Message from the Principal, Mrs Jody Stehbens

Good Results from School Reading Assessments in Term 1

Over the term, there has been very good improvement in reading levels from Years 1 to Year 5. (Other year levels are still being assessed) Year 1 and Year 2 students increased their reading levels by an average of 3 levels in Term 1, with some students moving between 6-13 levels. Students in Years 3, 4 & 5 have averaged a move of 2 levels which is also commendable as the reading is more difficult and the distance between the levels is greater. Our targeted focus on reading is showing significant improvement for our students. Intervention groups support students who are still developing reading skills and other target groups support students who need extension.

Technology upgrade for Kruger

Over the past 2 years we have been working on a plan for the roll out of increased opportunities for our students to engage with technology. Our Deputy Principal Mr Smith, with the support of some staff is responsible for the significant improvements in technology across the school in a very short time period.

Library Lab

We have recently set up another computer lab in the library. It has 16 computers and is available to students for class work and at lunch times. This additional lab gives us 3 computer labs- one lab is in the hall, another is in Block 2.

New Interactive White Boards

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes now have interactive white boards rather than just data projectors. The old white boards have been added to the library, break out rooms and to the Block 2 computer lab.

IPad Trial for Prep, EALD and Special Education Students

We are preparing for a trial of iPads in Prep, EALD and SEU programs. Training for some teachers has begun and some iPads have been purchased. This trial will be rolled out for the remainder of the year.

Information Session for Students and Parents – High School In 2015

As the current Year 6 and Year 7 students will be going to High School in 2015 Redbank Plains High School staff will be visiting Kruger to talk with our Years 5, 6 & 7 students in Week beginning 26 May 2014. There will be more information ASAP.

If you have any questions about the Year 6 & 7 students going to High School please do not hesitate to contact me or the High School that your child will be attending.

Clubs at Lunch Time

At present we have several Lunch time Clubs operating. We have a games club in the library run by Brian - a volunteer. Mrs Day is continuing the beading Club due to popular demand and Miss Mc Shane had a music club preparing for a performance at the next Whole School Parade later in the term. Chappy Dave has games in the playground and Mrs Ballinger our Guidance Office has a Play Club for our junior school students.

Successful Student Council – Superhero Day

On Friday 9th May, the Student Council held the first free dress day of 2014. The theme was ‘Superheroes and Villains’. Lots of Kruger students came dressed as their favourite hero or villain and as a result we raised over $500 for the Student Council to buy important resources for our school.

Well done everyone who participated (including teachers).

On behalf of the Student Council, we thank you for making our free dress day such a fun and enjoyable occasion. Michael Hamilton

Staff Member on Leave

Ms Tara Bardon our Prep E teacher will be leaving to have her baby on Thursday 16 May 2014. We wish Tara well with her new baby and thank her for the work she has done with our Prep E students.

Mrs Brooke Marwood will be the new teacher for Prep E. Mrs Marwood has been working in the school this year and is very familiar with our programs and routines. She has been involved with the targeted reading programs in the junior school and she already knows most of the junior school students.
Parent teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents who took the opportunity to attend Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have not had an interview there is always an opportunity for you to talk with the teacher at other agreed times. Please make an appointment so the teacher can be prepared for the chat.

Teenagers / Adults using the Toilets while on School Grounds – an important reminder

A reminder to all adults, who need to use the toilets while in the school grounds, you need to come to the office to get a key to the staff toilets or use the toilets in the administration block. It is not appropriate for teenagers or adults to use the student’s toilets.

NAPLAN Testing

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.


If you have any concerns, please contact Kruger State School on 3814 9333.

Focus On - A Flying Start for Queensland Children

Queensland’s education system is changing for the better for our students. From 2015 Year 7 will become the first year of high school. It is a significant reform that will benefit students at all Queensland schools.

We have consulted widely before introducing this positive change. It follows the successful introduction of a Prep year in 2007. In 2008 the Year 1 entry age was raised by six months, bringing Queensland in line with other states.

By 2015 more than half the students in Year 7 will be turning 13. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide.

Introducing a Prep year has meant our students have gained an extra year of schooling. By 2015 Queensland Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school and this is the right year for high school to begin.

Also, from 2012 Queensland has adopted the new Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics and science. Our Year 7 students at high school will have access to the specialist resources they need, including science labs and science teachers.

