12 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and care-givers,

On Tuesday this week, we will acknowledge and celebrate the academic success of the students in Semester 1. These ceremonies are always a pleasure to participate in as we share this ceremony with the family and friends who are the key partners in this success. Congratulations to all the students who are recognised in this ceremony and especially to the six students who received the Principal’s Medal for their excellence.

Term 3 continues to rush by and we have welcomed and farewelled the visitors from the Nerima City Schools for another year. The visit and the homestay experiences for the Japanese students and our students is a yearly highlight. I would like to thanks all the students and their families who hosted the 13 students again this year. It was a real pleasure for the school to host the Nerima Farewell Dinner on behalf of all the Ipswich schools and the council. This is always a fantastic evening and the student performances and slides shows give everyone an insight into the life in Japanese schools.

Congratulations to the players and coaches who participated in the Qld Schools Volleyball Cup in Toowoomba on the weekend. The school had 3 teams competing in this competition and the Year 10 boys team was successful in winning Gold Medal in their division. Both girls teams played very well and placed 4th and 6th in their divisions. All students represented the school with absolute distinction and were great ambassadors for our school at this tournament. Thank-you to the staff who gave up their weekend and travelled to and from Toowoomba each day for this tournament.

I recently spoke to all students on our Tuesday assembly and stressed the importance of the students being prepared for every lesson, every class, every day. It is absolutely vital that students arrive at class with all resources required for them to be an effective, participating student in the lesson. These resources are provided by the family and the home. It is vital that parents converse regularly with their student, understand and engage in the work units they are currently studying, and ensure that they have all the resources required for them to be active participants in the learning process. These discussions and talk around the class work and topics being undertaken helps your student to organise their thoughts, clarify their thinking and reinforce their learning’s. These discussions are a vital part of the education of your child. Showing that you value the learning of your student increases the value of everything they engage in at school.

Llew Paulger
PRINCIPAL

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UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

From time to time family circumstances change, for example, custody issues, addresses, new phone numbers and emergency contacts.

It is critical that the school has the correct information on students. The school will not release a student to someone who is not listed as a contact on our system. Please ensure your emergency contact details are correct.
Attached is a Change of Details Form, please complete and return to Student Office with accurate information if your circumstances have changed.

YEAR 10 SET PLAN INTERVIEWS

During Term 3, all Year 10 students will complete their SET Plan. The SET Plan is designed to map each student’s learning pathway through the Senior Phase of Learning (Years 11 / 12).

The SET Plan Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, 28 August 2014. The interview takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and is conducted between the teacher, student and parents. During the interview, the subject selection for Years 11 / 12 will be completed.

Normal classes (for Year 10 students only) will be cancelled on this day.

Students will be required to attend school only for their scheduled SET Plan appointment. Bookings can be completed online via the Parent-Teacher Booking System available on the school’s website from 3 pm Monday, 19 August 2014. You will receive a letter that outlines the booking instructions and identifies the teacher who will be conducting the interview.

We look forward to meeting with you during the SET Plan process.

If you have any questions or queries about the SET Plan interview, please contact me on 3432 1222

Belinda Walker
Deputy Principal

YR 8 INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Year 8 Woods house took out the inaugural inter-house competition!

Congratulations to all Year 8 students who participated in the first inter-house competition. With great representation from all house groups, some great games were hard fought throughout the playoffs. Woods defeated Rice in the final, with a ‘buzzer-beater’ in the last few seconds.

Thanks must go to our captains and sports prefect, Rikihana H, John P and Aaron P for their involvement in organising the games each day. We look forward to the next round of competition in Term 3.

Tanya Webber
Year 12 Co-ordinator

ATTENTION YEAR 9 PARENTS (GIRLS)

Concerning the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (spinal curvature)

Please go to the website for more information at www.scoliosis-australia.org

UNIFORM SHOP

Students/Parents wanting to purchase Dri Fit Polo and Micro Fibre Shorts for Year 9 - 2015, these uniforms have been reduced in the Uniform Shop to $28.50 for the Dri Fit Polo and $20.50 for the Micro Shorts. On sale until stocks sell out.

New School Hats

The new school bucket hats and caps have arrived in the uniform shop. There is plenty of stock available at the moment but they are selling very well so don’t miss out. Prices are $13.50 for a bucket hat and $17.50 for a cap.

Uniforms for 2015 Year 7 and 8 students, will be available from the middle of November.

2014 RACQ ALL SCHOOLS PEDAL PRIX

A big congratulation to all teams who competed in this year’s RACQ All Schools Pedal Prix competition at Willowbank Raceway on Thursday, 31 July. The competition is a three hour endurance race on recumbent tricycles. The aim is to keep the trike doing laps of a 400m course in teams of 8 (six riders and 2 pit crew). The team with the most laps at the end of the three hours wins.

This year our SEP entered three teams into the Junior SEP division coming away with 1st and 2nd place as well as receiving the Best Pit Crew Award for the entire day (out of about 25 teams). Our winning team thrashed out an incredible 137 laps in three hours which was an incredible lead of 14 laps.

The Pedal Prix event relies heavily on strong teamwork and communication skills and our three teams certainly showed that on the day – coming away with outstanding results was just a bonus!
ARE YOU A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOUR SCHOOL HAD RUBBISH EVERYWHERE?

If food scraps and rubbish are left lying around on the ground, seats and tables of your school, have you ever thought of the consequences? Particularly in Australia where our weather is warm and damp even in winter.

It would rot and a lot of germs will grow on it. If people, cockroaches, rats or mice touch that rubbish they can then get disease-causing germs on them. Then, anything they touch will get germs. It becomes a cycle of germs being passed on.

Diseases caused by germs that are common are Salmonella, Staphylococcal food poisoning, Skin infections, Tetanus (which are Bacterial) Hepatitis A, Gastroenteritis, Encephalitis and Ross River Virus (Viral Disease) Hookworm, thread worm and round worm. (Parasitic Disease)

Rubbish should never be left lying around for the following reasons.

Flies which breed in rubbish can carry disease-causing germs. Cockroaches breed in rubbish and carry disease-causing germs and Mosquitoes can breed in water trapped in old containers left lying around can also pass on disease-carrying germs.

So for your health and the peoples who share your school health! Remember to put your rubbish in the bin.

The following information was sourced from 2 Rubbish and Disease


School Nurse
Justine Coulson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Raiders Softball Club Registration Days

2014 / 2015 Season, Saturday, 16 August
Time: 12pm – 4pm
At: Softball Fields Moreton Avenue
Redbank Plains (Adjacent Kevin Bull Soccer Fields)

Sunday, 17 August
Time: 10am – 2pm
At: Foodworks Redbank Plains

Children, Women and Men's fun and fitness for all ages

Enquires
Brett – President – 0412 233 813
Chris – Secretary – 0403 732 104
Rachael – Registrar – 0416 073 211