P & C of $25 per family in order to begin to build a solid working account through which we will be able to assist our students.

2014 School Fees

Reminder

2014 Term 2 student Resource Scheme fees are due as per the below table – at least $150 should now be paid to be up to date. Payments being made to your student’s account will automatically be paid against the oldest invoice first. 1e any outstanding Student Resource Scheme invoices will be finalised before payments can be made toward the current year.

Student Resource Scheme payments must be up to date to be eligible for specialist subjects or extra-curricular activities

Term payment due dates

Term 1 7th February 2014 $75
Term 2 2nd May 2014 $75
Term 3 25th July 2014 $70

Specialist Subject Fees

Invoices for specialist subjects that are paid per semester will be sent out shortly. To remain in the subject for semester 2 all fees must be up to date and subject payment made by 27/6/14 so as classes can be finalised for day 1 semester 2. If payment is not made by this date your student may no longer be eligible to remain in the subject.

Students in credit

Written notification must be presented for student credit to be used. This could be in the form of excursion letter/uniform order form etc. with ‘Please use credit’ clearly printed on the form.

Refund Policy

As the school cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the nonparticipation. If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing the Request for Refund form available from the school office.

This process must be completed within the same school term as the activity or refund may be forfeited. Refunds won’t be paid immediately but will be paid after the reconciliation of the activity. Refund amounts of $20 or less will be credited to your students account.

Uniform Shop Hours for 2014

Our uniform shop is open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am – 9.00am.

We recognise it is often difficult for parents to visit the school uniform shop, for your convenience we have developed a new process for ordering school uniforms with direct deposit payment now available. Follow the prompt (uniform price list) to complete the order form and return to school with the completed method of payment form attached. You will note a sizing chart has also been provided.

If you would like to avoid the waiting lines pre-order and your order will be awaiting collection once payment has been received.

After forms are returned to school our retail students will pack your order for collection and notify you or your student.

Ipswich State High School SNAPBACK CAPS are now for sale in the uniform shop.

Only $15. Hurry in before stocks run out!

Guidance News

STUDYING UNIVERSITY SUBJECTS IN YEARS 11 AND 12

High achieving students in year 11 and 12 can study one or two university subjects. This allows students to extend their studies in an area of interest and to ‘test drive’ university life while at school. The students would be in the same classes as the current university students and would be awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of their tuition fees. To apply students must be currently completing year 11 or 12 and be high academic achievers (gaining at least a B average during year 11). Students need to ensure that the extra study will not negatively impact their year 12 studies and must have support and permission from their parent/guardian. The entry requirements vary slightly from one university to another. Furthermore, the areas of study differ from one university to another. Some of the areas of studies that students can undertake are: Animal Studies, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Humanities, Science, Engineering, Language, Law, Commerce, Music, Health, Business, Creative Industries and Education.

What are the benefits of studying university subject while at school?

• Students have an opportunity to extend their knowledge and find out more about university study, assessment and campus life.
• Students who successfully complete the subject will be eligible to receive points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
• If the students later enrol in a relevant degree, they may receive credit for their completed course.
School Based Youth Health Nurse 2014

My name is Angi Gibbon; I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse at Ipswich State High. I am available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. My focus is providing support to young people on matters concerning their health and wellbeing such as: healthy eating, feelings of stress, relationships, personal and family problems, growth and development, sexual health, smoking, alcohol and other drugs. I also help in connecting people with external support services, as at times other services can provide more appropriate or ongoing support. My service also includes supporting staff with information on health and wellbeing related to young people whether that may be resources or guest speaking in specific classes.

My service is confidential and information is not shared unless permission is obtained for me to do so. As a health service provider confidentiality is essential, however, there are some things which I must refer or act upon. Please discuss what can be expected about confidentiality with me at the time of your visit.

In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents about health and wellbeing issues. This is something that I can support the young person in doing.

If you would like to see me, the service is voluntary. Drop by during a break or contact the school office via phone. If I am busy at the time I am very happy to make an appointment at another time for you.

I look forward to providing support for the rest of the year.

Angi Gibbon
Upstairs A block

Chaplaincy

This term has been a busy term already. Our baby decided it would be a boy and come 7 weeks early so he has been rolling round in a bright pink car seat and wearing pink beanies. After being surprised with a boy after having three ultrasounds which said girl!, we quickly narrowed a list of 50 names down to 5 then 3 then 1. We called him Raife, and he was born on the 13th of April at just under 3 pounds (1.5kgs). I believe he holds the record for the lightest Samoan in history!

On the school front we have also been busy with start of the “Shine” program for the year 8 -10 girls helping them realise their full potential and raising their self-esteem. Along with the Shine program we also have “no-limits” for both year 10 girls and boys and year 11 boys. It’s my first time being involved with these programs and already I have seen the great benefits they have for the students.

