From the Principal’s desk ….

Many of you that have visited the school recently would have noticed a considerable amount of work has been done to the new building. Last week we witnessed the ground floor slab being poured, this required the contents of 15 concrete trucks throughout the day. With the slab in position the block layers got to work and have nearly complete the external walls to the bottom floor and lift well. Today we have scaffolders onsite erecting the scaffolding that will allow work to start on the 2nd floor. The project manager is working hard at ensuring the completion time is still somewhere close to the start of Term 4.

Many of our students currently use the Picture Exchange Communication system (PECs) to enable them to communicate. We have had several staff, both teachers and teacher aides, trained in facilitating PECs within their classes. We would like to organise a meeting of parents across all 3 Special Schools in Ipswich to explain more about the PECs program and how we might be able to assist parents in using this at home as well as school. We envisage an evening meeting so that at least one parent can attend, We can also provide information in home parents may access formal training if they so desire. I will keep you posted as to proposed dates of this information evening.

Many of our parents may not remember the days of school banking. It was recently brought to my attention that this was still available to school throughout Queensland via the Commonwealth Bank. The program is set up so that students learning the value of saving and budgeting for future expenses. As a school we are keen to establish school banking here at our school. It can be linked with classroom learning as it fits nicely within the maths units many of our students participate in. There is no set amount a student must bank nor it be a regular occurrence. I have attached an expression of interest form for you to return to that we can see in there is enough interest to pursue this.

Just a reminder that it is very important to label any clothing your child wears to school with their name. Students often come to school in jumpers and remove them during the day and like most kids they will drop them where they remove them.

Andrew Thompson.
Principal
LP1

This fortnight has been action packed. We have concluded our assessments and are now back to our normal routine. This week has been very exciting as we have had two birthdays! Our youngest class member, James has just turned five and our youngest at heart Teacher Aide Lynda has just celebrated another year wiser! Happy Birthday to James and Lynda! The next fortnight we will be winding down as everyone is probably very ready for a break. We will be working on our colours and some favourite songs and stories. All the best for the week ahead!

LP1, Miss Ish, Miss Lynda and Miss Susan.

LP2

LP2 has had a busy fortnight. We started going to the Leichhardt Park for our gross motor program. We have had lots of fun but it is hard work building up our muscles. Last week we made our own pasta. We really enjoyed mixing the pasta and rolling it through the pasta machine but best of all was when we got to eat it. Last week we learnt about the letter ‘o’ and we made some beautiful octopuses. We had to staple on 8 legs and glue on 2 eyes. We think they look fantastic. This week we will be making umbrellas for the letter ‘u’.

Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

LP3

Lower Primary Three have been busy revising all of the work we have learnt this term. We have been practising visiting our pretend shop ready for when we have morning tea at the café on Monday 23rd of June. We have been reading a social story called ‘At the Shops’. This story is teaching us what to do when we go to the shops to buy something. For example, we need to say ‘hello’ to the shop keeper when we enter the shop. LP3 are really looking forward to visiting the café. Please remember to send in your permission form and money with the food highlighted on the café menu that you would like your child to purchase.

Miss Kristy, Miss Sarah, Mr David, Melissa and Fiona

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

A very BIG thankyou to our school community for supporting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea by Raising Your Cup to help beat cancer! After deducting money for costs incurred we were able to hand over a total amount of $270.20 to the Cancer Council.

Thank you family and friends.
Health & Well Being Team
UP1

Upper Primary 1 has been working hard on their communication and social interaction with other students. They are enjoying the soccer sessions that happen each Thursday afternoon. With not much time left till the end of term the students are finishing off activities and revising concepts learnt over the term.

Miss Naomi, Kathy and Belinda.

UP2

During this semester Upper Primary 2 has been working very hard to build their descriptive vocabulary and sentence writing ability. We begin the week writing a simple compound sentence using words to describe an object by colour and texture. Since we are very active learners we construct the sentence each morning on large pieces of paper on the floor.

Sentence construction

By the end of the week we transfer our knowledge to paper and writing our sentences using the "Clicker Sentences" App. We are getting very good at writing our stories this way.

Axel's story

Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP3

In English the students will be writing about the Soccer World Cup in Brazil. They will be learning about Brazil; where it is and what makes it different from Australia. They will also find out about the other countries which are in the same group as Australia and write about their culture and key facts. In Maths the students are creating a growing pattern with materials. They are identifying and describing number sequences presented as growing linear pattern. They are also predicting what comes next and extend the pattern.