What we will do:

- There will be a strong emphasis on pastoral care for our students, and parents will be encouraged to become even more involved in their student’s schooling in the high school years.
- State school teachers will be supported through a comprehensive professional development program and scholarships for further training to support moving Year 7 to high school. Extra funding that Catholic and independent schools will receive may also be used for professional development.
- The government will provide additional funding to upgrade facilities at state, catholic and independent schools to ensure classrooms and other learning environments are the best they can be, and give students the learning opportunities they need.
- Moving Year 7 to high school is part of wider improvements to our education system. From 2013, Years 8 and 9 will become Junior Secondary in all state schools, with Year 7 becoming part of Junior Secondary in 2015. Catholic and independent schools will decide how their Years 7, 8 and 9 will be structured.
- We will increase support for families living in rural and remote parts of the state. This includes increasing the Living Away From Home Allowance for eligible Year 7 students to the secondary student rate.
- The government will establish a reference group to investigate the funding needs for boarding schools in the light of demand for boarding school places.
- Before 2015, we will pilot Year 7 in up to 20 state high schools.

Visit www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au to find out more.
Tomorrow’s Queensland: strong, green, smart, healthy and fair.

“As our Year 7s move into high school having a higher level of independence with more specialized subjects, pastoral care and support is critical.”

Focus On – Allergy Week

Allergy week runs from 12 – 18 May. The theme for this year is ‘Be Aware. Show you Care’. At Kruger State School, we have a number of students who have allergies ranging from mild to serious. Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, and 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

The following is a brief description of the reactions that some people may have:

MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of the face, lips and eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- Stomach pain, vomiting

SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION (Anaphylaxis)

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling/tightness of the throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse

If your child has allergies, please ensure that the school is aware of this and has a current Action Plan.

For more information, please go to www.foodallergyaware.com.au and read the fantastic resources that are available.

Important Dates

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Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme 2014 - Prep to Year 7

Years P – 3 $100.00 per year
Years 4 – 7 $60.00 per year

Please ensure your payments are up-to-date.

Money Due:

- 2nd instalment of $25.00 by Friday, 2 May 2014 (now overdue)
- 3rd instalment of $25.00 by Friday, 25 July 2014

Our Website www.krugerss.eq.edu.au has the Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme Forms for 2014 for you to access. Once you have entered the Website, select Support and resources (top far right), Forms and documents (Left), Documents (bottom left). Select Resource and textbook hire scheme documents (Yellow folder). Now you can select the appropriate year level form for 2014.

Centrelink Deductions for the Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme is now available. If you wish to participate, please complete a Centrelink Deduction form at the office and we will fax it directly to Centrelink.

We ask that the Centrelink Form be sent through our office to ensure that monies are correctly deducted from your account. Please advise the office as soon as possible if you have already sent the form to Centrelink.

Physical Education 2014

Some provisional date claimers for the year are as follows;

Central Districts Cross Country – 2 May at Woodcrest College

We had a fantastic result at the District Cross Country. In fact it was one of our best results that I can remember. On the day we finished 5th out of 19 schools and 3rd in the A division. We have five students going to the regionals later in the month. Congratulations go to all runners and a big thank you to all of our parents and supporters on the day.
Well done to Deng M, Graham K, Sam L, Jenifer A and Charity A for their top six finishes and selection in the regional team, we wish you well at the next level. We also had many students finish in the top 10. Once again what a terrific job and well done all runners.

**Season 1 Sport (Girls’ and Boys’ Rugby League, Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer and Netball)**

- Gala Day 1 – 30 May, Gala Day 2 - 6 June and Gala Day 3 – 13 June
- Senior Athletics Carnival – 18 June - at Kruger State School

**Season 2 Sport (Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball, Boys’ and Girls’ Touch and Boys and Girls AFL)**

- Week 1 – August 1, Week 2 – August 8, Week 3 – August 15 and Week 4 – August 22
- Central District Athletics Carnival – 4 & 5 August

**Season 3 Sport (Boys’ and Girls’ Tee-Ball, Boys’ and Girls’ Softball and Cricket)**

- Week 1 – October 17, Week 2 – October 24, Week 3 – October 31, Week 4 – November 7 and Week 5 – November 14
- Junior (Prep – Year 3) Sports Day and Cross Country will be in Terms 3 and 4 respectively, with final dates to be arranged.

**As quotes for Mid-Year and Summer Sport are yet to be finalised, a rough guide to the costs are as follows:**

- Winter Gala Days will be $19.50, Mid-Year Sport @ $30 - $34 and Summer Sport @ $35 - $42.

