

# THE GRAMMAR WORD

1 MAY 2014







Excellence - Leadership - Integrity - Community

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

# **WELCOME TO TERM 2**

Welcome to the commencement of Term 2 and a busy few months ahead! Due to a very short first week we have distributed one newsletter to cover the first two weeks of term. I welcome new students and families joining Ipswich Grammar School for the first time. I also wish Mrs Alison Krause (Year 7) and Mr Aaron Moore (Director of Sport) well as they assume additional responsibilities replacing staff on long service leave. Important Parent Student Teacher interviews are scheduled in the coming weeks and I strongly encourage families to make appointments to meet with their sons' teachers.

# ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

In recent years young Australians have had an enhanced awareness and participation in ANZAC ceremonies. Last week was no exception with Ipswich Grammar School represented in several community events, and we also conducted our own ANZAC commemoration. A highlight was an inspiring address given by our Head of English, Mr John Acutt, which was based on the life of former Ipswich Grammar School student Lieutenant Walde Gerard Fisher:

"Lieutenant Walde Gerard Fisher was an Old Boy of Ipswich Grammar School, 1908-1913. He was a First Class Honours Graduate in the Classics from the University of Queensland, and in 1916 would join the 42nd Infantry Battalion in the Australian Imperial Force. Walde served his country on the battlefields of Belgium and France and many of his observations, recorded in his diaries, were quoted in the Official History of World War One by C.E.W. Bean.

Walde was killed by a stray German shell on the 5 April, 1918, aged 23. He is buried in the Heilly

Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, France. The WG Fisher Memorial Prize for Work, Sport and Service is awarded each year at Speech Night. The award was introduced in 1933 following an endowment by his brother, Gordon."

We were thrilled to have three members of the Fisher family present for our very special assembly. They were able to officially unveil the World War I and World War II honour boards, listing the names of Old Boys who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. A special thank you to Old Boy Registrar Mr John Edmondson for his untiring research to ensure that details are accurate and complete.

We are very grateful to the Fisher family for donating to our museum books and personal effects of Walde Fisher including digital copies of his World War I diaries and letters written to his family while he was a boarder at Ipswich Grammar School. We are certain that future generations will gain much inspiration and interest from his story. The family selected IGS as the place where they wished these items to be held in perpetuity. We also look forward to an upcoming publication authored by Mrs Sophie Church titled, 'A Soul Unsheathed: The Life and Death of Lieutenant Walde Fisher'. Mrs Church is well known to our community after her excellent publication of the school's history to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2013.

# **CAMP WEEK & YEAR 12 FORMAL**

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on their very successful Formal last week. I was very impressed with our young men as they conducted themselves impeccably over the duration of the evening. Our seniors looked very debonair and their partners radiant. Congratulations to Head of Year 12 Mr Nigel Lucas and to all our staff and students for an excellent evening.

Our Middle School students have enjoyed a variety of camp activities this week. I had the

pleasure of joining our Year 8s and spending Monday evening with them. As always our young men were great company and our teachers were providing excellent support and guidance.

#### **CLAIRE OLLIER**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Claire Ollier, a nine-year-old girl who passed away on 11 April. Claire's older brother Liam is a Year 10 student at Ipswich Grammar School. I had the privilege of attending a celebration of Claire's life last week and I was overwhelmed with stories of her courage when battling serious illness. Claire was obviously a special young lady and had incredible support from her loving family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Robert Henderson Headmaster/CEO

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

# **COMMUNITY**

The core value of Community was certainly displayed last week with a series of annual events. Firstly the school Formal was held at the St Lucia Golf Club where our Year 12 men, dressed smartly, and their partners attended an evening full of delicious food, dancing, a red carpet appearance by the young ladies, photos taken by proud parents and Men of Grammar celebrating another milestone in their school lives with fellow mates. My congratulations to the Year 12s!

