

NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs Tomkins and Mrs Hobson for their excellent work over the two weeks that I was away.

BUILDING NEWS

National School Pride program

Project 1 of the NSP program should commence this weekend. This project will see new blinds in all teaching spaces in the main building.

Project 2 (enclosing the hall) has been delayed while the builders wait for the main elements for the shed to be made and delivered so that the work can proceed without interruption.

I have been notified that Dec 20 is the completion date for this project. I have not been advised of a practical start date.

Building Education Revolution

By the time that the newsletter 'goes to press' I will have had a meeting with the planning team to check on the progress of all the preliminary work required to start the new resource centre and the new performance hall.

Hopefully timelines will be emerging and I will be able to pass on more information next week.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

The best form of school security is the watchful eyes of neighbours and regular visitors to the school. Should there be a need to inform authorities of suspicious behaviours or evidence of vandalism, the best number to call is

SCHOOL WATCH
13 17 88

P&C MEETING

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday night (at the back of the Tuckshop).

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are coming, could you please e-mail pandcsecretary@ithacreess.eq.edu.au to advise of your attendance.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN

There has been a lot of work put into the development of our new Responsible Behaviour Plan.

This plan needs to be submitted to Regional Office in two weeks time.

A draft of the new plan will be available on our website shortly for viewing and comment.

While this document is comprehensive, it may not explicitly cover absolutely every behavioural possibility that could occur at school – however the intent of the document will be very clear – that is – all persons at the school have a right to feel safe, all students have a right to learn, and all persons have the right to be respected. As adults (and older students) we are aware that there are consequences (using neutral or positive) to all our behaviours and this document formalises some of the alternate consequences of poor choices.

2010 CLASSES

It is that time of the year when classes are being tentatively put together and numbers become critical.

If you have not already advised the school of your child attending another school for 2010 or if you know of families possibly enrolling here, we would greatly appreciate this information as soon as possible.

Let's have a great last 3 weeks of 2009.

Richard Nash
Principal



**NOW ENROLLING
STUDENTS
FOR 2010**

From the Deputy

JUNIOR SWIM CARNIVAL

It's one of the last of the TOWEL and TOG times for the Junior years with their swim carnival tomorrow.

We love to have parents and friends to come along and cheer but please ensure that your child remains with the class for supervision. It is important that all students be with their team to cheer on the swimmers.

DATE CLAIMERS	
NOVEMBER	
20	Junior Swim Carnival 9:00am-1:10pm
23	String Music Recruitment 5.30pm Early Years Building – Upper Ithaca/ Oakleigh/ Newmarket SS
24	P&C Meeting 7:00pm in the Tuckshop
26	Prep Experience Morning 9am-11am
DECEMBER	
03	Community Concert 5:30pm
04	Senior Swim Carnival 9:00am-3:00pm
09	Year 7 Farewell Night
January	
Wednesday 27 – Term 1 starts	
28	Cyber Bully presentation to Yrs 5, 6 and 7 students Cyber Bully evening presentation to parents TGS SHS hall

FOYER DISPLAY

5/4 and 3/2GN have had beautiful displays of Traditional Santa Sacks and Eric Carle artwork in the foyer this week.

We were entertained on assembly today by 1LC with their information and song.

VALUE of the WEEK

The Year 6 boys gave a great rendition of a song that illustrated the Value of the Week –Friendship.

Interestingly we had a good representation of students that were showing just that value on our Honour Board this week.

HONOUR BOARD

Let's celebrate some great ICSS representatives:

Luca V-K – well mannered and takes care of classmates.

Nollaig M – Maturely helping friends to mend a disagreement and get everyone back to a friendly place.

Fionn M – Picking up litter without being asked.

Connor A – Polite and respectful especially when singing the National Anthem.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

I had to double check with the boys today that I hadn't confused the fact that they had competed in yet another Triathlon. WOW!

Congratulations to Joshua S, Tyler S, Joey K and Buddy T who all competed in the Robina Triathlon last weekend.

PHONIC EAR INSTALL

I am personally very excited that ICSS's new building was supported by the P and C to have all wiring installed to support a 'sound field system' from Phonic Ear.

The School has now funded four wireless systems to be installed this weekend. We will still be utilising the two mobile Front-Row-To-Go systems that have been currently in use in the Early Years classrooms.

Further information can be found on the web at www.phonicear.com

What is a sound field system?

A sound field system is specially developed for understanding speech, and improves the sound and learning environments for everyone in the classroom.

A typical FrontRow sound field system consists of four speakers, a receiver, a wireless microphone for the teacher and a wireless pass microphone.

