

1 August 2017 Newsletter



Every child, every day, learning to be their best

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From The Principal

Extending our Capable Students—Writers Workshops

Some of our most capable writers in Years 3 to 6 participated in extension Writers Workshops with Miss Horstman over the last few weeks. They have written short stories for presentation at Book Week in August/September. Their stories will now be illustrated by art students in extension art workshops beginning this week.

Extending our students' capabilities is important so that we are helping them to realise their full potential. We are fortunate to have Miss Horstman and Mrs White to help with this. Look out for the finished stories and art at Book Week at the end of August/beginning of September.

Every Day Counts: Good Attendance = Good Education

78% (197) of our students are meeting our attendance standard of 95% so far this year. Every day counts for their learning, school life, friendships and reliability. They are developing good habits for their future education and employment. These students will be recognised with a special treat next week. Special thanks to the P&C for their help with this. If your child has been away with medical certificates or other approved reasons please send documentation to the school office so that they can be included in the treat.

Daily attendance is so important that it is a legal requirement of parents and carers to ensure their children are at school every day. Our attendance standard of 95% allows for 5-6 days of absences due to illness and other exceptional circumstances so far this year (10 days in total for the year). Of course children with moderate/severe illnesses need to stay at home and family emergencies take precedence over school. If your child is away and sees a doctor please request a medical certificate and provide it to your child's class teacher or the school office. These absences are necessary and understandable. Unless moderately/severely unwell or a family emergency has happened, all students need to be at school. More information is available at www.ppr.det.qld.gov.au by searching *roll marking* or *attendance*.

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths – Preparing our students for life beyond school

STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. It also drives innovation in our fast-changing global economy. To succeed in this environment, and for Queensland to continue to prosper into the future, our students need a strong foundation in STEM.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/stem>

We already develop our students' STEM learning with the Australian Curriculum: Science, Maths and Technologies taught to all students at Ipswich West State School. We are fortunate to be ahead of many other schools with our own specialist Technologies teacher, Miss Horstman, delivering the Australian Curriculum in this area. She and I will be hearing how other schools develop their students' STEM learning at a special event this Friday and will bring back ideas for how we can extend our program over the coming years.

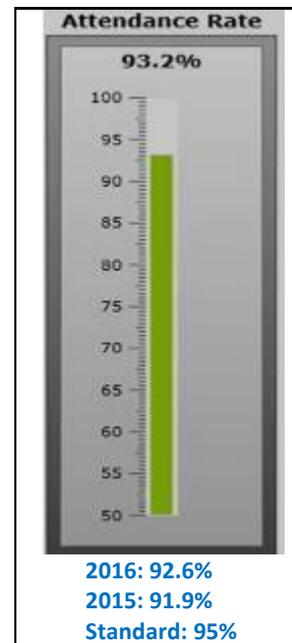
P&Cs Qld P&C of the Year Awards Nomination

Our P&C Association has again applied for the P&Cs Qld P&C of the Year Awards. Last year they were the Metro South Area winners. The P&C is an enormous support to our school and an important avenue for members of our school community to be involved, give feedback and conduct activities and events that enrich the life of our school. P&C activities and events at Ipswich West State School help parents, carers and community members connect with each other and the school, and form friendships that are important sources of advice and support in parenting and daily life. For more information and to be involved email P&C President Leanne Cawthorne at president.westipswichpnc@gmail.com or leave a message at the school office.

Department of Education Audit 7-10 August

The Department of Education Audit will be conducted 7-10 August to ensure our school complies with DET policies and procedures for excursions, enforcing attendance, financial processes and emergency procedures. The audit provides valuable feedback on our work at Ipswich West State School.

Cate Whiting
Principal



SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Our School Opinion Survey is currently available to parents and carers. The survey is completed on electronic devices (computer, smartphone, tablet, etc). Please contact the school office if you would like an access code. Mrs Whiting and Ms Stevens will be roaming around at the end of the day over the next few weeks so that parents and carers who wish to complete the surveys on school iPads may do so. Students in Years 4-6 and staff will also complete the survey over the coming weeks.

It's PARTY Time!
Term 3 Reward

You must have **EXCELLENT** behaviour
That means: * No office referrals
* No TAP rooms

This Way to the UN

IPSWICH WEST STATE SCHOOL

Follow directions straight away
Be in the right place
Keep hands and feet to myself
Keep objects where they belong
Speak in a friendly way

Thank You

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep Bella-Ann, Solomon
P/1 Caleb, Scarlet, Jonah
1 Hugo, Dylan
2/3GM James, Zeven, Megan, Elinor, Alex, Elli Louise, Riley, James, Emmett
3/4 Amira
4 Kyrin, Jacob
4/5 Keith, Makiah, Imogen, Xaydan, Skye
5/6J Alexander
5/6T Ella