Secondly, ANZAC Day was commemorated at four separate events. The school ANZAC Day Assembly was held in the Auditorium in honour of Old Boy Lieutenant Walde Gerald Fisher, who died on the battle fields of France in

World War I. Great nephews David Schultz and Roger Masters attended and unveiled the WWI and WWII honour boards at the entrance of the Auditorium. Other special guests included Wing Commander Bruce Graham, Mrs Jennifer Schultz (the wife of one of Walde Fisher's great nephews), Mrs Ladley and Ms Ruth Ladley (wife and daughter of former Headmaster Mr Alan Ladley), Mr John Edmondson (IGS Old Boy and the person who the John Edmondson Medal has been named after), and Mr Don MacSween from the Ipswich Pipers Association.

The school was also represented at the dawn service at Amberley, the Woodend Road service and the annual public commemoration march and service at North Ipswich Reserve. More than 400 boys, parents and teachers marched on the day and/or were in attendance at a service. I would like to thank our community for honouring the men and women who served, many who paid the ultimate sacrifice to give us the freedom we cherish today. Lest We Forget.

# JOHN EDMONDSON MEDAL

The John Edmondson Medal is a Middle School initiative whereby years 7 to 9 students are awarded points in the four core values of the school; Excellence, Leadership, Community and Integrity. The program is named after John Edmondson, an Old Boy and still active member of the school community. In 2013, the inaugural year of the program, 11 Year 9 boys received their bronze medallion at the Year 9 Night of Celebration. More information on the John Edmondson Medal will be emailed to Middle School parents in coming days.

# FROM THE YEAR 7 ACTIVITIES CAPTAIN

• Music is going well, with many new people coming to the Intermediate Band. We are doing some very fun pieces, which are 'Cha Cha De Salsa', 'Mission: Impossible Theme', 'No More Blues' and 'Peter Gunn'. The band will have a performance sometime early next

term. Hopefully we will be able to present at least three of the four pieces. I know all band members will be looking forward to presenting the pieces they have worked hard on for the past few months.

• Unfortunately Year 7 debating didn't start until Week 9 of Term 1. It has been decided that there will be two teams – the first will train on Monday afternoon and the second will train on Wednesday afternoon. There will be four debates this year in the Year 7 GPS competition, with the second to be held on 2 May at BBC, the third at IGS on 15 May and the last at IGS on 30 May. There will only be a few weeks in between the debates so debaters will need to work hard to get the best mark possible.

# **DATE CLAIMERS**

- Week 3: Parent Teacher Student interviews.
- Week 4: NAPLAN testing.

Mr John Chalvatzis Head of Middle School jchalvatzis@ipswichgrammar.com

# CAREERS

# **UMAT 2014**

UMAT is a test that is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website. Registrations for UMAT 2014 close at 5pm on 6 June. The test takes place nationally on 30 July. For more information, visit http://umat.acer.edu.au/

# **GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY INFO EVENINGS**

If you're interested in studying Medicine at Griffith, these information evenings provide a great opportunity to learn about the admissions criteria and selection processes.

- Brisbane: Tuesday 20 May at the Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Queensland Conservatorium, South Bank.
- Gold Coast: Wednesday 21 May at the Griffith Health Centre, corner of Olsen Avenue and Parklands Drive, Gold Coast.

# **QUT PARENT INFO SEMINAR**

QUT invites senior high school students and their parents to find out about studying at QUT. There will be information on courses, uni life, transition from school to uni, scholarships and resources for parents and schools.

- Wednesday 7 May, 6pm-7.30pm at the QUT Gardens Point campus.
- Wednesday 21 May, 6pm-7.30pm at the QUT Caboolture campus.

# **QUT OPEN DAY**

Sunday 27 July, 9am-3pm at the Gardens Point campus. Chat with staff and students from all faculties, attend course information seminars and check out the facilities.

