



## 12 September 2017 Newsletter



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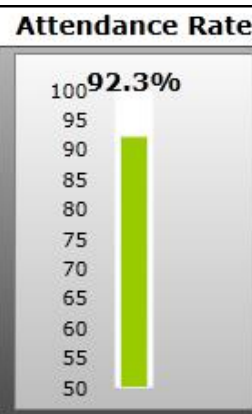
# From The Principal

## 2008-2017 Year 5 NAPLAN Average (blue) v Australian Average (purple)

In the last newsletter, I shared our Year 3 students' literacy and numeracy improvement over time. For the first time, we have seen the school improvement work in reading, spelling and grammar and punctuation move through the school from Prep into Year 5 (last year we saw it move into Year 3 but it hadn't reached Year 5 yet). The blue lines on the graphs below represent our Year 5 students' performance in the five NAPLAN tests, the purple lines represents the national average.

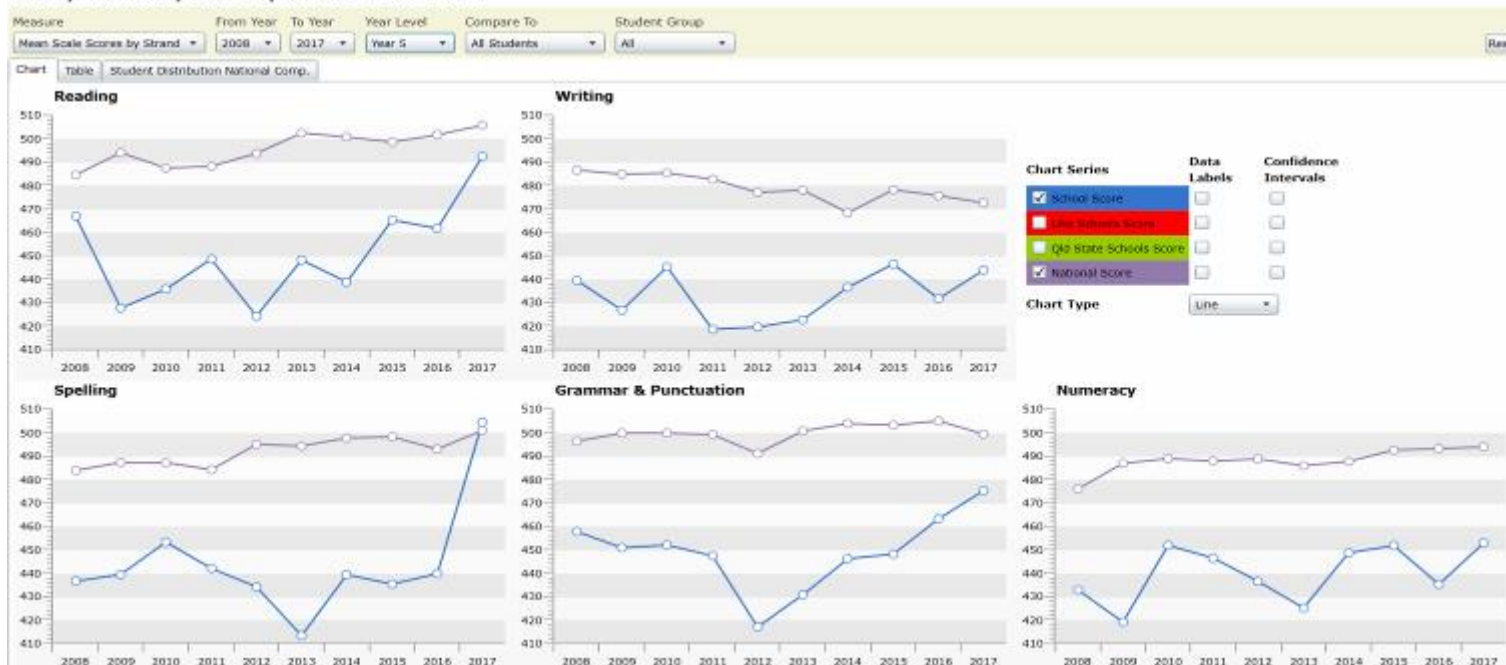
As you can see, our Year 5 students' learning is becoming similar to the nation in our school improvement focus area of reading, with a big increase this year. Spelling Mastery, affixes, Magic Words and the Jolly Grammar program have had a massive impact on our students' spelling. On average, our students' spelling was better than the national student average this year. Well done students, parents, carers and teachers! Curriculum to the Classroom (C2C) units, the Jolly Grammar program and regular practice analysing and improving grammatical elements of sentences has contributed to our students' consistent improvement of grammar and punctuation.