We also had “Lifetime” where the band Hey Denise played and our guest speaker Angela Street shared her interesting life story in the hope that it would help young people through similar issues. We had around 260 students participate and I am looking forward to Lifetime next term.

I want to give a shout out to our volunteers who donate their time out of their busy schedules to come in and help with the running of these programs, without them these programs simply wouldn’t run. A big thank you also to Tanya Mckenna , Matt McDonald and Simon Riley for keeping the ball rolling while I was absent with daddy duties.
Year 8 and 9

Our 8’s have recovered from a poor start against Marsden to record an emphatic 36-4 win over neighbours St Peter Claver and came within a whisker of beating powerhouse league school Palm Beach Currumbin on the coast, eventually losing 16-14.

Our year 9’s had an excellent 24-12 win over Marsden in round one and then successfully negotiated a tough road trip to St Mary’s in Toowoomba a week later. The 9’s had their winning run ended at Palm Beach, losing 28-18.

The next month will go a long way to seeing where we stand overall in the Broncos Cup for our year 8’s and 9’s. What is evident is that the standard of opposition is exceptional and it is tough footy in week out. I would put it on a par standard wise with some representative matches the boys play in, with chances to score few and far between and everything each player does is crucial in every minute of the game.

The trip to Palm Beach made me realise how far we have come as an Academy in the last 18 months. To even be in the same ball park as Palm Beach who, for many years have been an absolute powerhouse of schoolboy rugby league throughout Australia is a testament to the work of all players and their coaches. Let’s put it into context, a 2 point and 10 point defeat away from home could easily be turned into a victory at home, or with one or two extra chances taken rather than squandered.

We are on our way. Let’s keep working hard.

CISSSA Competitions (B grade) about to start

We are expecting the local CISSSA comp draw to be published very soon with a start date week 7 or 8 of this term. It looks possible that the year 8 and 9 competition could be combined. Any year 8 parents who do not want their child to play against year 9 opposition should contact me at the school.

We will be fielding two year 8/9 sides and one senior B side in CISSSA.

Selections and advance notice

Due to the numbers on the Academy program, particularly in year 8 and Opens, any school absences on training days without approval or contact from parents or caregivers is likely to result in a player losing his place in the team. The rules for the players are simple – if an unavoidable absence occurs, contact the school and all should be fine.

10s and opens unbeaten

Both our year 10’s and Opens are currently unbeaten in their respective Broncos Cup competitions.

The year 10’s have been on the rampage, beating St Mary’s 28-8, Faith Lutheran 74-0 and Harristown in Toowoomba 44-0. Congratulations to the work of Mr Beavan with this team. With Redbank and SPC to come, things are hotting up for the 10’s.

Our Opens are ticking along nicely although we are possibly conceding too many points. We beat St Mary’s 44-22, Forest Lake 29-4 and Harristown 28-18.

Shirts for sale

We have a multitude of training t shirts left, size XS and S. These will cost $30 if anyone wants one. Get the boys to come and see me if they want one and we will organise payment through the admin offices.

Team of the month

1. Romeo Milovale (year 9)
2. Segisolo Lapania (year 8)
3. Philip Sami (year 11)
4. Thomas Levi (year 12)

Senior Schooling News

The first round of reports has been sent home with students and parents being given a clear indication of progress across all curriculum areas. Students who have been identified as having significant difficulties will be interviewed by either the Deputy Principal (Year 11 or 12) or HOD Senior Schooling to find the best course of action to support the success of each student at ISHS. If you were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Interviews held on Tuesday 6th May please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teaching staff to organise another opportunity to meet and discuss options for your student.

We continue to provide students with an extensive range of opportunities to explore future studies. 25 high achieving Year 10 students were given the opportunity on Wednesday 23rd April of having direct access to the University of Queensland, St Lucia campus, with a visit to experience a range of subjects. As a part of the annual ‘Careers that Shape the World’ program students heard first-hand information from university lecturers and students about university life, options for courses, and general information about the university. Importantly our students were able to speak to other senior students from a range of schools, as well as university students, to help direct future study options. This day of experience has allowed our students to begin reflecting on potential study options and pathways for Year 11 and 12 and their subject selections in August this year. It is essential that students have as much information as possible to make the most appropriate decision for their future. Should students have any questions regarding the information gained they can speak to the university, our guidance staff, Deputy Principal or HOD Senior Schooling.

On the horizon is the Semester One exam block, at the end of this term. Year 11 students will have their exam block in week 9 (approximately 13-18 June as the full block is still be organised) and work experience in week 10 (23-27 June). Year 12 students will sit and submit assessment for their exam block 18-27 June. Each student will need to once again fill in the ‘pinkie’ form to be able to study at home during the relevant exam block. This form is taken by each student to their individual teachers and each member of staff will sign the form if student assessment is up-to-date at that point in time. Students and parents can track the assessment required through the assessment planner provided to each student, and sent home, early in term one this year. Students will also need to be at the relevant point for the certificate course being studied in their access lessons on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

If you have any questions about the information above or any other concerns please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Donna Gilvarry
HOD Senior Schooling
Indigenous News

Indigenous Captains for 2014

Congratulations to Tyson Beckett-Brown who was elected as the Senior Indigenous Captain and Ty Marshall who was elected as the Junior Indigenous Captain for 2014.