ART

Lindsay, Sophie, Chelsea, Allysa-Chloe, Swae, Arabella, Kai, Jesse

GARDEN

Jessica, Izabelle, George, Hayley, Noah, Lahela

100% ATTENDANCE ON AT LEAST ONE DAY

Prep, P/1, 3/4, 5/6T

150 STAMPS—BIG PRIZE!

Keith

Congratulations and thank you for helping our school

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts for your child's learning and reliability. Congratulations to the following students who had 100% Attendance in Term 2:

Prep: William A, Zoe, Isaac, Grayson, Logan, Aaron

Year 1: Laney-Lee, Tharn

Year 2: Emmett B, Keadyn, Armi, Cade

Year 3: Jet-Ray, Leonidas, James, Summer, Billy, Caitlin, Alex

Year 4: Kyrin, Blake, Imogen, Jackson, Hayley, Tatiana

Year 5: Keith, Ava, Kitana, Xaydan, Lydia, Jude

Year 6: Jache, Ciara, Aquinnah, Chloe, Jesse

Well done also to the following students who achieved 95% or higher attendance:

Prep: Bella-Ann, Ethan, Payten, Dale Ye En, Claire, Dakota, Lachlan, Sophie, Jackson, Harper, Megan, Jamey, Jacob, Abbey

Year 1: Summah, Hope, Collin, Daymen, Anesu, Liam R, Lincoln, Darion, Hannah, Loren, Jordan, Liam, Scarlet

Year 2: Armi, Emmett F, Ben, Seth, Megan, Christoffer, Tristan, Lily

Year 3: Adelaide, Riley, Brady, Elli M, Damien, Ellie E, Kobe, Kaylee, Edward, Izaak

Year 4: Imogen, Lilliarna, Jacob, Thomas, Deakin, Riley, Yasmin, George, Paige, Dempsey, Amelia, Samantha, Ava, Jessica

Year 5: Mai'tia, Jacob, Mick, Logan, Jackie, Sarah, Dustin, Toby, Aeden, Mason, Hudson, Skye

Year 6: Hamish, Tyler, Shayla, Destiny, Henry, Madison, Majenta, Charlotte, Zahlia, Luca, Stephanie, Wyatt S

These above students will be rewarded with a special treat next week. If your child's name is not on the lists but has medical certificates for illnesses, please contact admin@ipswichwest.com.au so they can be included in the treat (as we cannot easily run a report to get this information).

JAPANESE COOKING

The eleventh Japanese food offering for the Year of the Rooster will be **tomorrow**.

Miss Collins, our Japanese language teacher, along with the help of some year 6 students, will be making avocado and ham gyoza (dumplings). This savoury treat will be

available to all students at second break for \$1 each. Special offer: The first student to tell

Miss Collins which country gyoza originated in will win a free serve!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 Jul-3 Aug	Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings—D Block classrooms
1-15 Aug	Every Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course (no cost, please RSVP)—in the library
Wed 2 Aug	Order forms & payments for Pizza Fundraiser due
Thu 3 Aug	Pizza Fundraiser—at first break
7-10 Aug	DET Audit
Mon 7 Aug	Japanese Day of Experience—Ipswich State High—Year 6
21-25 Aug	Book Week activities—before school & lunchtime
Mon 21 Aug	2.00pm P&C Committee Meeting—in the library
Tue 22 Aug	11.00am-1.00pm Light Play Ipswich Art Gallery (no cost)—Prep
24-29 Aug	P&C Book Fair—in the library (volunteers needed)
Fri 25 Aug	9.00am Bookweek Parade—Theme: “Escape to Everywhere”—Undercover area (gold coin donation please) Art Exhibition
	No tuckshop! 11.00am P&C Subway Fundraiser 11.00am Whole School Picnic—in the basketball court School Opinion Survey closes
Fri 1 Sep	Book Week “Super Duper” Performance (\$5) Booking fee (\$20) for P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser due
4-8 Sep	Healthy Active School Travel (HAST)
Sat 9 Sep	P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser—in the library
Recurring Events	
Assembly	8.45am in the Undercover Area Mondays—Years 3-6 Tuesdays—Prep-Year 2
Uniform Shop	2.45-3.15pm Mondays & Tuesdays 8.15-8.45am Fridays
Gardening Club	Monday-Wednesday—first break—Years 3-6
Sport	Monday-Wednesday—first & second break
Breakfast Club	8.00am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (volunteers needed)
Senior Choir	Tuesdays—second break & Fridays—first break
Kitchen Garden	1.45-3.00pm Tuesdays (volunteers needed)
Chess Club	Wednesdays—second break
Japanese Cooking	Wednesdays—second break, fortnightly—Year 6
Japanese Club	Wednesdays—second break, fortnightly
Music Bus	Thursdays
Skipping	Thursdays—first break
Computer Coding	Thursdays—second break & Fridays—first break
Tuckshop	Fridays (volunteers needed)—no tuckshop on 25 Aug due to P&C Subway Fundraiser
School Banking	Fridays

DEBATING

The fourth and final round for Ipswich West debating team was played last Wednesday night. We came close in both the senior and junior debates but lost narrowly. Our girls performed marvellously and were a credit to our school. Our junior team's speaker of the night was Matilda and she was supported admirably by Allysa-Chloe and Hayley. Our senior team's speaker of the night was Amelia after she had to fill in for the late withdrawal of Ava. She did a great job considering it was her first debate and she had no time to practise. She was very well supported by Jackie and Skye. Our team has bowed out of the competition after a great season in which our team members improved markedly from the first to the last debate. Well done! We also thank Henry and George for their support in chairing our debates and Angelique and Lilliarna for their support. Thanks also to the parents for supporting this very worthwhile extra-curricular activity.