# APPRENTICESHIP AMBASSADORS

Check out the stories of Australian Apprenticeship Ambassadors. Follow www.facebook.com/ AustralianApprenticeshipsAmbassadors and @ AusApprentice

# ARE YOU A CAREER COUCH SITTER?

An encouraging article for students unsure of how to approach choosing a career. It includes some useful ideas on how to go about deciding what to do post-school: http://careerjunk.edublogs.org/2014/03/22/are-you-a-couch-sitter/

Mr Tony Dosen Deputy Headmaster / Head of Senior School tdosen@ipswichgrammar.com

# Music

#### **WOODWIND RECITAL EVENING**

On Monday 31 April Ipswich Grammar School hosted its very first Woodwind Recital Evening. Under the guidance of Mr Leon Wensley, nine Ipswich Grammar School clarinet and saxophone students dazzled the audience with their entertaining and varied performances. The evening was a fantastic educational opportunity for students and parents alike.

Students were not only required to introduce and perform their piece, but tell the audience a little bit about the style of music they would be performing. The evening also consisted of a presentation by Mr Wensley on the benefits of playing a musical instrument and its effects on brain function and critical thinking. Congratulations to all the students involved and thank you to Mr Wensley for organising the evening.

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# SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

#### **OPEN TENNIS v ACGS**

The First IV of Nicholas Allum, Jordan Wendt, Cooper Barnes and myself faced a strong Churchie team. Cooper and I came from 4-1 down to clinch the match. Churchie proved to be tough competitors, getting the better of Ipswich in three of the four singles matches. The remaining doubles matches took to the court with our number one pair narrowly going down in a tiebreak 10-6, giving Churchie a win of six rubbers to two. – **Blake Ellis** 

The Seconds of Jordan Black, Charles Mayne, Brady Young and Brock Plum started the season off slowly. ACGS took out both doubles 6-2, 6-3 and 6-2, 6-0. Brock Plumb and Brady Young both faced tough opponents in the singles, going down 6-0, 6-0 and 6-1, 6-0. Charles and Jordan both competed extremely well. However, both went down 6-0, 6-4 and 6-3, 6-2.

The Thirds of Thomas Michel, Axel Rice, Seb McCullough and Hai Duong started the season in great spirit. Thomas, Axel, and Hai all fought well in their singles matches, however losing 6-0, 6-2, 6-0. Seb McCullough won his singles 6-3 after being down 3-0. The boys lost the final two doubles 6-1 and 6-0. – **Ryan Simmons** 

# **YEAR 11**

The 11As started the season very well, winning both doubles 6-3 and 7-6. Darcy Wilson, Jack Purkiss and Matthew Thomas all fought hard but went down 6-0, 6-3 and 6-1. Michael Freeman defeated his opponent 7-5. Darcy and Michael won 6-3. Jack and Matthew fought hard to eventually go down 7-6. Final score was IGS four rubbers, four sets and 36 games to ACGS four rubbers, four sets and 42 games.

The 11Bs faced some tough opponents. William Cole and Matthew Stower went down 6-2, with Alexander Leathem and Bradley Teasdale losing 6-1. William Cole played a very good match, going down 6-3. Matthew and Bradley lost 6-1 and 6-2. Alexander defeated his opponent 6-1. William and Matthew went down 6-3, with Alexander and Bradley winning 6-3.

- Ryan Simmons

### **YEAR 10**

The 10As got off to a great start with Nick Verrenkamp and Lewis Ainslea defeating their opponents 7-5, while Lachlan Coxsedge and Tyrell Thompson outclassed the Churchie side. Tyrell then overcame a 5-4 start to win 7-5. The final score was IGS 43 games, six rubbers, defeated Churchie 33 games, two rubbers. The Bs and Cs had some tough matchups. Alex Aurish and John Paul Tully played a solid opening doubles to go down 6-3, and the boys played some good tennis in the singles but couldn't get over the line. – **Daniel Young** 

# YEAR 9

The Year 9s had four teams travelling to ACGS to compete against very good sides. All teams were beaten soundly, with no sets won by IGS. The boys played some good tennis in parts but must remember to remain patient and not try and hit winners all the time. – **Mr Campbell** 

