

NEWSLETTER

2010 CLASSES

A reminder to everyone how we start the beginning of the new school year and how we organise classes.

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.

If you are going on a long holiday and may be returning to school AFTER February 4th, 2010 could you please send a note or an email to the school confirming your intent to continue at the school, and your expected date of return to ICSS.

Classes

The teachers are asked to indicate their suggestions for classes for the new year. To assist this task, the students are ranked in academic areas, social areas and interest areas. Some consideration is given to the teacher for the following year - if we are able to determine this at this stage of the year.

Classes are then constructed in a manner that we believe best meets the needs of your child.

If you have **educational** concerns about your child's education and placement, you are invited to pass this information on to the classroom teacher in the first instance. Children will not be sorted to friendship groups unless there is a strong educational reason for this to be considered.

The First Two weeks

For Prep and Year 1 classes, the teachers and class lists should be organised before the end of the year. Prep students moving into Year 1 in 2010 will be informed of their teacher and room on the last day of school.

Students in the Prep classes in 2010 will have the details mailed to them over the holidays.

For the other class cohorts - things were different at the beginning of this year as a few strategies to benefit learning were trialled. Feedback was passed onto us in the admin team and we will be taking this into account as next years program is finalised.

The first two weeks are a good time to determine the student's deep learning and

create a baseline against which progress throughout the year can be mapped against.

I am hoping to have further information about this process for you in next weeks newsletter.

BUILDING NEWS

National School Pride program

Project 1 of the NSP program has commenced. Most classrooms have the blinds installed. There are a few classrooms to go and this work should be finished this weekend.

Saturdays were chosen so as to provide minimum disruption to the classes.

Project 2 (enclosing the hall) has begun with the safety fences going up on Tuesday afternoon and the steel delivered yesterday. I do not yet have an expected completion date.

School assemblies will now be held under B Block for the rest of the year.

Building Education Revolution

There has been progress in the planning of the BER project.

First and foremost in importance is the Resource Centre. This project is funded first as there will be additional costs to the standard plan provided due to our site.

With the remaining funds, a performance hall will be built near the Music Room / OSHC building. At this stage, it is envisaged that the new hall will house classroom and instrumental music and accommodate strands of The Arts curriculum such as dance and drama.

INAPPROPRIATE WEB CONTENT

It was brought to my attention yesterday that there was a site on the internet that contained inappropriate material relating to a student at the school.

What I found 'curious' was that a number of students knew about the site and did not report it to an adult (either parent or teacher). I wish too commend the two students who did report the site to their parents and especially the student who reported the inappropriate content to the site webmasters.

**SCHOOL WATCH
13 17 88**

**NOW ENROLLING
STUDENTS
FOR 2010**

I would ask that each family have a discussion with their children about:

- the impact and seriousness of such actions (ie use of the internet or other electronic media to cause hurt or pain to others) and
- discuss how when inappropriate content is discovered on a website it is reported to some one.

There will be professionally delivered programs presented to the students of years 5, 6 and 7 next year around the concept of cyber bullying – what is it? What harm does it do? And other related topics.

There will also be a community information session provided for parents. The original dates we chose are no longer available and new dates have been booked in March 2010.

Further information will be provided closer to the time.

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

Richard Nash
Principal

DATE CLAIMERS	
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	

From the Deputy

JUNIOR SWIM CARNIVAL

It was fantastic to see the level of participation and enthusiasm at the Junior Swim Carnival. It is our priority to have all students involved and 'having a go'. That was certainly achieved. Thanks to Mr Costello and all the teachers that worked on the day. We had some wonderful parent and student helpers that made the carnival run smoothly. There were many comments made by both teachers and parents about the outstanding job the senior students did in assisting at the carnival. Well Done students
Time to ready ourselves for the Senior Swim Carnival now!!

From Mr Costello Junior Swimming Carnival

The Junior Swimming Carnival was held last Friday and results were:

1 st – Bowen	892 points
2 nd - Cook	703 points
3 rd - Oxley	693 points

Congratulations to the winning sports house BOWEN and all the students who tried hard for their team!

A big THANK YOU to all the staff, students and parents who made the Junior Swimming Carnival such a success!

