

Iluka Public School - Newsletter 24 August 15th, 2017

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Dates to Remember

Term 3

AUGUST

11am-1pm Wednesday 16th Education Week Open Day

Thursday 17th K/1/2 Ballina Excursion

Tuesday 22rd – Friday 25th Cascade Excursion Yr3/4

6-9pm Wednesday 23rd Small Schools Big Impact Concert Grafton

Town Library visit for Book Week - All Classes

5-9pm Tuesday 29th Kindy Expo-Library

Wednesday 30th Yr6 Transition to Maclean HS

SEPTEMBER

7.30-9.30am Friday 1st Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast

10.30am-2.30pm Tuesday 5th PSSA Cricket Lennox Head

Wednesday 6th Milo T20 Cricket

Preschool Transition 9am-12noon

Premiers Spelling Bee

Friday 15th Touch Gala Day - Yamba

Monday 18th Queensland Opera Performance at School

Evening of Thursday 21st School Concert

SPECIAL EVENTS

OPEN DAY - Wednesday, 16th August at 11am

Principal's News

Welcome to the Week 5 Newsletter.

Education Week

Education Week (celebrated tomorrow) will offer the community a chance to witness what our school is doing and how students are learning. Iluka Public School will be proud to welcome parents, grandparents, other family members and friends, to take advantage of the opportunity to visit our students. Hopefully, in the beautiful sunshine and at the front of the school, you can first join me for morning tea time and for a quick chat. Then, all our special visitors from 11.30 am, will have the opportunity to enjoy time in the classrooms, flick through the students' books and to look around the school grounds and buildings. Please stay as we present a special Whole School Assembly at 12.00 noon featuring the award winning choir, verse speakers and our dancers.

Education Week is always a special time at Iluka Public School both for our excited students who are keen to show off their work, and for our proud family members who love to visit.

PS- I am aware that in many households, both parents are working and will be unable to make it along tomorrow. Please, rest assured that I am aware of this and that your support is shown through home reading, getting children to and from school and that homework is completed.

Tomorrow as part of our open day I will ask the visitors in the school to complete a survey to help us evaluate how we are going, and areas we can improve in the school. We are always open to hearing what things we are doing well or not so well and ways we can improve. I have also attached the survey to the newsletter for those who cannot attend tomorrow and would also like to give your feedback.

Zone Athletics

Our athletic students were a credit to our school last Friday as they gave their best in sportsmanship and effort at the Lismore Carnival. We had a number students progress to the next level, James Everson, Thomas Epis, Sarah Bowers, Bella Duncombe and our Junior Boys relay team. According to reports from Miss Lisa, It was a beautiful day and a smoothly ran event. I pass on our school's sincere thank you to all parents and carers for their efforts in organising and transporting students to this carnival. Also thank you to Mr Chris Speirs for training the relay teams at lunch time over the past week.



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Iluka PreSchool Transition Program

Over the past month Iluka Public School has held our orientation program for our forthcoming 2018 Kindergarten cohort. It has been wonderful to meet and see a new class who are eager to see and learn about their new school and teachers.

If you have a child due to start school next year please contact our school office if you have not already done so, as our Orientation Program continues next Wednesday. Our 2018 Kinder enrolments have been open for the past two months and it is essential that we have knowledge of who will be attending our school.

Our Parent Expo Information session for Kindergarten 2018 will be held on Tuesday night, 29 August from 5.00 pm until 6.00 pm. Please contact the school for more details.

Excursion Payments to Cascade Environmental Education Centre

Thank you to those families that have been paying amounts towards the Years 3 and 4 excursion to the Cascade Environmental Education Centre. The excursion must be paid in full by this Friday 18 August. All medical and Consent forms must be returned ASAP. A meeting with the students has been held with all information having been sent home. For further details please contact Mrs Cunningham, Mr Jones or myself. Please note that the bus is leaving Iluka Public School at 7:00 am on Tuesday 22 August 2017. All aboard!