While we have had some improvement in Year 5 students' writing and numeracy over the last few years, we will see this become closer to the national average as our school improvement work on these areas moves through the school. We began our focus on reading and so have seen improvement in that area sooner.



2016: 92.6% (14 days/student)  
2015: 91.9% (16 days/student)  
Standard: 95% (10 days/student)

Literacy & Numeracy Charts - Ipswich West State School



## Overall Winner of Ipswich City Council Awards for Excellence

Mrs Barry, Mrs Jacobson, Amelia, Hamish and Isaac proudly represented our school at the annual Ipswich City Council Awards for Excellence. We won the Student and Environment sections for our Kitchen-Garden Program and were announced the Overall Winner of the awards. Our Kitchen-Garden program is a unique and important part of our school and I thank all who have been involved in its operation currently and in the past. All Year 4 students participate in the program and Year 3 to 6 students are able to help in the garden at breaks. This year, Collins Sensei has been helping the garden adopt Japanese elements as part of our Japanese Language program.

## Feedback on Change to Report Cards

Your feedback is sought on not having child-specific learning area comments in report cards. This would significantly reduce the workload of teachers and school leaders in writing, proofreading and editing comments. Child-specific learning area information would be available through regular forms of communication, such as meeting with the teacher (or having a meeting over the phone) or emailing. This can happen at any time throughout the year. The twice yearly student reports would still provide:

- achievement and effort ratings in each learning area
- your child's performance in relation to the year level
- an overview of what students were taught in each learning area (eg English, mathematics, etc)
- an overall behaviour rating and comment
- an overall comment

Please provide your feedback, suggestions and/or questions by emailing [0366\\_principal@eq.edu.au](mailto:0366_principal@eq.edu.au) or comment on the post seeking your feedback on our school Facebook page. Should you wish to discuss this, please make a time to meet with me or your child's teacher, or catch us before or after school for a quick chat. Feedback is requested by 6 October. We will continue to seek your feedback over time.

Have a safe and enjoyable break from school. We return on **Tuesday, 3 October** for our final term of the year. Where has the year gone!?!

Cate Whiting  
Principal

# Thank You

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep** Bella-Ann, William  
**P/1** Hannah, Anabella, Tharn  
**2/3GM** Chelsea, Mia, Ruby, Alex, Tristan, Kaedyn  
**2/3H** Patryk, Emmett, Sarah, Jet-Ray  
**3/4** Taylor  
**4** Joshua, Ella  
**5/6J** Owen, Jesse  
**5/6T** Evie-May, Tyler

## ART

Hugo, Xaydan, Sarah, Rachel, Elli, Ellie, Hannah, Charlie

## GARDENING

Deakin, Riley, Ella, Swae, George, Henry, Charlie

## 100% ATTENDANCE ON AT LEAST ONE DAY

1, 2/3H, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6J, 5/6T

## 150 STAMPS—BIG PRIZE!

Caleb, Abbeygail, Harper, Sophie, William, Abbey, Megan, Ceana, Grayson, Jacob, Ethan, Dale

*Congratulations and thank you for helping our school*

## TUCKSHOP

Just a reminder, there is **no tuckshop this week**. Tuckshop will resume next term on **Friday 13 October (week 2)**.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Please **return all library books** to school before the holidays. Thank you, we appreciate your support with this. Ipswich library is always open and has some great holiday activities!



## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property basket located near the school office for any misplaced items. **Items will be on display outside the office tomorrow at 2.30pm. Any unclaimed items will be donated** at the end of term.

## BOOK LINKS WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jache Campbell who won the Book Links Writing Competition, which was part of the Story Arts Festival.

## 2018 ENROLMENTS

If you have siblings starting Prep next year please complete enrolment forms as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available on our school website or from the school office.