Duke of Edinburgh Program

Ten Year 9 and 10 Indigenous students are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Program which is funded through the Ipswich PCYC and run by Keith Debnam who is the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Officer with Ipswich PCYC. The D of E program is an internationally recognised award that consists of four categories requiring a six month commitment by the students. The award can also contribute up to 4 QCE points to successful individuals when all three levels are completed.

Didgeridoo Program

Eight Indigenous males are being taught how to play the didgeridoo every Thursday for 70 minutes. These students earned their didgeridoos through the Boys mentoring program last year which was run by Uncle Billy Bonner, Dean Smith, Jordan Upkett and the HOD of Student Welfare Matt McDonald.

Deadly Choices

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health will run a program in Term 2 known as Deadly Choices. It is a health education program and a capacity development course aimed at supporting students to be positive role models and mentors for their family, peer group and community by leading a healthy lifestyle. The program also involves a routine health check.

AIME

AIME Mentoring Program began in Term 2 for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Indigenous students. This program gives the Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school at the same rate as their peers. It harnesses the power of mentoring by partnering volunteer university students with Indigenous high school students in a variety of structured workshops both at the university campus and local schools.

RAAF

Warrant Officer Gary Thompson from RAAF Base Amberley spoke to the Year 10-12 Indigenous students at the school to deliver an encouraging career-orientated stay in school, stay healthy and stay out of trouble message to our students to encourage students that Air Force careers are accessible. This was filmed by FarAway Productions which will go to air on the NITV Channel.

Visual Art Department

On Wednesday 7th May, Mrs Johnson and Miss Morton took a group of Year 10, 11 and 12 art students on an excursion to GOMA and QAG in Brisbane to see the current exhibitions Cai Guo-Qiang: Falling Back to Earth and Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art.

Year 12 students are currently writing an analytical essay on Cai Guo-Qiang’s artworks and gained a valuable insight into this artists’ intentions by viewing the exhibition that they have only previously seen pictures of. All students were enthusiastically engaged with the interactive displays and hands-on programs. The Creative Generation exhibition gave all students an invaluable insight into the diversity of artworks that other senior students are creating across the state. Keep your eyes open around the school for future art displays around the school from our greatly inspired art students.

Alexis List competes in Cairns State Titles

On the 21st March, Alexis List (year 11) travelled to Cairns to compete in the LAQ Cairns State Titles for Athletics. 86 Centres around Queensland competed in these State Championships.

Alexis had qualified for 4 events at the regional championships:
- Shotput
- Javelin
- 100m dash
- 90m Hurdles

The weather in Cairns was quite bad that weekend. Monsoon rains fell the whole weekend with the occasional strong winds. Alexis’s first event on the Friday night was the shot put which they did in the pouring rain, she placed 7th in her age group.

On the Saturday morning she was in a straight final for the 90m hurdles and the rain held off long enough for her to compete. She placed 2nd with a silver medal and a new personal best of 15.58 seconds.

On Saturday afternoon again in the rain she ran the 100m heats and placed 13th and didn’t qualify for the finals, but ran a new personal best of 14.60 seconds.

The last event of her competition was in Javelin. Again the weather was quite bad, wind and rain hampered the event. Alexis ended up placing 3rd with a bronze medal. A very successful weekend for her in conditions that weren’t ideal.
Anzac Day March Ipswich

Last month our school was represented at the Anzac Day March by The Ipswich State High School Student Representative Council. A big thank you to Tobias Seibel, Mathew Westphal, Sophie Stenner, Amy Hudson, Alexis List, Ashlie Rose Connell, Samantha Marshall, Haydn Murdoch, Nikita Stenner, Abbey Hudson and Shannon Suey who gave up their time to participate in the event and stand proud for our soldiers.

Brian Hall, President of the Ipswich National Serviceman’s Association kindly asked our students to walk with their members and carry their banners and flag. All the students were honoured to be asked and to participate in such a way to honour our servicemen and women.

Tobias Seibel & Matthew Westphal were given the honour of holding the National Servicemen’s banner with Samantha Marshall & Ashlie Connell behind them carrying the Australian Flag and the Ipswich City Flag. Shannon Suey carried the Ipswich State High Flag.

Their efforts didn’t go unnoticed and positive feedback has been received from community members, an examples of which is displayed below:

As a parent watching these students participate in the Parade, it was a wonderful sight, but then for them to be asked to join The National Servicemen’s Association, it made me feel so proud not only to watch my daughter, but to watch them all. They were all so respectful & proud. Ipswich State High should feel very proud of these students.