Small Schools Big Impact Concert

The SSBIC will be held on Wednesday 23 August at the Saraton Theatre, Grafton. Most students from Years 5 and 6 are involved in the concert. The tickets are \$3.00 per person (everyone must have a ticket regardless of age, excluding performers) and are on presale now from the Saraton. Costumes and props are being organised with the help of our dance instructor, Mandy. A permission note has been sent home with students involved. Please return as soon as possible.

Parent Payments

Iluka Public School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' Finance System and a new bank account on 4 September 2017. To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers. Between 22nd August and 8th September, there will be a "blackout' period when no payments can be made. NO EFTPOS payments, NO Cash or cheque payments, NO Online payments, NO payments of any kind can be made during this time. If you have a child going on an excursion in Term 3, please be aware of these blackout dates when ensuring full payment is made. From 22nd August, our school can also no longer accept direct deposits to our bank account.

School Photos

All class photos and other groups, were sent home last week. There were a number of group photos taken that are available for purchase. These are displayed in the office window. Any family wishing to purchase these photos may do so by visiting <u>www.theschoolphotographer.com.au</u> and entering the access code **17S6047VT35**. Please contact the office if there are any concerns.

P & C

The P & C meeting was held last night. Everyone was welcomed on their attendance. Items discussed were the huge success of the colour run, upcoming Father's Day events and the canteen that our P&C is running at the Touch Gala Day in Yamba on 15/09/17. The next meeting will be on Monday 11/09/17.

Supervision of Students

If any student arrives before 8.30 he / she must remain on the 'brown tables'. Parents should be aware that the school staff cannot be responsible for student supervision / safety before this time.

NAPLAN results

NAPLAN results will be sent home today. Parents/caregivers will receive students' results from reading, writing, numeracy and language conventions tests taken earlier this year, as well as the overall performance of students in their year, at their school and Australia wide. It is important to remember NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool. Results only provide an indication of students' learning progress and to help identify any students who may need extra support. See you tomorrow.

Phil

Kindy Class News

Readiness For Year One-The Kindergarten students are being prepared for their transition into Year One next year and are being encouraged to do a lot of things by themselves, without relying on prompting from an adult. When assistance is now offered in class, I frequently hear the words "I can do it myself". It is also pleasing to see so many Kinder students proudly and confidently walk through the school gates by themselves in the morning carrying their own belongings, greet the teachers, put their bag on the hook, organise their own home readers, hand in notes and go off to play. These independent and self-reliant skills are essential for successful learning in Year One.

Education Week-Open Day this Wednesday 16th August. Our Kindergarten classroom will be open from 11:30am until 12:00pm for parents and carers to visit.

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program-The Northern NSW Local Health District, Oral Health Services, has developed a new oral health program for Kindergarten students. On Tuesday 12th September a dental/oral health therapist will be visiting our class to conduct a lesson on how to clean teeth correctly and then will be available to provide a free assessment of your child's teeth. An information sheet about the program and consent forms were sent home last Friday. Please return to school by Monday 4th September.

Reminders:

*Ballina Excursion this Thursday 17th August. Please ensure that your child is in their school uniform and has their school sunsafe hat. Students will need to bring their own food and drink for recess and lunch. You might also like to apply insect repellent before sending your child to school as both venues are located near bushland. Please note - the bus will be departing Iluka Public School at 8.30am. Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Open Day - Please come along on Wednesday 16th August for Education Week Open Day. You are welcome to visit the Year 1 classroom between 11.30am and 12 noon. This will be followed by a whole school assembly.

Ballina Excursion - Our excursion is this Thursday 17th August. Please ensure that your child is in their school uniform and has their school sunsafe hat. Students will need to bring their own food and drink for recess and lunch. You might also like to apply insect repellent before sending your child to school as both venues are located near bushland. Please note - the bus will be departing IPS at 8.30am.

Speaking Topics - This week's topic is - My Favourite Place and next week will be - My Favourite TV show (or movie).

Reminders-

- * Open Day on Wednesday
- * Ballina excursion on Thursday
- * Homework, home reading journals, library bags and bank books on Friday

Have an enjoyable week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

It is crazy to think by the end of this week we will be half way through the term. Just a reminder I will be away next week as I will be attending the Stage 2 camp at Cascade Environmental Centre.

