Welcome back parents and carers!
I wish to invite your students to the 2017 Innisfail State College swimming carnival which will be held on Friday 10 February at the Innisfail Memorial Baths. There is no cost to students for pool entry. Every student is expected to attend the carnival and participate to the best of their ability in a range of events including 50m sprints for all strokes, relays and novelty events. Each house will have a theme for which students may dress appropriately, or they may choose to wear their school uniform or house colours in sun smart clothing:

- **Orpheus** - purple
- **Fitzroy** - orange
- **Bedarra** - blue
- **Hinchinbrook** - green

The carnival is conducted within normal school times (8:55 start- 2:50 finish) and students will not be permitted to come and go from the pool except at the start and end of the day unless they are accompanied by a parent. School buses will take students to and collect students from the pool, however all other students must make their own way to and from the pool. There will be no bus to take students from school to the pool. Students are to bring appropriate swimwear (please wear swimshirts over bikinis), their own sunscreen, water, a shady hat and lunch (or money for the canteen). Students are not to wear body paint, coloured hairspray, food dye or anything else that could adversely affect the pool water. Please ask students to leave their valuables at home. Parents are welcome to drop in on the day.

Miss Louise Pearce
Sports Co-ordinator

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**Congratulations Talia - Cassowary Coast Region Junior Sportsperson of the Year**

At the Cassowary Coast Regional Council Australia Day Awards Ceremony last Thursday, one of Innisfail State College’s newest students was named Junior Sportsperson of the Year for the district. The winner is Year 7 student Talia Bulstrode. Talia has drawn inspiration for her achievements from her parents who sailed the world in seven years from 1993- 2000. Talia first became involved in sailing after visiting the Tinaroo Sailing club several years ago and then began regular one-on-one coaching with her father for several months. Since then Talia has competed in sailing competitions in almost every state in Australia and also in overseas competitions in New Zealand and France! Her victories include: Individual World Champion (which she has won twice!!), first places in QLD, VIC and SA domestic sailing competitions and second place in the French National Titles. Talia has future aspirations to one day represent Australia in sailing competitions at the Olympic Games. For now she is enjoying her transition into her first year of high school, saying “It’s not as scary as I thought it was going to be”.

Miss Kitty Rogers
Year 7 Co-ordinator

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**Coming events at ISC**

- **Tuesday 31 January**
  - Year 12 Induction all day
  - Constitutional Convention
  - Music rehearsal 3 - 5pm
- **Monday 6 February**
  - Seniors & Leaders Investiture 2pm
- **Tuesday 7 February**
  - Student leaders’ workshop in Cairns
- **Thursday 9 February**
  - District Rugby League all ages 8am to 12pm
- **Friday 10 February**
  - Swimming carnival—all students attend
- **Monday 13 February**
  - Yr 8 Daradgee excursion (ENG081B & ENG081D) P & C Meeting 7pm - Admin block
- **Tuesday 14 February**
  - Yr 8 Daradgee excursion (ENG081E & EAL081A) Student Council Valentine’s Day roses sale
- **Wednesday 15 February**
  - Yr 8 Daradgee excursion (ENG081A & ENG081C) VAP Feasting excursion
- **Thursday 16 February**
  - Instrumental Music parent group AGM 5pm
  - Musical rehearsal 3-5pm

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**Newsletters emailed to you**

Our College newsletter is our regular communique to our students, families and community and keeps you up to date with what’s happening at your College.

*If you wish to receive our newsletter fortnightly by email, please send an email to our editor, Ms Wendy Mead on wmead3@eq.edu.au*

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**Please return text books**

Returning students are reminded that textbooks for 2017 cannot be borrowed until textbooks for 2016 have been returned or paid for. Please see Mrs Gough in the library if you are unsure which outstanding loans you still have.
Innisfail State College acknowledges the Mamu People, Traditional Custodians of the country in which this College is located, and pays respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.

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Over the holidays, there were several staff changes at ISC. Please review the following information which will help you direct your queries to the most appropriate staff for assistance. We recommend email as a form of contact.

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Welcome new and returning families to Innisfail State College!

Over the holidays we celebrated the outstanding results achieved by our Class of 2016. In fact, our students heading to university earned the highest results in the whole district. I have included a handful of these here. However, whilst we are very excited for these students, we celebrate the diversity of our graduates and remain proud of all who complete school at ISC and exit as happy and productive members of our community. I congratulate and wish well all of the Class of 2016.

Our college welcomed 150 new year 7 students last week. These, along with our new and returning students in years 8 to 12 and the DLC have settled well into classes. I am very excited about the year ahead.

Elsewhere in this newsletter we have celebrated Talia’s award of Junior Sportsperson of the Year for the Cassowary Coast Region. I am delighted to mention that ISC has close connections to several other outstanding citizens who were nominated for awards in this very prestigious ceremony. Congratulations to Cory Leacy and Paige Whatling who were also recognised for their excellent sporting achievements, and to Mr Les Moule, our P&C president, who was recognised for his exceptional and tireless service to the community, and especially education. Mr Moule has volunteered as ISC P&C president and Mundoo SS P&C treasurer for more than two decades.

We are also honoured that one of our college dads, Mr Brett Ambrum was named Citizen of the Year for his outstanding work in the Innisfail community. Of course, we know that ISC people are of the very highest calibre, but it’s especially nice when it’s publicly celebrated!

Kindest regards,

K. McDonald

Our student leaders and senior students will be recognised at our own Leaders and Seniors Investiture Ceremony to be conducted in D Block Sports Hall from 2pm on Monday 6th February. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Year 12 students receive their senior badges and make a promise to our school community to act as positive role models for all other students. Our Peer Mentors, Indigenous Leaders, House Captains and Student Leaders from Years 8 to 12 also receive their badges of office and make their leadership pledge. We look forward very much to this uplifting ceremony and hope you can join us.

A helping hand

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