Sandra List

The parents, families, and Ipswich State High School should be extremely proud of this group of young men & women who were personally asked to bear the flag of The National Servicemen’s Association, which they did with pride and dignity.

These students should hold their heads high, and can be proud of their conduct at such a memorable event. Each and every one of them is a valued role model to fellow students.

Christine Seibel

Congratulations also to Belle Fishers, School Captain; who delivered the address at the Ipswich Railways RSL Anzac Day Ceremony.

WORK EXPERIENCE STARTS ON MONDAY 23 JUNE 2014

Year 11 students are required to complete 80 hours of work experience in order to gain their Certificate II in Workplace Practices. The first one week block is from Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June 2014. This is the last week of Term 2. This placement should give students 40 hours of work experience. There will be a second placement in Term 3.

Completed legal agreement forms are due at school before Friday 13 June 2014 so that a risk assessment and insurance details can be finalised.

Students who have not organised a placement will be required to attend school for literacy and numeracy classes. There will be no normal timetabled classes for Yr 11 students.

Students completing a traineeship are not required to obtain work experience as their traineeship hours count towards their Certificate.

If you have any questions please phone Sam Zampech or Cheryl Clark on 3813 4411.

Year 10 Camp 2014 - Emu Gully Adventure Camp, Helidon

Year 10 Leadership Camp will take place Monday 14th July-Wednesday 16th July. The camp promises to be one of the great events for Year 10. Helidon Campus has an ANZAC theme and is focused on developing the character of young people to aspire and lead. Students will take part in a variety of challenging activities where they will need to work as a team. Past students have always commented that this has been one of the best camps they have ever been on. Please note that spaces are limited.

Students have been given a letter on Friday 23rd May outlining details for the camp. In order for students to attend, all outstanding school fees for Terms one and two need to be paid. Additional copies of the letter can be collected by your student from B Block at school. For more details, please contact Jason Moore in Student Welfare or go to the website:

Deadline for payment and consent forms is Friday 20th June.

Year 8 Textiles class

The year 8 Textiles class have been busy getting their sewing machine licence! A number of students have progressed to making their bag! Keep up the good work everyone!
SAAVI Active Volunteering

SAAVI students and SCR rep Tiffany Meltham recently went to the World Vision 40hr Famine Global Leadership Conference. This gave ideas on how to assist Chaplain Kwan to involve ISHS students in the 40hr Famine in August this year!

Year 7 & 8 Enrolment for 2015

The Ipswich State High School enrolment process for Years 7 and 8 for 2015 will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm in the Resource Centre. Parents wishing to enrol their student[s] at subsequent enrolment sessions should phone the School Office on 3813 4488 to make an appointment.

Parents are required to bring a copy of their latest school report and their birth certificate.

New - Bring Your Own Device Program

Ipswich State High is inviting students to be part of our new Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) trial. This is a great opportunity for students to use their own laptops to enhance their learning.

The school is offering this opportunity to all students that have a device that meets our minimum specification requirements:

- Windows Vista or newer
- Intel Core i3
- 4GB RAM
- WI-FI
- Long life battery

Participation in this program will allow students to use their laptop in class where appropriate, access the school network resources for documents that the students require and allow access to the schools filtered internet for research work. Students need to have student resource scheme fees paid or a payment plan in place to partake in the project.

For more information please see Mr Maddy in the Resource Centre

Spotlight on student success @ The Ipswich State High School

Tahlia Condon

“Directing her own future”

Photo: Tahlia Condon driving her way into the record books

Tahlia Condon is a very busy young lady. Not only is she completing her senior studies as a Year 12 student at Ipswich State High School but maintains a handicap of 5 as a member of Sandy Gallop Golf Club. Through hard work, perseverance, quiet confidence and a love of her chosen sport, she is at the top of her game, currently club champion at both Sandy Gallop and Jindalee and holding the ladies course record at both golf courses. As one of the most unassuming students in her year level, she manages to juggle a heavy academic workload, aiming for university entrance, while training a minimum of 8 hours a week at Sandy Gallop Golf Club.

Tahlia’s prowess on the golf course would put many weekend hackers to shame. Impressively, she holds one of two Queensland sponsorships from Titleist, recognition of achievements such as qualifying for the Queensland Masters five years in a row. Recently she played in the 2014 Volvik RACV Ladies Masters Junior event on the tournament course in January this year. Tahlia has also been selected for the BDLGA Sarah Jane Kenyon Matchplay team for the past three years, winning two out of the three years with one draw.

