



## Settling In

Term One was a whirlwind start to chess in the Far North for 2007, what with the launch of IQ Chess, Round 1 of the inter-school championships on March 1, and the start of chess coaching at a couple of keen schools. I thought Term Two might be a little more quiet as we all settle into the year, but there's no rest for the wicked!

Trinity Anglican School at White Rock and Hambledon State School will be continuing with chess coaching in Term Two. TAS has introduced chess as a Wednesday afternoon activity for high school students – more about that later! – and I'll also be visiting TAS Marlin Coast and St Gerard Majella this term. There's still a little time in my schedule to visit other schools, but the sooner you get in touch, the better your chance of securing a good time of the week!

I'm also pleased to welcome another coach to the IQ Chess team. Mr Boipuso Samuel hails from Botswana but now works locally as an engineer. When he was playing chess regularly he represented his country at the Chess Olympiad and attained a FIDE rating of more than 2300, therefore earning the title of FIDE Master. He is very keen to pass on his knowledge and experience to students in Cairns. Welcome aboard, Sam!

The absence of competition chess here in Cairns between Rounds 1 and 2 of the inter-school championships was a bit noticeable, so I'm organising a total of three tournaments in June and July to give local chess players a chance to shake out the cobwebs and flex their thinking muscles before August comes around. More details on the next page!

As you can see, it's all happening in Term Two. Hope to see you on the chess board!

Yours in chess,

David Cowland-Cooper  
IQ Chess FNQ Director



## What's On

Apr 17	Term 2 START
Jun 11	Queen's Birthday holiday Cairns Chess Challenge
Jun 22	Term 2 END DEADLINE for Smithfield
Jun 27	Smithfield Centre Junior Chess Challenge—Rnd 1
Jul 4	Smithfield Centre Junior Chess Challenge—Rnd 2
Jul 10	Term 3 START
Aug 27	FNQ Inter-School FINALS

## Cairns Chess Club

The Cairns Chess Club is up and running! It's a great venue for adults and children alike to play against new opponents and improve their play, in a very casual atmosphere. Here are the details, hope to see you there!

Weekly on Thursday nights  
6pm to 8:30pm

@ The Coffee Bean  
Stockland Shopping Centre, Earlville

FREE first attendance  
then a small annual fee  
\$40 for adults, \$20 for juniors and concession

## High School Chess - It's On!

Trinity Anglican School at White Rock has added chess to the range of activities it offers high school students during Wednesday afternoon activity time, starting this term.

The session runs for 2 hours and will include a coaching component, workstation-based learning and, of course, actual play.

If the session is successful this term, we will be looking to invite students from other schools to join the session at TAS, in the same way that students playing other sports usually gather at one venue to compete.

There are many budding chess players at high school level, but often they don't have the opportunity to get into it. This could be that opportunity for students in Cairns!

Teachers, if you think your students could benefit from this, please get in touch to express your support!

## Check it out, mate!

The solution to the chess puzzle in the previous newsletter is a thing of beauty.

1. Bb8! f2
2. Rc7 Kh2
3. Rh7#

That was pretty tough, so here's a more conventional puzzle with a nice theme. White to play and mate in 2.



## Cairns Chess Challenge

This must be the first open chess tournament to be hosted in Cairns since pawns started moving two squares. Well, maybe not quite THAT long, but still, it's been a long time, so tell all your friends, let's play some chess!

### Cairns Chess Challenge

at the QCWA Hall  
7 Grove St, North Cairns

Monday 11 June 2007  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

9:00am for 9:30am start  
4:30pm finish (approximately)

Prizes - 1st \$100  
Other prizes dependent on entries

9 rounds - Allegro  
15 minutes a side plus 5 seconds a move  
(Fischer) on top 10 boards

\$15 for Adults, \$10 Concession and Juniors

Entry forms can be found on the IQ Chess website. See you at the tournament!

## School Holiday Chess at Smithfield Centre

Two tournaments. Just for juniors. In the school holidays. Lots of prizes. It's all happening at Smithfield Centre, so parents can do some shopping while the kids train their brains. And it's FREE. How good is that?!

Entry forms are going out to all schools in the Cairns area, and can be found on the IQ Chess website, too. Don't miss out!

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