

THE CONVERSATION

WEEK 4 | TERM 3 | 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

2018 - Term 3

Information Briefing and Tour

Book in for a personal tour at any time or come to one of our regular briefing sessions.

Term 3 - Info briefing and tour

Friday 14 September

9:00- 11.00am

Student Trial Days

Monday 17 September

Bookings essential - please go to website

IFTS OFFICE - BLD 16

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 - 4:30pm

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

9:00 - 4pm

Principal's message

Recently the Association of Independent Schools NSW (AIS NSW) published a very important piece of research entitled the "CEO Perspectives: The Future of Schooling in Australia". I would encourage all parents interested to understand more about what the future might look like and what schools like ours need to continue to consider as we meet the ongoing challenges of meeting the needs of young students. For a complete copy of this report visit <https://bit.ly/2Muj2iZ>

High School - Sally Bennellick



As we prepare our students to begin their next academic journey into stage 6 at IFTS, we held our subject information evening on Monday 13th August. With an increased number of subjects to select from for study in stage 6, it was encouraging to see so many students and their families attend. The teachers did a fantastic job on their subject stands to help our students understand the requirements of study. Subject selection forms were sent via email and are due back Friday 24th August. Should you have further questions please contact Sally. sbennellick@ifts.nsw.edu.au

Pre Kindy Club

Next PKC Events

Circus Skills 28 August
Tiny Tennis 11 September

Does your child start Kinder 2019 or 2020? Contact Peta Fell our School Transition Coordinator at pfell@ifts.nsw.edu.au to make an enquiry and find out more information.

Fathers Day Breakfast

Wednesday 29 August



7.30-9am

An invitation to all Dads to have breakfast (no charge) with their child/children. Please join us on Wednesday August 29th from 7.30am to 9am at the IFTS cafe.

Important upcoming dates

ASISSA Primary Athletics - 23 August

AICES athletics 14 September

School Photos

Tuesday 18 September



Football - *Will Piriz*

One Star Series

Monday the 13th of August saw a return of the 'One Star Series' with the new term. Overall it was well received with high levels of enjoyment shown from players coupled with a decent standard of competition. The games were played by students from IFTS, Mariners North development squad and Mariners SAP girls, all of whom combined well in their games. The conditions were perfect for a winter's night of football with the background music setup by Tim Witchard. We look forward to the next One Star event on 22nd August at IFTS.

Danny Beauchamp joins our Football coaching team in a full time role. Danny is a highly qualified football coach with the added bonus of being an accredited futsal coach. Exciting times for IFTS.

Tennis - *Greg Brownlow*

Steve Hamburger will take over the role of Head of Tennis at IFTS. Steve has worked diligently for IFTS since 2015 and been instrumental in the development of the IFTS Hot Shots Program and Performance Phase programs. Steve brings a wealth of knowledge in youth development to the role and is looking forward to continuing to drive the IFTS tennis program.

Janine Thompson will also join the IFTS coaching staff on a casual basis in the tennis department.

Janine is a highly qualified coach in youth development and is a former WTA top 10 doubles player in the world. Janine won the 2015 John Newcombe Medalist for Coaching Excellence (Talent Development) and is a fantastic addition to the IFTS team.

Exciting times for IFTS. Stay tuned for our 2019 sporting tournament calendars.

SUPPORT OUR FARMERS



The School will be hosting a Great Outback BBQ in conjunction with Frontier Services. This is an annual event used for raising funds to help Aussie farmers doing it tough. It will keep bush chaplains on the road and send Outback Links volunteers to provide a helping hand when needed most.

We will be asking for a gold coin donation on our BBQ Day, Friday the 21st September for everyone - parents and carers, students and staff. Parents please RSVP jdolan@ifts.nsw.edu.au If you would like to make a larger donation that would be great and a tax receipt is available.

Dress Like a Farmer

Stage 1 are also getting in on the act on the day wanting to raise money for the Hunter Valley farmers. They will be hosting a dress up day on the 21st where K-12 are welcome to come to school dressed in farm theme. It is a gold coin donation and this money will go straight to Rural Aid.



Community

Thanks to all who donated their pre-loved footy boots to our Boots For Africa (B4A) request. They will go to the people of Africa to help build communities and social understandings through the power of the game.

Also, thank you for the donations for Piper Mentieth's project for Max Potential.



Alumni

We're planning to feature former IFTS students from time to time and encourage all to send photos accompanied by a short explanation or a 1-minute video documentary of what they're up to these days. First student to be featured:

James Quigley



"I'm currently playing for Maidstone United U/18s. I will start training with the first team as of September and will be a part of their squad for the following season if I prove myself capable. I see this as a great way to be seen as a "first team player" in England and hopefully can grow from there. In my spare time I have several

coaching jobs for most days of the week including school football coaching, academy coaching, and taking my own U/16 team to the pitch every Sunday.

I'm enjoying every bit of this crazy experience and learning more than ever before every day that I'm here."

IFTS CAFE



This term the cafe has increased its environmental awareness effort. All recyclable plastics are now being kept for Cam's plastic munching machine that's on its way and we have an extra bin in the cafe for the \$0.10 recycle program. If you have any spare bottles or cans then please send them in. By observing the above practices our general waste bin has seen a reduction of approximately 10 percent.

Week Two Menu

- Bacon & Leek penne pasta
- Chilli Con Carne (mild) on baked spuds
- Pumpkin soup with toasted roll
- Peri Peri chicken with toasted Kipfler potato and zucchini
- Salmon and vegetable patties

Week Three Menu

- Nut free pesto pasta
- Chicken fried rice
- Oven roasted pork fillet with baked paprika potatoes and lemon dill yoghurt
- Beef Nachos
- Beef sausage sandwich with coleslaw and sliced cheese

Primary School - *Damian Mitchell*

Staff recently undertook professional development in teaching phonics. At the beginning of last term the Junior School began to roll-out a program called MiniLit.

MiniLit is an evidence-based, early literacy program that entails a systematic and explicit model for teaching reading skills. The foundation of this program is in phonics.

The MiniLit program comprises lessons which are delivered in short 15 minute bursts twice a week. Each lesson comprises three main components: Sounds and Words Activities; Text Reading and Story Book Reading.

There is much debate and research that both favours and condemns the explicit teaching of phonics. Phonics is about teaching the sounds made by individual letter or letter groups (for example, the letter "c" can make a *k* sound), and teaching children how to merge separate sounds together to make it one word (for example, blending the sounds *k, a, t* makes CAT).

Effective phonics instruction is important because letter-sound knowledge is the foundation needed to build reading and writing abilities. Phonics builds on innate language and while some children create these neural connections relatively quickly, others require methodical, repeated and explicit teaching and this why we feel MiniLit provides a strong foundation for reading, writing and spelling. For further reading please click on the following link:

<https://ifts.nsw.edu.au/2018/08/22/mini-lit-the-importance-of-phonics-instruction/>



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