To further highlight just how talented Tahlia is she has represented the Metropolitan West School Sports team for the last five years. Furthermore, she has also won two mixed foursome’s championships and two foursomes championships. Tahlia completed the Golf Australia Community Coaching course along with Active After School course earlier this year and is now a coaching assistant at some local primary schools. When she has a spare minute she also thoroughly enjoys being a member of the Ipswich Volleyball Program’s Open Girls Team, competing in Melbourne in November 2013 at the National Schools Championship.

With a golfing CV like this one it is only a matter of time before we see Tahlia on television teeing off with Karrie Webb and other top female golfers from around the world. As a quiet achiever Tahlia is a great role model to have for all students at Ipswich State High School.

Spotlight on staff @ The Ipswich State High School

Michelle Brown

‘Creating the ISH beat’

This edition of the ‘Spotlight on Staff’ focuses on Michelle Brown, the name synonymous with Dance and The Arts at Ipswich
Ipswich State High School. While Dance is what she is best known for at ISHS, who is the person behind the teacher? What drives this dedicated and passionate member of staff? What has got her to this point in her career?

Michelle is currently acting Head of Department for The Arts responsible for the management of Drama, Visual Arts, Film and New Media and of course, Dance Studies. Her experience in the world of Dance stands her in good stead for this role, as does the creative genius that she continues to apply to areas such as choreography, music selection and costumeing for our dance troupes as well as in her life outside of work. Michelle, with the staff of The Arts Department, continues to push the creative boundaries helping our students explore their full potential through The Arts and all it can offer.

As with many staff at ISHS, Michelle gives up hundreds of hours each year to student auditions, practice and well-being, inspiring many to reach for the stars. In addition to this she has also taught dance classes outside of school hours at ‘All Stars’ as well as drama classes at Performance Plus Dance Studio, guaranteeing the future of performance artists for the next generation.

Michelle has been the driving force behind the development of the high performance Dance Program at ISHS. While this has taken several years to lay the solid ground work needed to ensure the continuing success of such a program, Michelle and the other dance staff including Katie McNamee and Kristie Fitzgerald are now reaping the benefits of that hard work. In 2014 students in Years 11 and 12 have the opportunity to study Dance as an Authority (OP subject) or authority-registered course, as well as completing a Certificate II in Dance if they so wish and Ipswich SHS is the only high school in Australia which is accredited for this course! The Creative Arts students at Ipswich SHS are now spoilt for choice more than ever before. The demand for these subjects is demonstrated through the waiting list of students wanting to join, as well as the numbers involved in the various dance troupes that represent the school at events through the year.

Most importantly for Ipswich State High School, Michelle not only has the ability to set the high standards and work ethic for the study of Dance but also the skill to utilise its capacity to ensure many students continue to remain engaged with their education and future when this may not have been the case without such programs and dedicated staff. There is no doubt that she is a very hard taskmaster, but this inspires a great deal of loyalty from her students, something very much needed to ensure the continued success of the program.

In recognition for all of the work put into ensuring the continued success of the Dance programs at ISHS Michelle was awarded the 2011 Ipswich State High School Staff Excellence Award. The award is available to any member of staff, and in 2011 was presented to Michelle because she had developed her major program. I love that we are providing our students with dance opportunities that no other school in the country can. We are equipping our students with current industry skills that will prepare them for a career in the performing arts.

6. What do you enjoy about teaching?

The students. I love meeting new little characters every year and watching them grow into young adults.

7. What is the best thing about teaching at ISHS?

What do you believe to be the most effective influence/impact you have had on a student? The staff, students and sense of community are the best things about Ipswich High. I can’t really measure the influence or impact I have had on students, but I hope I have been able to provide them with a platform for self-expression and self-discovery through the performing arts.

8. If you had a superpower what would it be?

The ability to come up with a funny super power!

Cross Country Age Champions 2014

Girls:
Open Belle Fisher
16 years, Sara Pitkin
15 years Kayanna Seydler-Callaghan
14 years Isabella McGeary
13 years Tanekia Landsborough

Boys:
Opens Brenton Ellul
16 years Hafiz Lawerence
15 years Michael Short
14 years Jordan Erihe
13 years Kayne Seydler-Callaghan

ISHS District Cross Country Reps

13 Boys
Kayne Seydler-Callaghan
Alex Henry

13 Girls
Tanekia Lansborough

14 Boys
Jordan Erihe
14 Girls
Isabella McGeary
Kyarni Tansell
Tatianna Neumann

15 Boys
Kaygen Munro
17 Boys
Jordan Erihe 14yrs Boys and Brenton Ellul Open Boys were District Age champions for the Cross Country.

What’s happening in the Art Department?

