TERM 3, WEEK 5  Wednesday 12th August, 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Excellent NAPLAN results!** This is an extract from a communication from Dr Jim Watterston, Director-General DETE: “As you would be aware, results for the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) were released on Wednesday 5 August. Year 3 and Year 5 continue to show improvement in all test areas while Year 7, the first full Prep cohort, also performed strongly. In fact, Queensland reported its highest ever results in 9 of the 20 test areas, and 95 percent of all tested students achieved the national minimum standard in numeracy. These results are indicative of the amazing professionalism and commitment that is evident in our schools as we strive to ensure the success of every young person. We should all feel encouraged to sustain the effort, knowing that continued gains will be our reward.”

WOW! The Tivoli Tiger has seriously roared in our NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 this year. In Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy we have shown marked increases in our results from last year. Reading results for Years 3 and 5 have both increased at least 20 mean average points. The Year 3 Spelling results have increased by 50 mean average points. Grammar and Punctuation are the big winners with increases of 72 and 108 mean average points for Year 3 and 5 respectively. Numeracy also has seen gains in the mean average score results.

In writing, 100% of our Year 3s have met the National Minimum Standards. 100% of our Year 3 and 5 students met the National Minimum Standards in Grammar and Punctuation. 100% of the Year 5 students met the National Minimum Standards in Numeracy.

While this is great news, even better is the fact that we have surpassed or been very close to the National and Queensland mean averages for Year 3 in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. The Year 5 children have managed to outstrip the National and Queensland mean average in Numeracy.

It is heartening to know that the programs set up in the school are working to produce these excellent results. The entire Tivoli community has a right to be proud of our students and their school. 😊

**Teacher’s before school preparation time.** Prior to the first bell ringing at 8:35am, teachers use this time for preparation and meetings. Their formal classroom supervision begins at 8:35am when students move into class, organise their equipment and settle for instruction to begin at the 8.45am bell. To ensure that our teachers have this quite time before school starts, classrooms will be kept closed. If you wish to speak with your child’s teacher before school, please contact the Office to make mutually acceptable appointment time. Alternatively, you may wish to wait until the end of the school day to speak with your child’s teacher.

**Year 7 Enrolment Information Sessions** will be held at Ipswich State High School on Tuesday 25th August. Parents/Carers MUST phone the High School on 3813 4488 to book for either the 3.30pm or 6.00pm session.

**Having problems or issues?** Within our Responsible Behaviour Plan (ROARS) children are taught to be assertive when there is an issue. Should this approach not work they are taught to report the matter. This needs to happen in a timely manner so that the matter can be investigated and resolved swiftly. Should your child be having an issue that they are discussing with you and you aren’t sure if they have reported it or you are concerned about the issue, please contact the school either via the class teacher or the office. It is not appropriate to speak directly to another child or parent about an issue either inside or outside of the school grounds. Parents who breach these regulations can face being restricted from entering the school grounds. Direct contact between parents of a hostile nature is a police matter.
**CHANGE OF DATE School Photos.** Due to a clash with our excursion to the Story Arts Festival, the school photos will now be taken on **Wednesday 9th September**. Siblings Photo envelopes are available at the Office. All online orders MUST be placed by **Monday 7th September**.

**Library News.** Our Book Week parade will be held on Thursday 27th August. The theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light Up Our World”. Since our world is Australia we are having an Aussie theme for our parade. This means that students (and parents if they wish!) can come dressed in Aussie gear, as anything Aussie or as a book character. Cheap shops are a great place to look for something to wear!
I will also be running some competitions in conjunction with Book Week and the winners will be announced at the parade.
The details of the competitions are as follows:-
- Guessing competition – clues will be given to students each week to try and guess something Aussie. Students can write their answer on a piece of paper with their name and enter as many times as they like. The entry box will be in the library
- Construction & drawing – Students may construct or draw anything Aussie and bring it to the library by **Monday 24th August. Please make sure names are on entries.**
- Colouring – This will be given out this week. Entries must be handed in by **Monday 24th August. Please make sure names are on entries.** If you have any questions about Book Week or the parade, please call me at school any Thursday.

Also, the students from years 1 to 6 will be going into Ipswich on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September to see Australian authors and illustrators at the Children’s Festival of Literature run by the Ipswich District Teacher/Librarian network. A note for this will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Julie Langlands
Teacher/Librarian

**Woolworths Earn & Learn.** Tivoli will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. From **Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015**, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. For every $10 spent you will receive one sticker (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when the sheet is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box at the Office. Extra sticker sheets are available at the Office. Every sticker collected will help increase the amount of resources the school will be able to choose from Modern Teaching Aids.

**Thought for the day:** “If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.” ~ Roald Dahl

Jan Barton
Principal

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P&C Meeting: Please mark Wednesday 19th August, 1.45pm on your calendar, come along and become involved in the discussions and decision making for ways to continue to improve our school. We would love to see you there. 😊

P&C Father’s Day Stall: Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September. Remember to bring your pocket money. Gifts will range from $1 - $10.

Volunteering in the school: Due to insurance requirements, all volunteers need to be members of the P&C in order to be covered in the event of an accident. Being a member of the P&C does not mean that you are required to be an “active” P&C member, however it does give you a voice and a vote on issues raised at P&C meetings. P&C Membership forms are available at the Office.

Petals P&C FUNDRAISER. Father’s Day is just around the corner so surprise that special someone with a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a gift basket! Go to www.petals.com.au/tivss and place your order. The school will automatically receive a donation of 15% of your purchase price.

Bus Shopping Trip has been booked for Saturday the 7th November. There will be a range of up to 16 outlets catering to all tastes (e.g. ladies wear, lingerie, men’s wear, handbags, shoes, jewellery, homewares, kitchenware, toys, confectionery, giftware, books, Christmas decorations, Breville, wines - which includes tasting) available to visit on the day. The cost will be approximately $60 which will cover the bus, morning tea and lunch at the Broncos League Club. This price may be lower depending on the numbers. Invite your family & friends to come along and have a great day of fun and shopping. There will be heaps of bargains to be found as the outlets offer discounts up to 70% off retail prices. This will be a great opportunity to get in some early Christmas shopping while raising money for our school. More details will be sent out in Term 3.
Ipswich Falcons Junior Touch
SIGN-ON DETAILS

WHEN: Mon 24th, Tues 25th August & Tues 1st September
TIME: 6.30pm till 7.30pm
WHERE: Ipswich Touch Grounds, Jim Finimore Oval, Old Toowoomba Road, One Mile
FEES: $80 ($70 for U8s) – 15 week comp.
AGE GROUPS: Boys & Girls U8, U10, U12 & U14
SEASON START: Thursday, 10th September
GAME TIMES: 5.30pm; 6.10pm; 7.00pm

Teams or individual players welcome.
Get your friends together and come join the fun!
Find out more at www.ipswichtouch.com or email: j.verrenkamp@bigpond.com or phone 0411581625