SENIOR SWIM CARNIVAL

FROM Mr Costello
Senior Swimming Carnival details for next Friday (4th Dec) are:

8.50am Assemble at Pool	
9.00am	Welcome / Carnival start
9.05am	25m Freestyle
9.25am	50m Freestyle
9.45am	Mrs Tomkins' Ping Pong scramble
10.10am	25m Backstroke
10.30am	50m Backstroke
10.50am	Morning Tea
11.40am	25m Breaststroke
12.00am	50m Breaststroke
12.20pm	25m Butterfly

12.40pm	50m Butterfly
1.10pm Lunch	
1.50pm	4 x 25m Individual Medley
2.10pm	Bomb Dive competition
2.30pm	4 x 25m Freestyle relay
2.50pm Finish	

This program is meant as a guide only and timings and events may change if required on the day. Parents are more than welcome to come along and soak up the atmosphere!

FOYER DISPLAY

1 P/H has created a brilliant display in the foyer to highlight the teaching, learning and outcomes of their unit on Toys. I can see we have some creators of the future.
Next week we will have some highly creative art pieces from the students that participated in TGSHS extension art program.

HONOUR BOARD

The eagle eyes of staff have spotted some fantastic behaviour to celebrate.
Darcy G – bringing out the best in others
Josh L – great support at the swim carnival
3/2GN – good stair manners and beautiful smiles as they pass
Jaid I – carefully following instructions
Ned B – role model for all students and a team player
India W – willing to lend a hand to follow students
Faisal R – helping a prep student put their shoes on without being asked
Isabel F – always being happy and cheery when she passes by
Congratulations also to Brendan Fugate, an ex Ithaca Creek Student, who has become part of the leadership team for 2010 at The Gap State High School.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

The Natural Maths Competition has given us another opportunity to celebrate success. Ashleigh B, Toki O, Will T and Cameron E, who were all part of the Junior Team achieved 3rd place in the Natural Maths Competition Finals.

Last Saturday, the 14th the Ithaca Creek swimming club attended a swimming carnival at Moorooka State School and won! This is particularly impressive considering our club had the smallest team.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

The Community Concert will be held in the Quad on Thursday Dec 3 starting at 5.30pm. The Band will kick off our event and all classes are involved in items during the evening. The strings ensemble will also be entertaining us. The students are required to sit together in their class groups and an area will be marked to indicate this. No other children should be in this area. Families are encouraged to bring along blankets to sit in a 'no chairs zone' at the front of the quad and their will be 'chair area' provided at the rear. The school will be able to provide some seating but you might like to bring your own.

As the concert begins at 5.30pm it is essential that students have had their dinner before arriving. It would be a good idea for them to have a drink and nibbles to keep with them during the evening (named lunchbox/bag preferred). Students will remain with their class for the evening.

Mr Peter Waycott is supplying and organising our sound systems. We are extremely thankful for this support. As it is an outdoor event, and the equipment we are using is extremely costly, we will be forced to cancel should there be the threat of rain.

PREP EXPERIENCE MORNING

Congratulations to Mrs Burke, Ms Donovan, Mrs Hickey and all our other staff that helped to organise and run our Prep experience morning this morning. We had a huge number of students attend and there were lots of happy and excited faces (both parents and students) as they received their special momento of the day.

It was so beautiful to see 2010 Preps in their uniforms already – so keen.

Thanks also to Tracey and her band of helpers in the uniform shop and tuckshop – it would not have been as a successful morning without our dedicated volunteers.

It was a very busy morning and a very successful one.

Last but not least we would like to thank the Year 7 students who assisted in the classroom, helping direct parents and setting up for brain break. The Year 7's did an exceptional job and are really doing our school proud in their leadership roles.

Sharni Tomkins

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A word from your GEM (Gifted Education Mentor)

I was asked this week if there are any support networks in Brisbane for gifted students, and for the families of gifted students. The first port of call is undoubtedly the Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented children.

The QAGTC is a 'volunteer-based organisation dedicated to supporting gifted children, their families and their teachers'. Activities include: regular activities for gifted children; meetings for parents; and workshops on a range of topics related to giftedness, including two annual conferences in Brisbane. One conference is for gifted children, one is for teachers and parents. I have attended two of these and found them very worthwhile. They also have a resource library, and undertake 'advocacy for advancing the cause of gifted children within communities, schools, education systems and government'.

Website: www.qagtc.org.au/

Contact details: 282 Stafford Rd, Stafford.

PO Box 3246, Stafford DC, Qld 4053

Telephone: (07) 3352 4288 - Fax: (07) 3352 4388 – Email: office@qagtc.org.au

If you believe your child may be gifted, or would like further information on any item in this column, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Susan Hobson

Class Teacher/ Gifted Education Mentor

shobs9@eq.edu.au

Year Seven Farewell

The Year 7s are all very busy preparing for their big night on the 9th December. If you are planning on coming – and we would love to see you – please note the start time is 6.00 p.m.