After a busy Term 1 with many organisational changes in the Art department, we have been busily working through Term 2 and already students have completed a lot of exciting artworks. Years 8s have been creating clay creatures which are combinations of both prehistoric and today’s animals. Year 9s are currently working on graphite animal grid drawings which are nearing completion and we hope to display them around the school soon. Year 10s are just completing clay masks which combine an animal characteristic of their personality with their own features. The students have produced some very interesting and outstanding results. The year 11 VAS students have produced posters for our Variety Concert and are starting to plan an exciting wall art project for the Woolworths at Brassall lunchroom. The year 12 VAS students are in the process of working on some functional ceramic sculptures. Year 11 OP Art students are currently completing some “exotic fruit” sculptures and our Year 12 OP Art students are studiously working on their major body of work with a theme of “Introspection/Interaction”. We look forward to viewing their resolved artworks.

Regional Showcase Winner - The Ipswich State High School

The Salon - ‘A cut above the rest’

(2014 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools – Innovation Category)

On May 22nd the Hair and Beauty program at The Ipswich State High School was recognised for its forward thinking when it won the regional award for the 2014 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools – Innovation category. It is the ‘outside the box’ thinking that continues to set the school, and such programs at ISHS, apart from the rest. Two students, Emily McDonald and Madalan Bourke, successfully represented the school demonstrating their discipline, ethical and respectful minds amongst Principals, Teachers, Regional Directors, sponsors, Director General of Education and the state Education Minister. But where did this journey begin?

Five years ago Ipswich State High School broke the mould once again by becoming the first high school to establish and operate its own Hairdressing Salon. As one of the largest High School Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in the state, the creation of a Hair and Beauty Salon was always a possibility. The project began with the embryo of an idea from Nicole Sherlock and Deb Whyatt. They were helped along the way by Simon Riley (Principal), Jenny Shard (Business Services Manager), Gavin Bryce (Deputy Principal at the time) and the late Janet Sullivan (HOD Home Economics).

Both dedicated and determined staff members had a clear vision of what their trade training could offer our students through their years of experience in the industry. The purpose and vision of the Hair and Beauty program was, and still is, to keep students engaged with their education; mainly targeting girls in school who otherwise would have left. Even if students do not continue within the Hair and Beauty industry the program has given them skills that can be transferred into other jobs. Gaining self-confidence and self-pride as well as working confidently with the public in our town salon have helped many young women become valuable and reliable employees in many service industry businesses across the city.

After three years of planning and hearing that this dream could not happen, the project became a reality with the Town Salon opening on April 2nd 2008. Services provided in the Ipswich State High School Training Salon are full hair services; cuts, colours, perming, foiling, blow-drying, head and scalp massage and up-styling. All waxing services, eyelash tinting and Acrylic Nails, Gel Nails, Manicures and Pedicures are also offered. Since its inception the Hair and Beauty program has expanded to include a training salon at the ISHS campus allowing students to develop their skills.

It is the dedication and thousands of hours of supervision by all of the staff involved that has allowed hundreds of students to follow their dreams. They have had the opportunity to attain various industry certificates including: Certificate II in Hairdressing, Certificate II in Nail Technology, Certificate II in Retail Make-up and Skin Care and Certificate III in Beauty. It is the outcomes and skills provided by these courses that gives our students opportunities others don’t have, including the development of communication skills with all age groups within the community; industry skills for the Hair and Beauty industry; contacts with Representatives from the Hair and Beauty Industry; personal grooming skills; development of safe and effective workplace practices; and most importantly, how to successfully work as part of a team. This program exemplifies the ethos of the school, which is to ensure all of our students are employable when they graduate.

The program has had great success since its inception. It continues to grow each year with industry contacts expanding, industry providing awards for student recognition at the end of year, providing industry currency for staff, and links to the latest resources and techniques. Over the past five years an average of 100 students, Years 10-12, have participated in the program each year, with most students finishing their certificate courses finding employment in the industry and within major salons such...
as Stefan, including Ariad Ward, Tamika Neumann, Jacqui Kracht and Tamika Holmes who all work for this company.

Several past students have continued their studies with Bianca White working towards a Diploma in Beauty while being employed at AB Fab Ipswich as well as Serinda Campbell and Shannon Jackson who are completing the same Diploma in Fortitude Valley. Several others students are undertaking the same Diploma course at Bremer TAFE. While this may not sound like a huge return for such a big program, remember that many of the girls in the program would have left school early, without any qualifications, if it hadn’t been for this innovative and exciting subject offering.

Over the past five years, the salon has catered for an average of eight clients each day. Multiply that by 5 days a week and 40 weeks a year and you’ll find that the Ipswich High Hair and Beauty students have delivered approximately 8000 customer service moments. That doesn’t include the services provided in the salon at school to staff and students. Mr Riley has probably had twenty haircuts himself over that time, paying $10 a time.

To understand the impact of such an opportunity on students you need to speak to past students. One such past student, and graduate of the program, Jacqui Kracht, summed up the thoughts of all.