Students playing rugby league this year are advised that the safety guidelines recommend students wear a mouth guard while playing and training. We thoroughly recommend that these guidelines are followed for student safety. The school has a limited supply of mouth guards for sale if any student needs one. These can be purchased at the office for $5.00 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

**In physical education classes, students will be learning the following:**

- **Year 7** – European Handball, Golf, Badminton, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
- **Year 6** – Badminton, Golf, Lacrosse, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
- **Year 5** – Hockey, AFL, Basketball, Athletics, T-ball and Netball
- **Year 4** – Hockey, Touch Rugby Union, Basketball, Athletics, T- Ball and Netball

I look forward to another very productive and rewarding year.

**Yours in sport**

**Gavin McLeod**

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**P&C & Tuckshop News**

**P&C**

The P&C and Student Council School Disco will be held on Friday 23 May 2014. Pre-sold tickets will be for sale only (No tickets available on the night of disco). Theme and details will be advised in a flyer and sent home with your child soon.

**Tuckshop News**

If you have a large order, please supply two paper bags or you can purchase them from the Tuckshop for 10 cents each. All orders are to be placed before 9.30am.

If, for some reason, your child doesn’t have lunch, we will supply a sandwich with the following tasty spreads (Jam/ Vegemite). The Tuckshop will then send an Invoice home for the value of $2.00.

**Uniform Shop**

**Operating Hours**

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3 month Lay–By Available (payable with small deposit) must be paid in full before uniforms are released.

Please Note: No uniforms will be sold in the mornings, so please don’t get upset when we refuse to serve you.

**Math Books & Stationery Supplies**

As we know our students love the subject Maths, we are catering for their love of this subject. We have a stock of 10mm grid books for the following Year Levels 4-7. Price will be 70 cents each (cheaper than the Newsagents).

They will be in stock right through the year; also we will have the following in stock as well:

- Spare Pencils
- Rubbers
- Pencil Sharpeners

**Student Banking**

**Money, Money, Money**

Student Banking has commenced again, so please drop off bank books to the Tuckshop any time of the day. There are new prizes available, so when you reach your 10 tokens… SURPRISE TIME…. If anyone needs information regarding banking, please call in and talk to FLO (Tuckshop Convenor).

We are hoping to reach 250+ children banking this year. (Minimum banking can be 20 cents a week). But boy, the money soon adds up.

Everyone please get behind the P & C and Support your Children Education. Hope everyone has GREAT year.

**Florence Scott**

*(Tuckshop Convenor)*
Donations of Preloved Kruger SS Uniforms

We are in great need of preloved Kruger SS uniforms to be held at the office for emergencies. If you have any uniforms available, we would be grateful if you could please donate them to the school. We would appreciate donations of clean uniforms, any sizes, as some student may need to change into these uniforms if required. Thank you for your assistance.

Staying Safe around Bats

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or flying fox that is hurt call:

• RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
• Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
• your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.

Head Lice

It has come to our attention that we currently have a number of cases of head lice in the school.

Some parents in each class are being very responsible by checking and treating their children regularly, but this is only effective if EVERY child is checked and treated, as well as other members of the family.

The Health Department advises that it is the parents' responsibility to detect and treat head lice infestations.

Teachers and Child Health Nurses are not expected to do head inspections as this is not part of their duties.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND TREAT PROMPTLY IF YOU FIND EGGS (NITS) OR LICE.

In the event that it comes to our attention that a child has head lice, we need to act in accordance with departmental policy. This requires us to contact parents to ask for prompt attention to treatment. **Children who have head lice do not need to be excluded from school if correct treatment has been recently applied.**

School Safe – Ipswich City Council

**Your Child’s Safety is our Priority!!**

Ipswich City Council proactively monitors parking at schools to help improve your child’s safety.

Council’s ‘Safe parking at Schools’ initiative aims to ensure people park safely and legally, improving community safety through education of your school community rather than focusing on enforcement.

The initiative also includes the use of Patrolling Officers, Automatic Numberplate Recognition camera cars and remote movement activated cameras to capture parking offences.

Safe and legal parking is generally located within 300m of a school.

Please drive and park safely around your school – **It’s your child’s safety.**

Council works with your school through the Healthy Active School Travel program to encourage families to walk and cycle to and from school and improve health and road safety.

For more information about safe travel routes contact your school or contact Ipswich city Council on (07) 3810 666.

MiYoga

Does an 8 week mindfulness yoga program, “MiYoga”, enhance cognitive functions such as attention, physical strength, behaviour and emotional control in children with cerebral palsy? MiYoga incorporates a family centered approach to therapy by inviting a caregiver to participate alongside their child. We will also want to see if MiYoga can relieve caregiver stress and improve parent child relationship.