How does it work?

The sound field system amplifies the teacher's voice to a little above the background noise in the classroom and distributes the voice evenly around the room. Students at the back of the classroom can thus hear the teacher and the other students just as well as those at the front of the class. Now all the students can hear what is being said - and the teacher's voice does not get strained.

PREP EXPERIENCE MORNING

Next Thursday the Prep's of 2010 will be participating in a morning in the prep classrooms. Our current Preps will be visiting Mrs Law and Mrs Dore's classrooms and our current year 1's will be having a morning of looking at the 'Big' school and working with Mrs Kerr. Mrs Burke, Ms Donovan and Mrs Hickey will be looking after our new preps and their parents. We hope the morning is an exciting and enjoyable one for all. Have a great week.

Sharni Tomkins

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sports Corner

Swimming Carnivals

Swimming Carnival dates:

Junior Carnival – Fri 20th Nov (8.50am to 1.10pm)

Senior carnival – Fri 4th Dec (8.50am to 3pm)

Students need to bring everything they normally bring to swimming classes, plus plenty of water and sunscreen. Lunch and brain break arrangements are per usual.

Parents are welcome to come and support the students as they 'go for gold'!

Term 4 Sport

Inter-school sport for 2009 has now finished.

All our sports teams performed admirably throughout the year.

Special mention to the Senior Girls 'A' Softball Team that lost in a close fought grand final last week. The girls were unlucky to lose 10-11 to Payne Rd, who they had beaten 4 times previously.

Well done girls and all our sports teams!

Thanks also to all staff who coached a team and / or helped out on Friday afternoons.

Bring on 2010!

Mr Costello
P.E Teacher

From The Classroom

1LC

Ann Murray ☺
1LC Morning tea
Last Tuesday we had a morning tea in the outside area of the new building. We raised \$320 for a charity called Food Warter Shelter. All of us in 1LC invited our parents, some of our mummies did cooking. We made honey Joys, cupcakes, slice and cake, the sap, orange Juice man brought some orange Juice in. We sold \$123 raffle tickets and 17 raffle prizes.

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1LC Morning tea
Last Tuesday we had a morning tea in the outside area where we do craft. We made \$320 and pernts, kame and mad/cup kaces and sandwiches. We also had hone joys.

Do you want the School Newsletter emailed to you?

If you would like to have the Newsletter emailed to you rather than a hard copy please fill in the details below and post in the school collections box.

Please print clearly.

Parent's Name:

Email:

Georgia Wood
1LC Morning tea ☺
Last Tuesday we had a morning tea out side in the painting and craft area. We raised \$320 for a charity called Food Water Shelter. We had some mums come to do cooking and they made some cup cakes and honey joys and pasten fruit slice and sandwiges.
We sold 123 raffle ticets and we had 17 raffle prizes.

P&C NEWS

Next P & C meeting Tues 24th November 2009, 7pm in the meeting room next to the Tuckshop.

It will be the last meeting of the year. Please send your agenda items to the Janet by 20th Nov 2009. Everyone welcome.

Janet Townsend
janet@kent.com.au
 33669030/0415525576

Movie Night Silent Auction

Highest bidder for the Premium Lions tickets x 10 was Antony Dunstan. Please contact Janet on 33669030 to arrange payment and pick up of your auction prize.

A big thank you to the P&C for allowing the Swim Club to run the BBQ at the Movie Night. It certainly was a busy night and we appreciated the funds raised from this event.

Thank you also to all the school community who partook of our burgers and sausage sizzle.

Ithaca Creek Swimming Club.

P & C Buy a Paver Scheme

A unique and lasting record of your support.

Memories & milestones. Celebrate 124 years at Ithaca Creek State School.

The Paver order form is now on the school website for those who want to buy a paver to celebrate their child's time at Ithaca Creek State School.



Forms are available at the school office. Have your child's name engraved on a clay paver for \$50 a single and \$90 a double.

This shipment of pavers is closing Dec 6th so please get your order form and payment ASAP.