“The experience that I had as a part of the Hair and Beauty Program at Ipswich State High School is one I will never forget. Not only do I use skills every day that I learnt in this program, it made me realize that hairdressing was the career that I wanted to pursue. As the program has a fully commercial salon open to the public I gained knowledge and confidence when communicating with clients. These elements became valuable after I gained employment with salon chain Stefan. Five years after I first started the program in Year 10 I have almost completed my formal qualifications and am a reliable, hardworking hairdresser who takes pride in my work. This program had played a huge and very important part in my life. I would recommend it and commend it highly to any young person considering this as a career.”

If you have a student interested in participating in this program give the school a call on (07)3813 4488 to find out further details.

You and your children now have the opportunity to find amazing snippets of information and conduct in-depth research as well. All staff and students (and their families) are now able to access World Book Online for free. Students need a Username and Password which they can obtain from their classroom teacher or from Mrs Cassidy or Mrs O’Donnell in The Resource Centre. All they have to do then is log on to worldbookonline.com, enter the Username and Password and voila, an entire database of information is at their fingertips.

Ipswich Combined Teachers Dance Festival

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Ipswich Combined Teachers Dance Festival on Wednesday 30th April. We had 200 students compete across 7 dances with great success. Particular mention goes to Senior Contemporary, the Cultural Dance Team and Vanity Dance Crew who placed in their sections. Our next competition is the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod which takes place on 3rd and 4th of June. Good luck to all students involved.

Maths/IT

IT - Student laptops are available for hire, see Mr Maddy for more information and forms.

BYOD (Bring your own device) has come to Ipswich High. If you already have a Windows enabled device that you would like to use for school, you can be added to the school system so that you have full access during school times. See Mr Maddy for BYOD forms.

Maths tutoring is happening Tuesday afternoons from 3 pm to 4 pm in the Library.

Calculator engraving – Make sure you see Mrs Brown to get your name engraved on your calculator. Remember that EVERY student has to have their own calculator that they are familiar with. Calculators can also be purchased from the Finance office.

Online Mathematics – Mathletics: Every student in the school is able to access Mathletics. All they need to do is see their Maths teacher for their user name and password. Mathletics has a range of areas from lessons on Maths topics, practice assessment and Numeracy games where the students compete with others from around the world.

Skoolbo: Skoolbo is an exciting new numeracy and literacy online website that is being used by students all over the world to increase their abilities. The founder of Mathletics has made Skoolbo as he believes every student has the right to develop in numeracy and literacy. Students will be issued with usernames and passwords by their teachers soon.

ENGLISH TUTORING

Attention ALL students!

Any students needing help in English or SOSE? Tutoring will be held again this year on Thursday afternoons in the Resource Centre from 3 to 4pm. Come along for some general homework and assessment help!

Ipswich State High School: SunSmart Policy Statement

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Expectations of Students:

• Be aware of the school’s SunSmart policy
• Comply with SunSmart policy by compulsory wearing of a HAT in all HPE lessons! (consequences will be applied for non-compliance)
• Use shaded or covered areas when outdoors
• Take responsibility for their own health and safety by being SunSmart
• Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
• Help to design and regularly update the SunSmart policy
• Participate in initiatives to protect the school population from excessive exposure to the sun

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students wishing to park their cars in the school grounds are required to complete a permission form. Please see Miss Taylor for a form. Students parking in the grounds without permission will be asked to remove their cars from the grounds. The designated parking area for students is on the grassed area at the back of the car park. Remember it is a privilege to park in the school grounds and this privilege can be withdrawn if littering from cars occurs or dangerous driving is observed. Car keys must be deposited at Student Services on arrival.

Did you know that we are an ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL

What does it mean to be an Asthma Friendly School?

An Asthma Friendly School is one that provides a safe and supportive environment for students with asthma. Asthma Foundation Queensland recognises an Asthma Friendly School as one that meets the following criteria:

– Education and Training
  Majority of staff have received asthma first aid training from Asthma Foundation Queensland

– Equipment
  Asthma Emergency Kits are accessible and include in-date reliever medication, spacers and mask for under 5 year olds (where applicable)

– Information
  Asthma first aid posters are on display

– Policy
  First aid and other health and safety policies explicitly include asthma

ISHS Is Twittering

Are you following us on Twitter yet? Twitter is a fantastic, easy way of keeping in touch with the school and staying informed about all of the amazing things that are happening at ISHS. If you are already on Twitter search for Ipswich SHS and follow us. If you are not yet a Twitterer it is easy to sign up at www.twitter.com and find people and groups to follow. One of the great things about Twitter is that you can read posts from your computer, mobile phone, ipad etc – you don’t have to be at home to keep up with the latest news.

Like all social media, remember to check the security settings on Twitter:

• Go to your profile page
• Click on Edit Your Profile (Top right corner of the screen)
• Click on Account (Left side of the screen)
• Scroll down and locate Tweet Privacy. If this box is unticked anyone can see your tweets, videos or images.
  If you prefer to keep this information available to people you approve of only (this option is recommended for personal accounts) tick this box. Your account will now be locked and only those people who follow you can see your tweets.