Or if your family is leaving our school next year, please let your child's class teacher or the office staff know so that we have accurate numbers for next year's class arrangements. You can email the admin staff at [0366\\_admin@eq.edu.au](mailto:0366_admin@eq.edu.au). Thank you.

## DENTAL VAN VISIT

The School Dental Van is coming to our school **next term**. Intent to Attend forms were issued to students for completion. Please return to school or alternatively you can complete online at <https://www.westmoreton.health.qld.gov.au/our-services/oral-health> (go to form). If you would like further information, please contact the Business Service Centre on 1300 763 246 (between 8am and 3pm Monday to Friday).



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wed 13 Sep</b>	2.30pm Lost property display
<b>Fri 15 Sep</b>	Permissions due for Swimming Program Last day of Term 3 End of Term Reward—Party
<b>Mon 2 Oct</b>	<b>No tuckshop!</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen's Birthday)</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Dental Van Visit
<b>Tue 3 Oct</b>	First day of Term 4
<b>Fri 6 Oct</b>	Swimming Program starts—Leichhardt pool
<b>Sat 7 Oct</b>	Division 4 Bi-Election—polling booth at IWSS
<b>Mon 9 Oct</b>	2pm P&C Committee Meeting—in the library
<b>Fri 13 Oct</b>	Permissions & payment (\$10) for Meanjin Writers' Camp due—invited students
<b>Thu 19 Oct</b>	8.00am Meanjin Writers' Camp—USQ Springfield Campus—invited students
<b>Fri 27 Oct</b>	Day for Daniel Walk
<b>Fri 1 Dec</b>	Swimming Carnival—Leichhardt pool
<b>Recurring Events</b>	
<b>Assembly</b>	8.45am in the Undercover Area Mondays—Years 3-6 Tuesdays—Prep-Year 2
<b>Uniform Shop</b>	2.45-3.15pm Mondays & Tuesdays 8.30-8.45am Fridays
<b>Gardening Club</b>	Monday-Wednesday—first break—Years 3-6
<b>Sport</b>	Monday-Wednesday—first & second break
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	8.00am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (volunteers needed)
<b>Senior Choir</b>	Tuesdays—second break & Fridays—first break
<b>Kitchen Garden</b>	1.45-3.00pm Tuesdays (volunteers needed)
<b>Produce Stall</b>	3.00pm Tuesdays
<b>Chess Club</b>	Wednesdays—second break
<b>Japanese Cooking</b>	Wednesdays—second break, fortnightly—Year 6
<b>Japanese Club</b>	Wednesdays—second break, fortnightly
<b>Music Bus</b>	Thursdays
<b>Skipping</b>	Thursdays—first break
<b>Computer Coding</b>	Thursdays—second break & Fridays—first break
<b>Tuckshop</b>	Fridays (volunteers needed)—no tuckshop 15 Sep
<b>School Banking</b>	Fridays
<b>Swimming</b>	Fridays (in Term 4)—6 Oct to 17 Nov
<b>Interschool Sports</b>	Fridays—Years 5/6—11 August to 27 October

## JAPANESE COOKING

The fourteenth 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 Kakigoori (a shaved ice cup with raspberry or lime cordial). This popular summer treat will be **available to all students at second break for \$1 each**. Special offer: The first student to tell Miss Collins which century Kakigoori was first eaten will win a free serve!

