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NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

12	Christmas Carols Concert (lower school)
13	Break-up Day
14	Clean-up Day
15	Holidays commence
JANUARY	
24	Pupil Free Day
25	Pupil Free Day Uniform Shop Open 9am-12noon
28	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
29	School resumes

School Absence Line:
3514 9360 (Press 1 to
leave message)

****Giveaway****
**Various pieces of
furniture (from the
school and tuckshop)**

**If interested please
contact the office to
have a look before
Wednesday.**

ICSS Outside School Hours Care

Weekdays: 7.00-8.45am
& 3.00-6.00pm

Vacation care: 7.00am –
6.00pm

Please contact
Coordinator for casual or
permanent bookings
phone: 3368 1060
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I would like to thank everyone for my time at Ithaca Creek State School. It has been very rewarding and very memorable.

Ithaca Creek State School is a wonderful learning environment. I like to thank the P and C and the parents for their support. The welcoming, accepting and energetic community climate is a strength and resonates through all the relationships.

Thanks to the children who have been very well behaved and respectful. As I have visited classes I have seen hard working students happily applying themselves to their learning.

Thanks to the teachers for their continued professionalism and energy into their classes and student learning. I have learnt so much about teaching and student learning from watching and listening teachers in action. Great Work !!!

I have learnt a great deal about leadership at Ithaca and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding when I have made mistakes and also the recognition from everyone for the things I have done that have been successful.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and all the best in 2008.

Thanks to leaving staff

A huge thanks to Leigh for her hard work, enthusiasm and energy over the last year at Ithaca Creek State School. I know that she will be missed by many. Good Luck Leigh and all the best at Toowong State School in 2008.

I wish Anne S all the best in her transfer to Rockhampton. She has made a wonderful contribution to the music program at Ithaca Creek State School. I was amazed by the talents of her the students in the strings program. All the best Anne!!

Brendon Madden

Principal

A Word from the HOC

A Final Word from the HOC
This is the final HOC report for Ithaca Creek. As from 2008 my position will be replaced by a Deputy Principal position. Sharni T will be the Acting Deputy Principal in 2008. I have known Sharni for many years and can highly recommend her as a passionate educator who will be a real asset for the school.

Sadly, my time at Ithaca Creek has come to an end and I would like to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome. Next year I will be undertaking the role of HOC at Toowong State School, surprisingly working again alongside Mr Madden. This will be an interesting new challenge for me because Toowong has a bilingual program - English and Auslan (sign language).

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and children I have met and re-met this year at the Creek. I have learned many things and have enjoyed my teaching experience with the beautiful children of which you should feel very proud. As I have mentioned many times in this section of the newsletter, this school is lucky to have so many caring, highly experienced and dedicated staff. The community, staff, children and a new leadership team will mean exciting times ahead and I look forward to keeping up dated on your journey.

Take care, have a peaceful break and I look forward to hearing of the wonderful achievements of Ithaca and its children.
Leigh H

REMINDER

Please check Lost Property for belongings. Anything left behind on Friday afternoon will be given to charity.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP STOCKTAKE SALE – TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER

This will be our last tuckshop day for 2007!
There will be no orders taken; just over-the-counter sales.

Preps and Year 1's will come to the tuckshop counter to buy their lunch at 10.50, Years 2-7 at 11.00. We do have limited stock available. For sale we have hotdogs, vege dogs, vegetable pasties, potato and fetta pies, vege lasagnes, ham and pineapple pizzas, chicken sticks and potato wedges. We also have limited playwaters, poppers, breakers, coolstix, icypoles and frozen yoghurts. All hot foods are \$1 each; drinks and icy treats normal prices.

Volunteers needed from 10am-12noon only:
Linda M and Stephanie L.

3 more volunteers needed

We are still working on a roster for 2008; we desperately need so many more helpers. Look out for the tuckshop dates listed on your classroom doors. If you can help place your name on the forms before Friday.

Don't forget: Tuckshop dinner for 2007 volunteers. Tuesday 11th Dec. Indus restaurant, Latrobe Tce, Paddington, 7.30pm, BYO. Ring Fiona C (0425 760 454) if you can make it.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER.

From the tuckshop committee we wish all our teachers, teacher aides and families of Ithaca Creek State School a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Wildcatz Concert Reminder

Christmas Show at Milton State School, Tuesday 11 Dec 07 6:00pm (arrive 5:30pm). This is the final show for the '07 Wildcatz. It's been a great year – thanks for your support.

Cliff D

Camp Canberra

Thank you to Karen O the P & C Treasurer who helped with all the banking of fundraising monies. Thanks from all year 7's and parents.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

End of year specials - NEVER TO BE REPEATED PRICES
The Gold Polo is still the official school shirt until the end of the Phasing out period (Dec 2009).
Gold polo - \$12 sizes 4-16 (below cost price), Girls Culottes - \$12 sizes 4-14, Painting Smocks - \$8
This week Uniform Shop only open Tuesday morning.
Closed Friday. Open 9am-12noon 25th January 2008.
Thanks to Tracey A and Fiona C who have helped with Stocktake. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Uniform Shop.

Hours Open

Tuesday & Friday 8:30am – 9:15am

Entry & exit via driveway door.

Please enter via driveway door due to OHS regulations. Please do not use the entrance to Tuckshop.