#### YEAR 8

Three Year 8 teams travelled to ACGS to play their first GPS match. The As played some very good tennis and won by three games. Well done to Archie and Patrick for winning their three sets. The Bs and Cs played some good tennis but were beaten. – **Mr Campbell** 

# **FOOTBALL v ACGS**

Anglican Church Grammar School travelled to Ipswich to contest 24 matches on Saturday. All games highlighted the excellent talent from both schools and the wonderful spirit that is embedded in the GPS system. In the end IGS won 10, drew three and lost 11 games. Overall it was a very successful day for IGS Football.

# PLAYER OF THE ROUND

This week the player of the round is Ross Whyte, who had an outstanding game in the 9Bs. Well done, Ross. Special mention must go to the groundsmen, Football Support Group, parents and coaches for their help on the day.

# **IGS WORLD XI**

Jarrod Hyslop (8A), James Runnegar (8B), Sebastian Olver (10C), Munashe Mutambi (9C), Joel Gaidan (9D), Mason Storer (5A), EJ Horsey (6A), Chris Vedelago (11B), Julio Escobar (11A), Glen Beazley (Thirds), Marcus Schrader (Seconds).

# AROUND THE GROUNDS

5B (1-5), 5A (1-2). 6C (1-2), 6B (2-2), 6A (5-4), 7A (3-5), 8D (6-1), 8C (1-7), 8B (2-0), 8A (4-0), 9C (4-2), 9B (1-0), 9A (6-0), 10C (0-1), 10B (2-0), 10A (2-1), 11D(2-4), 11C (1-3), 11B (3-0), 11A (3-1), Thirds (2-3), Seconds (1-0), Firsts (0-1).

# FIRST XI

The GPS Football season kicked off for the Ipswich Grammar School First XI in a disappointing fashion against a determined side from Churchie. In hot conditions, the two teams toiled away with the final score being 1-0 to Churchie.

The game began at a fast pace with Ipswich having the majority of the field position. On numerous occasions they tried to exploit the long ball with captain, Joe Duckworth, and left winger, Kyle Lewendon, having some half chances early. In the sharpest movement of the half these two combined with Beau Findlayson to get the ball in the net, however the assistant's off-side flag was raised.

The second half started badly however for IGS with a penalty being taken by Churchie for a handball. From that point Ipswich were playing catch-up. "At that phase in the game Churchie looked more in control. They were able to sit back and concentrate on hanging on to their lead," said Morgan. "They marked us closely and made it very difficult for our boys to maintain the control we were looking for. All credit to them." Ipswich has a bye this week before taking on TSS at Southport. – **Mr Acutt** 

#### FOOTBALL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next Football Support Group meeting will be held on Monday 5 May at 7pm in the Staff Common Room.

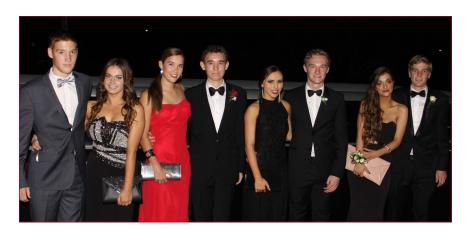
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# LADIES HIGH TEA

Sunday, 1 June - 2pm to 4pm - The Auditorium



Hosted by Robin Bailey 97.3fm & Channel 9



Guest speaker Frances Whiting
Author & columnist

# Ipswich Grammar School, Darling Street \$50 per person - Tables of 10 available

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Name			Phone	
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# Come and join the fun when Ipswich Grammar School Tennis hosts the GPS Parent / Son Tennis Tournament

Date: Saturday 3 May

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: Brassall Tennis Centre

Cost: \$20 per team entry



Aside from the fun of participating in the tennis tournament, the Tennis Support Group will be putting on a BBQ with drinks and sausages costing \$2 each.