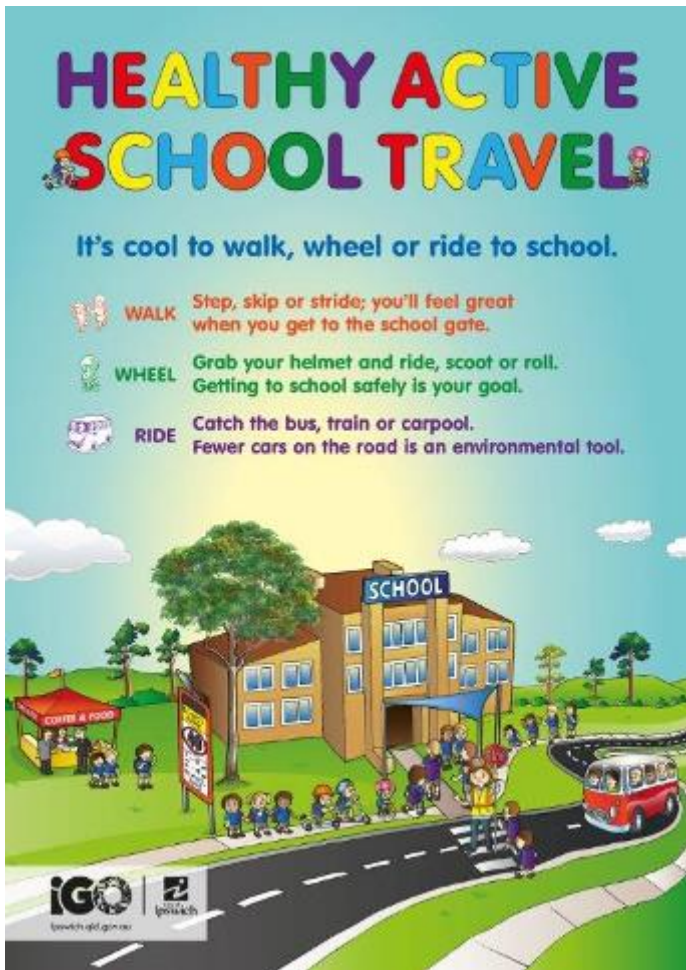


## SWIMMING PROGRAM

The HPE swimming program will be conducted in **Term 4 on Fridays at the Leichhardt pool for 7 weeks**. Lessons run for **approximately 30 minutes, commencing Friday 6 October until Friday 17 November with a swimming carnival being held on Friday 1 December**. This program is instructional and will support children who are not confident in the water and further develop skills for those children who are. Students will be instructed in small groups and assessed at the end of the year as part of their HPE reporting. It is expected that all students will participate unless a medical condition prevents this. **Please return the completed permission forms to the office by Friday 15 September (last day of Term 3). The cost for the term will be \$40. Lessons will not commence until full or part payments have been made.**



From Carlotta Graham  
Community Support Worker



### HEALTHY ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL (HAST)

Prep/1 is this term's winner of the HAST walking event with 14 students participating. Congratulations! Their reward is a shared healthy morning tea which will be held next term. Thank you to all for participating. Next term, your classes will all be in the running to win another great reward.

### UNIFORM AND RESOURCE VOUCHERS

Vouchers are still available and include a \$50 uniform voucher, a \$20 Spelling Mastery voucher and a \$14 Prep Scrapbook Writing voucher. Please make an appointment with Ms Carlotta, Mrs Weber or Mrs Meteyard to discuss and complete an eligibility form. All meetings and discussions will be confidential. Only one voucher per student within 2017 is permitted.



### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From next term, we will be publishing our school newsletter on a monthly basis. Newsletters will be distributed on the first Monday of each month.

### Thanks a bunch!

A very big THANK YOU to YATES for their generosity in supplying us with an abundance of seeds for our garden this year!



### P&C NEWS

**Family Portrait Fundraiser:** Thank you for the support from the school community. The Family Portrait Fundraiser raised \$360!



**Father's Day Stall:** Our traditional Father's Day Stall raised an amazing \$700! Thank you for the support from our staff for visiting the stall during class time and, of course, our wonderful school community.

**A special thanks to our amazing fundraising coordinator Kym Crook and her team of helpers for an awesome term of fundraising!**

**Uniform Shop:** Operating hours are Mondays & Tuesdays 2.45pm-3.15pm and Fridays 8.30am-8.45am.

**School Banking:** Don't forget School Banking day is every FRIDAY. Please hand your Dollarmites deposit wallet to your teacher for collection on your way into class. Congratulations to all students who continue to bank each Friday!



To show our appreciation we have 10 prizes to give away – that's one prize per class! All you have to do is bank each Friday. **Competition period runs from 1 September to 1 December** (excluding school holidays). Each time you bank during that time, you will automatically go in the draw.

**Next Committee Meeting: Monday 9 October 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](mailto:president.westipswichpnc@gmail.com).

### TERM 3 REWARD

The end of Term 3 party reward will be held on **Friday 15 September**. Lots of fun to be had by all involved – piñata, dancing, games and photo booth.