Vanessa, Janet, Indra, Fiona & Sandra

*****We accept cash and cheque only.*****

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi to everyone: A special thank you to all the children and Parents who have returned their school Library books for their once a year rest, this has been greatly appreciated.
Congratulations to all the children who have spent the year reading as many books from their School Library as they could (with sharing, patient and enthusiastic Parents as well). Each book can enrich each of us with knowledge, imagination, and wonder if we let them into our lives. Loans for 2007 total 16700. Fantastic!
A special PLEA to the 50 children who have not yet returned their books – Parents please look for a big envelope in school bags today or tomorrow as you may not know your child/ren still have books out. There are between 1-7 children in each class still to return books, who have not yet responded to reminders and notes.
Or contact pcurt3@eq.edu.au
Thank you everyone – Parent volunteers and helpers in the children's Library, Library Staff – Anne, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Warren. To the Principal Mr. Madden, Teachers, School Staff, Parents and children, thank you for all you have done in 2007 to help, cooperate or assist to keep the Library movin' and groovin'.
Happy Hols from Ms. Curtis Teacher-Librarian

P&C NEWS

This is the last newsletter for the year. At our house it's also the last week our eldest will be at a primary school. As one of the visiting dignitaries commented at the graduation ceremony last Thursday night, it's like a mini-schoolies week. Certainly feels like it a bit at times at our place. But before we go can I remind you of a few dates for early next year? Yes, I know you can't think past Christmas, but just leave this newsletter on the fridge 'till next year, when you need it.

2008 dates to remember

Uniform shop opens 25th January, tuckshop doesn't until Friday 1st February. There a "Tea and Tissues" first up on Tuesday morning 29th January for any and all in the tuckshop – there'll be newbie parents so if you see any lost souls, gather them up and bring them on down. And of course the AGM is on Tuesday 29th February. This will be my last P&C meeting as President. The new President - whoever you may be – will have plenty of time to practice for their first P&C meeting on Tuesday 26th February 2008. By the way if you think it could be you, give me a call, don't be shy.

A parting word....

Just a quick thanks to our acting Principal Brendon Madden who's done a fine job for the last two terms. Applause, encore, encore. Even though he was only acting he certainly was very convincing in his role. He did an enormous amount of work and because of the review and has certainly laid some ground work for the new Principal Richard Nash. Thank you Brendon.

I'd also like to thank the P&C for supporting me and the school staff for all their help this last year. I've actually enjoyed being President – oh yes it's had its moments, but so does life. But my family and other lumpy bits in my life need me now, so I can't do this job well enough next year to stay. It'll be an exciting new year, with a new principal, more students and families, more complexities, should be quite interesting (I suspect the new President is reading this so I've added this last bit to encourage them to come forward).

So Merry Christmas to all of you and your loved ones and your families (just in case they're not one and the same). And as we like to say at our house "T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse... not since we got the cat anyway". For those of you who do not celebrate Christmas may I wish you keep safe and healthy and enjoy the holiday time with your families, see you in 2008.
Kelly L P&C President Ph 3356 1996

Ithaca Creek State School Year 7 Graduation Speech 2007

I don't know many of you all that well, but as chance would have it there is one among you I know very well. I have written him a letter. You may listen if you like.

Dear Son,

I am proud of you. It is an undeniable fact that in the 12 years we've know each other it hasn't been all sunshine and lollypops. But I'm thinking you've had a halfway decent childhood to look back on. And here you are, not really at an ending and already past a beginning – at a sort of tweening. So what can we old wrinkly people tell you that you don't already know? And believe me, I know you think you know plenty. Well, for one thing high school goes fast. Those five years zip past and before you know it you're at another graduation, with more old wrinkly people telling you you're an adult.

One things for certain though – it will be a roller coaster. You're going to be judged and commented on. An there'll be days when you're not tall enough, smart enough, thin enough, rich enough, cool enough, sporty enough to make the cut. It can be cold living on the outside – but you know what? – look around and you'll find you're not alone. At the end of the day every jock, geek, nerd, bevan, headbanger, goth, princess, bad boy, good girl stands up in that organic body-suit alone. You get 100% ownership and control over only two things in this life. Your heart and your head. Don't you dare ever give that control to anyone else.

I'm glad you had enough good times to give you hope and optimism, and enough bad ones to teach you courage and to duck and weave. You've done okay.

Anyway you know where to find me if you need me. And don't think this means that I don't still nag you, lecture you, push you, shout at you, question you and defend you – 'cause you're my kid and I love you.

Kelly L ICSS P&C President 2007

OSHC news

Vacation care bookings are still being taken, and families are encouraged to think ahead and make bookings for the days they need this year, and next year. A reminder that the OSHC is open for the week before Xmas, and re-opens on 7 January, for every day until schools resumes on 29 Jan. Drop in to the old hall for a vacation program, (including excursions and swimming), and a booking form.

A day at OSHC is a great way for you to have a break, and the kids to have fun with their friends.

We say farewell to staff member Sarah H who is re-locating to Sydney in the New Year. Sarah has made a great contribution to the Service and will be missed. Best of luck, Sarah, from the OSHC "family".

SWIMMING NEXT TERM AND HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SESSIONS

Don't forget to book up for next year's Learn to Swim and Squad lessons. Intensive Swimming sessions throughout the holidays are filling up fast. Pop in to the Swimming Pool THIS WEEK and the Coaches will be able to assist with booking your child in and assessing your child for classes.