**From Carlotta Graham
Community Support Worker**

HEALTHY ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL (HAST)



We are delighted to announce that Ipswich West State School is joining the Ipswich City Council Healthy Active School Travel (HAST) program. We will be walking, wheeling and riding to school in Week 9! Ms Carlotta is working with Active Transport Officer Caitlin Boyd to develop meeting points where parents, students and teachers can meet and walk or cycle the rest of the way to school and the HAST program will provide incentives to students and parents who participate. The routes are not long so it's an easy way to improve fitness, road safety awareness and spend time together with your children on the way to school.

Physically active children are healthier, happier and more socially connected than children who have more sedentary lifestyles! So keep an eye out for more information to come and join us and meet up with friends and the community of parents and children walking and cycling to school.

**NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY – 2017**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disabilities. Better data will help the Government plan for these students with a disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection or if you have any questions please contact the office. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

BOOK WEEK

Our dress-up parade is Friday 25 August, starting at 9am in the undercover area—get those book inspired costumes ready! This year's Book Week theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. We would love to see all of our students, and any keen parents, dress as their favourite book character. We had some great parent costumes last year! Please remember to not go to any expense with the costumes, just use what you have at home. We are again asking for a **gold coin donation for the Make-a-Wish Foundation**. After our fun-filled parade, **feel free to wander around our art exhibition**. Students will be participating in a **whole school picnic lunch in the basketball court at 11am** so pack a picnic blanket if you have one! We look forward to seeing you all for a fun morning!

During the week of 21 to 25 August, a range of activities will be offered during lunch times. Some of the exciting activities are creating bookmarks, using Lego to build 26-storey treehouses, making bird paper planes and taking photographs around the school. All activities are based on stories that feature the theme 'Escape to Everywhere'. **Before school, staff will entertain the students reading some of the books that will be featured in the 'Super Duper' performance.** These readings will take place at 8.15am in the undercover area.

The following week on Friday 1 September, students will be invited to attend the Book Week Performance, 'Super Duper!'. The performance will feature a selection of Short Listed books from the Children's Book Council of Australia annual Book Awards. The incursion will promote literacy and reading by inspiring students with the limitless fun and possibilities offered by books. The performance also deals with specific personal development issues such as self-esteem, bullying, anger management and co-operation. **If you wish your child to attend, please pay \$5 for each student at the office.**

P&C NEWS

Book Fair: Our annual Book Fair is on from **Thursday 24 August until Tuesday 29 August in the library** for children and families to purchase books for home. The Book Fair will be open after the Book Week Parade Friday 25 August and each afternoon. There will be some exciting competitions running to win credit at the Book Fair to purchase books with! Watch out for brochures coming home and announcements on the school Facebook page. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN THE BOOK FAIR** — please contact Leanne Cawthorne (0415 644 902) or leave your name and number at the office and we will happily contact you!

Subway Fundraiser: **At first break on Friday 25 August (Book Week Parade day). No tuckshop that day!** \$6 for a six inch sub or wrap and a drink. Order forms will be sent home with students.

Family Portrait Fundraiser: ***BOOK NOW*** Portrait sittings will be held in the library on Saturday 9 September. Booking fee of \$20.00 to be paid by Friday 1 September. For just \$20 you receive a studio quality 10in x 13in (25.3cm x 33cm) colour portrait and a key ring with a family portrait to place inside. Conditions apply—please see information letter that was sent home. **To book your portrait sitting contact Kym Crook on 0402 524 320.**

Father's Day Stall: The P&C are planning our traditional Father's Day Stall. If you have any ideas please contact Kym Crook 0402 524 320. More information will follow in the next newsletter and on the school Facebook page.

Uniform Shop: Operating hours are **Mondays & Tuesdays 2.45pm-3.15pm and Fridays 8.15am-8.45am.**

School Banking: Just a reminder that School Banking Day is **every Friday!**

Next Committee Meeting: Monday 21 August at 2pm in the library. All welcome! Feel free to bring your children. Toys and books will be available to keep them entertained during the meeting. Agenda items can be emailed to president.westipswichpnc@gmail.com.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Thank you for your feedback on hair accessories in our Student Dress Code. Based on this feedback, the Student Dress Code has now been amended to include: **Royal blue, navy or gold hair accessories are encouraged.** This does not include hair ties which can be any colour. Hair accessories include clips, bows, ribbons, scrunchies and bands.

