From The Principal’s Desk

This is the penultimate newsletter of the year, and today we finish this week with our final whole school parade to celebrate White Ribbon Day. This will also be an opportunity for the Junior Secondary SRC to have complete control over the parade because the senior students will be in exams. I’m sure they will do a fine job.

We are also preparing to welcome the first group of Year 7 students to enter high school next Monday. Of course, they’re still only in Year 6, and their Orientation Day will be the first time many of them will have seen the whole school. Year 7 students will have their orientation Day the following Monday.

Finally, for now, expect to see much more publicity around those ISH letters. We are promoting the Ipswich Super Hornets as our school’s sporting icon and that badge will be on every new team uniform next year. The @ISH logo will also feature in more of our marketing as well.

Thank you to all parents, friends and others in the community for continuing to work in partnership with the school to make it such a welcoming place for our new students.

Simon Riley
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

Year 12 Post Formal Mystery Tour success

The 2014 Mystery Tour was a wonder filled success. By 8.30am the students were starting to feel the effects of enjoying high energy activities (like ice skating & 3 other fun filled adventures) since 11.30pm the night before!

Congratulations year 12 on participating in the 2014 Mystery Tour. You were a pleasure to work with!

SHINE luncheon

The SHINE girls enjoyed a wonderful graduation lunch at Go Sing restaurant to highlight the completion of their course. The 3 pillars of SHINE are to build WORTH, STRENGTH and PURPOSE into the lives of the girls who participated! Thank you to Snr Constable Storm, Wendy (a Chaplain Service volunteer) and Tanya for facilitating the SHINE course. For further information about SHINE courses at the Ipswich State High School, please contact Tanya McKenna on 0412046504 or tmcke39@eq.edu.au

Kruse Gymnastics

Over the past few weeks, some of our dancers have been put through their paces at Kruse Gymnastics to further develop their acrobatic skills. The students reached some dizzying heights to achieve new tricks- and also spent a lot of time flat on their faces in a foam pit. Well done to all of those involved. Our last session is on Sunday 30th November.
Film & TV Annual Film Festival

Last Wednesday the Film and TV department at Ipswich High hosted the school’s first annual film festival. Parents, teachers and students got the opportunity to view the short films and videos that our students have produced throughout the year on the big screen. Awards were given for the best entry in categories such as best crime scene, ads, stop motion, short film, and music video. On entry attendees walked the red carpet into the event and had the opportunity to get their photo taken in front of a green screen holding their very own Oscar. Overall the night was a success with students already starting to plan their entries into next year’s film festival.

CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2014

AIME DANCERS BUST A MOVE

Ipswich State High School performers Kyarni Tansell and Keiarah Munro are now preparing to bust a move in Sydney following their successful entry into the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Program Dance competition.

The pair managed to secure the second highest number of votes in Australia with their contemporary dance routine performed to the Sia tune, Titanium.

Keiarah and Kyarni will head to Sydney on December 3 for a three day workshop to fine tune their performance with industry mentors. The trip will culminate with a public performance to hundreds of people in Martin Place on Friday December 5.

Fellow finalist Roeshia Shields unfortunately didn’t make the top 10.

Well done girls.

UP COMING EVENTS

ORIENTATION DAYS FOR YEAR 6 & 7

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2015 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEES

Payment options:
- Payment in full
- Payment plan in place
- Payment over 1st 3 terms

Term payment due dates:
- Term 1: 2/6/15 $75
- Term 2: 5/1/15 $75
- Term 3: 24/7/15 $70
**Reminder-Student Resource Scheme fees must be up to date to be eligible for specialist subjects or extra-curricular activities.**

**Maths Research**

We are excited to announce our school’s involvement in a very large study being run by three of Australia’s leading universities (QUT, ACU and UQ). The research project entitled “Promoting Academic Aspirations for Mathematics (PAAM)”, seeks to explore students’ attitudes towards maths.

Here’s some key information about the project:

- It aims to identify ways to raise student’s academic aspirations in Maths;
- It has received ethical clearance from the Department of Education, Training and Employment;
- It is funded by the Australian Research Council;
- Students currently enrolled in Years 8 & 10 will be invited to participate in the survey, which is about their attitudes and experiences with regards to Maths;
- Students will be invited to participate in the study again in 2015 and 2016;
- Participation is voluntary and all results will be kept strictly confidential;
- An Information Statement & Opt-Out Form has been sent home with your child. This document provides you with further information and gives you the opportunity to opt your child out of the study, should you so choose.
- Parental consent is assumed to be given unless a signed opt-out form is received.

If you have not received this opt-out form and would like to, or you have any further questions about the survey study, please do not hesitate to contact Aimee Brown (HOD Maths/IT) for more information.

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**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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