Ipswich State High School – Facebook

Some of you may be unaware that Ipswich State High School has recently added an additional social media platform to our portfolio. We can now be found not only on Twitter and Q-School but also on Facebook.

By introducing these social media applications, Ipswich State High School firmly believes we will be able to connect more effectively with parents, students and the community. Our delayed entrance into the Facebook realm was met with a vast array of un-official Ipswich State High School pages. In an effort to ensure ease of access and the correct information being conveyed we, in conjunction with other government departments have endeavoured to eliminate non-affiliated Facebook pages that use the Ipswich State High School logo and slogans.

As a school administered Facebook page students achievements and activities will be published, with the permission of parents and carers via the "Facebook Media Release Form" which has been recently forwarded home to all students within Ipswich State High School. Without receipt of this permission slip we are unable to highlight your student’s successes and achievements. If you haven’t received this please contact the school for a copy.

The page will also be used to inform students and parents of upcoming occasions, school experiences/excursions and sporting events. For example we recently used the page to promote QCS and VET Information Nights for Senior Students and had an unprecedented turnout of students and their parents on the night. By liking the page you will be able to access information to make your student’s engagement in the school and school events more streamlined.

To find us please search "The Ipswich State High School” or enter in this URL: https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ipswich-State-High-School/410902695693279. You know that you are at the correct page when you see this image:

So like us today and keep up to date with the wonderful achievements of our school and community.

Student Services News

REMEMBER FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

If your child is unwell it is best keeping them at home to rest. This is an important stage to recovery and will minimise the risk of transferring infection to other children. If your child has continued fever, aches, pains or any other symptoms after three (3) days please seek further medical advices or contact 13HEALTH on 13 43 25 84 for further attention.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

If students have any changes in their details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, email address) please let Student Services know. This would be greatly appreciated as many times we have had students in sick bay and we do not have current contact details.

Up to date email addresses can be given to Student Services if you wish to receive a monthly edition of our school newsletter.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE FOR ALL ABSENCES 3813 4401

FOR LATE ARRIVALS: Students who arrive at school after 9.05am are required to sign in late at the Student Services Window.

Parents may call the school or provide a note to approve the late arrival either prior to, or after the fact.
All other late arrivals will be marked as unexplained, a note is sent home with each unexplained late arrival for parent approval.

**FOR EARLY DEPARTURES:** Parents who need to pick their students up early can either call the school or provide a note for the student to present to the Student Services Window prior to the commencement of school to receive a LEAVE REQUEST slip.

The REQUEST slip is presented to the teacher at the appropriate time to get out of class. The student brings the REQUEST slip to the Student Services Window to receive their LEAVE PASS.

What to do if my student texts or calls me to leave school early?

You can phone the school and give permission over the phone.

If they are sick, please tell them to go to Student Services and sign in for sick bay where they can wait in air conditioned comfort and be monitored by first aid trained staff. This also makes locating your student when you arrive a very fast process.

**Relief Teacher Aides/Cleaners needed**

If you are interested in working at the school as a relief Teacher Aide or relief Cleaner please contact Jenny Shard on 3813 4409 with your details or bring in a resume.

There are two shifts for the relief cleaners – 6am – 9am and 3pm – 6pm.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Online parenting - Understand your child’s digital world**

Monday 26 May 2014
10:00am – 11:30am
Ipswich Central Library, Barry Jones Auditorium, 40 South St
Ipswich

Thursday 12 June 2014
9:30am – 11:00am
Redbank Plaza Library, Redbank Plaza Shopping Centre, 1 Collingwood Drive, Redbank.

The sessions form part of our eSmart Libraries program and cover information about cybersafety.

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)
Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 July 2014
10am - 4pm
Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds
Admission is free!

**Head in the clouds?**

Why not fly something there too? The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls of 8 years and over who are interested in aviation and associated subjects. Parade nights are held weekly and include marching, physical activities, aviation, meteorology, and aircraft building. Cadets regularly fly RC aircraft more than closer the skies, and inspect airfields, hangars and more on day outings, along with travelling further afield on overnight camps with other Squadrons. Specialist training and leadership courses are also available.

For more information about the Australian Air League Inc. and Forest Lake Squadron contact:-

Chris Chandler
0421 578 641
oc.forestlake@airleague.com.au
www.airleague.com.au

West End Junior Rugby League are seeking players for their 2014 season, the centenary year for the club.

**Calling for Players**

Do you have friends or family that are interested in keeping fit, having fun, and being part of our centenary year?

We are open to players from all grades. Girls are also encouraged to play from Under 6 to Under 12’s.

If you have any questions, please contact Jae Woodward (Coaching Director) on 0402 791 012 above for more details.

Get the word out... Get into the Game

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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