We are looking for children with diplegia or hemiplegia cerebral palsy, aged 6-16 years old, who can walk independently or with a gait aid (GMFCS I-III) and one of their caregivers.

For more information please see flyer attached and webpage:


**You may also contact the MiYoga study co-ordinator:**

Catherine Mak (Psychologist and Yoga Teacher)

*Email:* c.mak@uq.edu.au

*Ph:* 3646 5539 or 3646 5361

Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

**Are you experiencing problems with your child’s eating and mealtime behaviour?**

Eating and mealtime problems in children are common and can be improved. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a brief parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child’s eating, and you can be involved!
The Hassle Free Mealtimes Triple P program involves attending a one-off 2-hour group session, which will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips and strategies for dealing with problem eating and improving their child’s mealtime behaviour.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child and are concerned about your child’s feeding and mealtime behaviour, we would love to hear from you!

Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P has already been trialled successfully in a longer format. The current study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will be made available to participants.

Visit this website to get involved:
http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/mealtimes/DrAlinaMorawska

Kirstyn Laurie and Kyla Reid

For more information about the study, please contact:

Kirstyn Laurie
Honours Student
Parenting and Family Support Centre
School of Psychology
University of Queensland

Phone: (07) 3365 9186
Email: kirstyn.laurie@uqconnect.edu.au

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child’s physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research.

Across three seminars you will learn strategies for…

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett –Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

Triple P - 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 Livingis 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/t1diabetesfor more information.

Sensory Movie Day - Ipswich

“Sensory Movie Day” is an Inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around flap or stim. Lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those little escape artists. Siblings and extended family are welcome to this no judgement screening.

Please find attached our 2014 Calendar, with an amazing line-up of movies. Birch Carroll & Coyle - Ipswich City have tickets on sale now for the year’s line-up. Tickets are a crazy $6 each, children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. Cards are accepted. Individual Caption devices are available on request for hearing impaired members... There is also a Medi Popcorn & Drink combo for $5.00.

IPSWICH – United Parents

Programs and Services

Have you heard the buzz about Ipswich UP?

Join us to connect Ipswich parents together through activity groups, social networking, and links to community services. Some of our most popular sessions include farm visits, baby music sessions, messy play days, facilitated playgroups, and ‘Upschool’ our very own themed ‘out and about’ group for 2-5 year olds.

Keep up to date following us on Facebook, or requesting to receive our weekly email update.

Contact Alana on 0428387838: admin@IpswichUP.com
www.IpswichUP.com
24/7 CSF Cycling Safety Fund

24/7 Cycling Safety Fund has been established since August 2011, with strong support from the community, Ipswich City Council and other government and business organisations. We aim to provide a safe cycling facility for the Ipswich community. Along with this, with the Ipswich City Council we are providing Bike Ed programs to many local Primary Schools in the Ipswich region. This program has been well received by the parents and children who participate in it.

An off road cycling facility would not only benefit cycling groups and other sporting bodies in the area, but may also be of benefit to the school communities. Bike Ed programs can be held at such a venue, as well as providing an alternative location for school triathlon groups to practise their run and bike components of triathlons.

We are holding our Annual Fund Raising Dinner on 31 May 2014 and our Annual July 24/7 CSF Community Ride on 13 July 2014.

2014 Dinner

Saturday 31 May 2014

Location: Phoenix Room, Ipswich Girls Grammar, Queen Victoria parade, East Ipswich 4305

Time: 6.30pm
Cost: Adults $100 per ticket
Children $40 per ticket
Table of 10 - $1000
Family ticket $250 (2 adults, up to kids)

Community Cycling Awards Presentation Guest Speaker

Visit our website: www.247csf.com.au

Come and meet the people you will be riding with on 13 July 2014

Community Ride

We need you to ride to show the support for safer cycling for the future!

Sunday 13 July 2014

Bill Paterson Oval, limestone Park Ipswich, Cnr Salisbury Rd/ Lion St Ipswich Qld 4305

- Llewellyn Subaru 100km ride start
- Rotary Club of Ipswich city 50km ride 7.30am start
- Ipswich City Council 25km ride 8.00am start
- Yellow Jersey Bikeshop 3km family ride 9.00am start

Contact us at admin@247csf.com.au

Register and more info at www.247csf.com.au

Ipswich Show 2014

Children's Pet Parade

For Primary School children and younger

WHEN: Saturday, 17th May @ 10:30am
WHERE: Presentation Area, Centre Ring