Any queries re pavers please contact Janet 33669030
janet@kent.com.au

ICSS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Care Coordinator: Anne Epstein
 Assistant Coordinator/Administrator: Alena Sen
 Hours: 7.00 – 8.40am & 3.00 – 6.00pm
 Vacation Care: 7.00am – 6.00pm
 Telephone: 3368 1060
 Email: ithaoshc@bigpond.net.au

Next Week's Program: Beads, Buttons and Bracelets

Monday 23/11/09	Tuesday 24/11/09	Wednesday 25/11/09	Thursday 26/11/09	Friday 27/11/09
Art and Craft Being creative with Harma beads	Art and Craft More magic with Harma beads	Art and Craft Make a bracelet for Christmas	Art and Craft .Necklace presents for Christmas	Art and Craft Learn how to sew that button back on!
Sport Circuit training with Joe	Sport Ball games Cricket	Sport Children's choice	Sport Hand ball Skipping Hula Hooping	Sport Athletics with Nicolai

Many other activities are available to entertain our OSHC children. Plus, healthy breakfast and afternoon teas are provided each day. Also during this term, the Fit Kids will be coming for Boot Camp on Mondays and the Little Accelerators will be coming on Fridays for Athletics. Both of these are part of the Active After School Care Program. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see us in the OSHC room or contact us on the numbers above.
 Anne Epstein
 Co-ordinator

Tennis Talent ID day at Marist

Pro-Am Tennis will be holding a Talent ID day for all

Boys/girls in grades 3-7 who are interested in seriously developing their tennis skills.

We will be looking for players of all levels of play who we think might have the skill and mental attitude to join into our ACX Squad training held at Marist. If you are interested, come along to the session date below, parents should also be present.

All relevant information will be given out on the day.

Where: Marist College tennis courts

When: 8am Sat 28th Nov.

Cost: free

Who: players of all levels, bring your racquet!

Please e-mail Allan Say if you intend on coming along.

allan@proamtennis.com.au

Allan Say
Head Coach
Ph: 0408 766 882

Christmas Holidays Intensive Coaching Clinics

Two Tennis Clinics will be held over the first and last week of the school holidays for Beginner and Intermediate players.

1st clinic

Where: St Josephs School courts, Cecil Rd.

When: Mon 14th - Wed 16th Dec

Times: Beginners 8 – 9am, Intermediate 9 – 10.30am

To book contact Tony on 0401 972 978 or tonydudgeon@optusnet.com.au

2nd Clinic

Where: Marist College Ashgrove courts

When: January 20th – 22nd (Wed-Fri)

Times: Beg: 8 – 9am
Int – 9 – 10.30am

Cost: Beg - \$50, Int - \$75

Coach: Courtney Mitchell - Level 2 Advanced Coach

Please book early as places are strictly limited:

Please Phone or E-mail Allan Say on:

Ph: 0408 766 882

E-mail: allan@proamtennis.com.au

www.proamtennis.com.au

Kindergarten vacancies in 2010

Tucked away in tranquil, leafy, Charlotte Street, in the heart of Paddington, C&K Paddington Community Kindergarten has celebrated 94 years of service to the Paddington community.

C & K Paddington, a branch service of C&K and centre for innovation, is housed in two beautiful, spacious buildings in the traditional Queensland style. Our children enjoy beautiful gardens, pathways, and an upgrade to our attractive playground including a sensory garden that has been designed to excite all the senses and a dry creek bed with beautiful natural wooden bridges over rocks and boulders which simply demand sensory integration. Whilst enacting C&K's Building Waterfalls highly regarded curriculum which, is underpinned by a number of high quality early childhood curricula, including the Reggio Emilia approach, we are continually exploring new and innovative ideas. C&K Paddington Community Kindergarten has vacancies for 2010. Children need to be pre prep age, i.e. born between 1/07.05 – 30/6/06. Please contact the Director, Vicki Hall on 33695460 for more information and to visit our beautiful centre.

Bardon Community Carols 2009

**Bowman Park
Simpsons Road,
Bardon**

**Sunday 6 December
5.00pm - 7.30pm**

**Everyone Welcome!
Sausage sizzle starts at 5.00pm**

**FREE family entertainment
Barnyard Babies Nursery and
a Fireworks Finale**

BYO rug or chair and your best singing voice

Bardon Anglican Church Ph: 3369 3301

www.carolsinthepark.org.au

Supported by The Lord Mayors Suburban Initiative fund & The Gap Ward office,
Andrew Fraser MP, Member for Mount Coot-tha & the Bardon Anglican Church

Join us at Australia Zoo these school holidays! If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed our hungry animals, as well as clean enclosures, produce enrichment and help out with training. It's all exclusive access and hands-on action, and a day you won't forget! Places are limited so call **07 5436 2025** to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years **Price:** \$79 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap, water bottle, lunch and a photo with one of our animals. **Duration:** 5 hours

Location: Australia Zoo **Dates:** Friday 11 - Thursday 24 December 2009 and Friday 1 - Tuesday 26 January 2010

Further details are available on our website

<http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>