Sarah, Anthea, Margaret & Susan
**UP4**

UP4 has had a really successful Term and Semester. We have had new students join your class and have done our best to show them how to be safe, respectful learners. The boys have been learning about Celebrations and Commemorations in History and have understood the difference between the two. They have completed their assessments for the term and have honestly worked hard this semester. The behaviours in our class are improving every day and the boys need less reminders as the time goes on. Thanks to parents and carers for helping us with this by teaching the boys what is respectful and appropriate behaviour. We have an exciting last week of Term, the boys have an Indoor Soccer Carnival and more fun activities lined up at school. Have a safe and restful holiday everyone.

Miss Neve, Debbie and Gwen

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**LS1**

Students in Junior Secondary 1 have been working very hard at up-skilling their ICT knowledge. Every student has his/her own username and password. They will be emailing a letter to the principal telling him about the stories they’ve read and how these stories have impacted them. Some students are working very hard at creating their own story books on Book Creator. These stories will be published and you will get a chance to read them. Thank you for your support throughout this semester.

Mrs. Singh, Carol & Kylie

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**LS2**

We have had a lot to do these past two weeks. We went to Coles to get our groceries that we need for this week’s cooking. We are cooking pumpkin soup and potato and leek soup. We are going to sell these soups with fresh bread to teachers and teacher’s aides at our school. The money we will raise will go towards our camp. Before we went shopping we went to the Ipswich Library and borrowed some books. Some of us bought lunch from the shops and some brought lunch from home. We all had a picnic lunch at Queens Park. In history we have been learning about the past and some famous historical women like Jean Shrimpton who helped change woman’s fashion by going to the Melbourne Cup races in 1965 wearing a mini dress and wearing no stockings, gloves or hats which was frowned upon and Amelia Earhart who was the first female pilot who flew solo over the Atlantic Ocean. This was a time when flying was not popular. In maths we have been learning fractions. In Art we have been continuing with our journal books. In drumming we have had fun learning new rhythms. P.E we have been playing soccer and learning new ball skills. Some of us went to Claremont to play soccer with Claremont school. This was really fun; we saw some of our old friends there. We are learning our end of year song and its coming along GREAT!

Sheridan, Kea-Lee, Courtney, Tiffany, Vanessa, Keeley, Stephanie, Kimberley
LS3

Everything is going great in LS3! We are in the process of finishing our units of work so we are very busy. In science, we have constructed sundials as part of our investigation of shadows in relation to Earth's rotation. These sundials were surprisingly accurate and told the time accurately to within a half an hour. A job well done to our young astronomers! In English we have finally transferred our storyboards to the iPads using the Book Creator application. It's been fun to watch our storyboards come to life with the addition of sound effects and text. We are in for a real treat when these are all finished! In maths we are working very hard at identifying, counting and sorting money to 100 dollars. Working with money isn't always easy but our progress has been steady and we're all doing a fantastic job. In history we have nearly completed our historical narratives about figures from Ipswich history. In groups the students are investigation one of the following people: Lewis Thomas, Samuel Shenton or John Panton. Part this task involves our trip to the Ipswich General Cemetery over the coming week. We are very excited about our upcoming fishing trip to College's Crossing. The final skill to practise is learning to bait our hooks. Then we are ready to go! Also, good luck to our classmate, Michael Conroy, who is leaving for Italy on holiday next week. Good luck and have fun, Michael, we will all miss you!

Mr. Tom, Miss Margaret, Miss Rhonda, Miss Justine

ART STUDIO

The Art room has continued to be a "buzz of creativity" and productiveness to finish off a fantastic first semester. Students are still on a high from the success of the Art Auction, and have been working hard on completing their art projects ready for assessment. We are seeing many great examples of what our students can achieve.

Art is an important part of our schools curriculum and learning. It not only teaches our students the essential elements of art and how to draw and paint. But also provides them with an opportunity for self-expression and experimentation, which builds confidence and a strong sense of accomplishment in their creative and personal achievements.

The Art team continues to be proud of our students and looks forward to more fantastic Art in Semester 2!!

From the Art Team - Miss Sarah, Miss Sheryl, Miss Justine and Miss Rhonda
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

The last 2 weeks we have produced some wonderful dishes from the SAKGP kitchen. JS1 made pizza, including the bases and the tomato sauce, and roasted various vegetables to have as toppings. They also learnt all about “leavening” agents like yeast, baking powder and bi-carb. JS1 have been looking at unprocessed or natural foods, and why these are more healthy than highly processed foods. They also did some research into various types of nuts, where they grow and what nutrients and vitamins they contain.

The last 2 weeks have been very productive in the garden. Our herb garden has really grown, Miss Helen has used some basil, parsley, and chives for pizzas. The arbour is finished and the passionfruit vine has started to take hold, we also have mushrooms, potato and broccoli plants starting to produce. All students are learning about herb identification at the moment. It’s great to see such positive participation in the garden.

Melissa

New Building Progress