M. Dixon: mdixon@ipswichgrammar.com / D. Glinster: dglinster@ipswichgrammar.com					
Register your interest by filling in your details below and returning the form to					
Mr Dixon or Dave Glinster					
y son and I					
would like to register to participate in the IGS Parent / Son Tennis Tournament to be					
held on 3 May 14 at Brassall Tennis Centre. Entry fee is payable on the day.					



Blanchfield Cricket will be conducting specialised cricket coaching clinics for spin bowling, pace bowling and batting for IGS cricketers. These sessions will run before school from 7am to 8am at the bottom oval nets. The program will run for six weeks for Year 5 to 12 students, with a cost of \$90 per skills program. Coaching will be conducted by passed Queensland Cricket coaches who are Cricket Australia Coaching Accredited Level 3 coaches. These sessions are endorsed by Ipswich Grammar Cricket.

TUESDAY MORNING (7am to 8am) 13, 20, 27 May and 3, 10, 17 June (\$90)	SPIN BOWLING
WEDNESDAY MORNING (7am to 8am) 14, 21, 28 May and 4, 11, 18 June (\$90)	BATTING
THURSDAY MORNING (7am to 8am) 15, 22, 29 May and 5, 12, 19 June (\$90)	PACE BOWLING

To register, please email Peter Blanchfield at blanchfieldcricket@hotmail.com with information including the child's name, date of birth, cricket experience and mobile phone number before commencing the first session. For more information, please contact Peter on 0478 787 104.



Queensland Athletics All Schools Cross Country Championships will be held on Saturday 10 May. This year the championships will again be staged at Kedron State High School, and will also act as a selection trial for the Queensland Athletics Heat Team travelling to the Australian Cross Country Championships.

All school athletes aged 5-19 years, of all abilities, are encouraged to compete. There are no qualifying standards – everyone is welcome. Queensland Championship medallions are awarded to individuals and school teams in each age group we are hoping to get the numbers to be able to enter teams in most age groups.

Entry is \$10 and can be done online. Visit www.qldathletics.org.au and click on the 'Read more' link, then look for 'Enter online'.

# Schedule of Events

<b>EVENT</b>	START TIME	DISTANCE	AGE GROUP	YEAR BORN
2	10.40 am	1000 m	Under 8 Boys (5-	2007 – 2009
4	11.00 am	1000 m	8 years Boys	2006
6	11.20 am	1500 m	9 years Boys	2005
8	11.40 am	2000 m	10 years Boys	2004
10	12.00 pm	3000 m	11 years Boys	2003
12	12.20 pm	3000 m	12 years Boys	2002
26	1.05 pm	3000 m	13 years Boys	2001
17	1.20 pm	6000 m	16 years Boys	1998
18	1.40 pm	6000 m	17 years Boys	1997
19	2.00 pm	8000 m	18 & 19 years Boys	1995 / 1996
22	2.35 pm	4000 m	14 years Boys	2000
24	3.05 pm	4000 m	15 years Boys	1999

For more information, contact Mr Bruce Hardy at bhardy@ipswichgrammar.com

# TRIVIA NIGHT YOU'RE INVITED

Come and help
us raise funds to
support and send
Isaac and his
team mates to
Melbourne to
compete at the
Special Olympics
National Games
in Melbourne
RSVP with payment
to Wendy O'Neill by

For further information please contact Wendy on 3817 1300 or 0419743910

Friday 16 May2014

Club meals and light snacks will be available from 6.30pm.

**Drinks available** from the club bar

Isaac has been selected to represent Queensland in the soccer team competing at the Special Olympics National Games 2014 being held in Melbourne from 20-25 October 2014

# COME ONE, COME ALL

At
Ipswich Golf Club
1a Samford Road
Leichhardt
On Friday 23 May 2014
Doors open at 6.30pm

Teams of 4 at \$15.00 per person price includes a ticket to the
multi-draw raffle.

Extra tickets will be available on
the night (\$1 each or 6 for \$5.00)



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