From The Classroom - 1/PH

This term 1/P H students have been using their imagination and creativity to make sense of the designed world as they investigate 'toys' used in the past, present and future. They have developed an understanding of the different forms of energy which makes some toys move and have also developed a greater understanding of the variety of materials and resources used in creating toys. Several essential questions we discussed in class included:

- Why are some toys different?
- How do toys move?
- What is a procedural text?
- What purpose does technology play?

The class was then challenged to design, plan and construct their own moving toy. They were required to follow a procedural framework to describe their process, including illustrations, labeling and text boxes. Several of their fantastic creations are on display in the school foyer, including Harry Skinner's '*Marvelous Toy*'. The focus of their challenge was to explore technology through their active thinking processes stimulated through substantive conversations and exposure to ideas.

We have enjoyed the experience and to finalise this unit of work we will be constructing a '*go-cart*' under the guidance of Lillee's dad Tony.

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:

P&C NEWS

P&C Volunteers Morning Breakfast and Swim

Sunday 6th December 2009
at Ithaca Creek State School Pool
from 8.30am – 11.30am.

For catering purposes can you please contact Janet Townsend on janet@kent.com.au or 3366 9030 if you will be attending.

P & C Buy a Paver Scheme

We need to get more paver orders before we can send in the order. If you haven't put your order in it is **not** too late.

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: Painting, Pictures and Play Dough

Monday 30/11/09	Tuesday 1/12/09	Wednesday 2/12/09	Thursday 3/12/09	Friday 4/12/09
Art and Craft Painting signs for our Christmas party	Art and Craft Making a display for our photos	Art and Craft Play dough creations	Art and Craft Paint, draw a picture or play with dough!	Art and Craft Let's do some Christmas cooking!
Sport Circuit training with Joe	Sport Red Rover Free play	Sport Capture the flag Ball games	Sport Cricket Games with hula hoops	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 Circuit Training 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

THE GAP HIGH UNIFORM SHOP & STATIONERY SHOP OPENING HOURS

For the information of parents of 2010 Year 8 students -

The Gap High Uniform Shop opening hours, until the end of this term, are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15 am - 9.00 am.

Additional opening hours at the beginning of 2010 will be:

Monday 11 January to Saturday 16 January from 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Monday 18 January to Saturday 23 January from 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Monday 25 January, (closed Australia Day 26 January),

Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and

Friday 29 January from 8:15 am – 10.00 am

Yr 8 Book Packs can also be collected at the times above.

AST NEWS

It's time to celebrate! Next Wednesday 1 December, we'll reward all the active travellers with a treat from the tuckshop. The teachers will hand out all the AST cards (whether completed or not) and the kids can present them to at the tuckshop at first break to claim their icy cool reward.

A huge thank you must go to all the Mums and Dads and teachers for support AST and helping us achieve a 70% participation rate on walking, wheeling Wednesdays. Well done! Thanks also to the BCC and Cr Geraldine Knapp for initiating and funding this worthwhile program.

Some highlights of the year have been

- Two Big Brekkies for active travellers
- Installation of the new, secure bike cage
- The fabulous BCC bike skills course
- The RACQ road safety education sessions
- The Citybus orientation visit
- The road safety visits and prize giveaways by Roadstar
- The bike giveaway
- The collating of data and marking out of the park n' stride points by the year sevens as part of their real life maths program
- The implementation of the Stop, Drop and Go zones.

Behind the scenes we have had an opportunity to discuss traffic and road safety issues with the Council. This has resulted in a longer lag phase at the traffic lights on Lugg St, giving more time for pedestrians to cross safely. Next year we hope to put some "school zone" signage on Primrose, Arthur and Kennedy Terraces.

Most importantly, we have had our kids experience the fun of walking and wheeling to school.

Next year we can tailor the program to our school and fine tune the system a little provided we have some willing parents and teachers to combine forces and make it happen. Stay tuned, till next year and have a great Christmas Break.

Eva King
AST Parent Representative

Lost property

Molly Lowry has lost her school uniform at the swimming carnival last week. If anybody has picked it by mistake could you please drop it into the office. The items were 1 skort size 6-8 and 1 maroon top either size 8 or 10.

Wanted Tiles

We are wanting yellow, orange or red tiles for the mosaic. If anybody has any tiles or coloured glass please see Christine Lowry.



Bardon Community Carol 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

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