By the end of this week we will be finishing up our writing focus of "descriptive writing" and be moving onto "narratives" for the remaining weeks of the term. I have been trying to get students to focus on using clever adjectives to describe specific parts of an object or item. This week we are beginning to work on our school concert item and I am hoping we have it perfected by the end of the term.

Just a reminder that Open Day is on Wednesday and our whole school assembly will also held on this day. If you can attend you will be able to go through our classroom between 11:30-12:00 with your child. The whole school assembly will then be held between 12:00 and 1:00 with a variety of performances to take place.

Our Ballina Excursion is this Thursday 17th August. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform and has their school sunsafe hat. Students will need to bring their own food and drink for recess and lunch. You might also like to apply insect repellent before sending your child to school as both venues are located near bushland. Please note - the bus will be departing IPS at 8.30am.

Many students are impressing me with their home reading journals and I have a number of class members that have almost hit the 200 nights of reading goal. I encourage the students who make it to 200 to keep the ball rolling. For all those students who are still working towards that goal, I encourage you to not give up and keep pushing hard towards that 200 nights of reading goal.

I hope everyone has a great week, Mr Jones.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone! Thank you to all the parents and friends that participated in our class interviews. The students thoroughly enjoyed the feedback and are currently collating and analysing the data.

Home Reading **daily** is essential. According to research, parent involvement in early literacy is directly connected to academic achievement. Children need parents to be their reading role models with daily practice in order to navigate successfully through beginning literacy skills. (Evans, Shaw, Bell, 2000).

Here are some strategies for beginning and seasoned readers' literacy success:

- Point to each word on the page as you read.
- Read the title and ask your child to make a prediction.
- Take "picture walks."
- Model fluency while reading, and bring your own energy and excitement for reading to your child.
- Ask your child questions after reading every book. Connect reading and writing if possible.



Roster Term 3

Friday 18/08/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday21/08/17

Cass, Kay & Pete

Friday 25/08/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday 28/08/17

Karla, Trudi & Vanessa

Friday 1/09/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday 4/09/17

Cass, Kay & Deb T.

Friday 08/09/17

Sandy, Mark, Trent L.

Monday 11/09/17

Kylie K, Vicki & Jona

Friday 15/09/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday 18/09/17

Sandy, Mark & Leonie H.

Friday 22/09/17

Karla & Erin

This weeks donations

Year 1

Karla: 0405 638 768

The Year 3/4 Cascade Excursion is next week and all students medical consent notes need to be returned ASAP. The children will need to be at school approximately 6:30am For A 7:00am departure.

Homework sheets went home today. Please take note that the children need to complete their homework sheets and return them on Friday's. Bek.

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning,

Congratulations to James Everson and the Junior Boys Relay team (James, Eddie, Cameron and Thomas) who will now go on to represent the school at Coffs Harbour.

Homework will be sent home today. Could all children complete the work and return by next Monday please.

Library and **computers** will be on Mondays for the remainder of the term. **Sport** will continue to be held Fridays. Could all children come prepared.

The year **3/4 excursion to Cascade Environmental centre** is on next week. How exciting. What fun that will be. Could all notes and money be returned as soon as possible.

Education Week: Parents and Carers are invited to visit our classroom tomorrow between 11.30am and 12.00 noon. We look forward to seeing you all there tomorrow.

Students need to return notes for the Choir, the Big Impact Concert and PSSA Cricket.

Have a great week and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Cheers John

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 3. Mrs Howard has asked me to say hello and to let you know that the start of her trip is going great. She has been having a wonderful time exploring Madrid.

Education Week- Parents and carers are invited to visit our classroom tomorrow between 11:30-12:00. You may also like to visit the library and the horticultural area during this time. The Year 5/6 students are very proud of the effort they put into the gardens and the chicken coop. I am sure they would love the opportunity to take you up there and show you how great the area looks at the moment. There will then be a whole school assembly at 12pm. We look forward to seeing you all here.

Big Impact Concert- Thank you to the students who have already returned their permission notes to me. Could everyone else please ensure that the note is returned as soon as possible. If you require a lift for your child, could you please let me know so we can try to arrange one.

PSSA Cricket- The game will be played at Lennox Head on Tuesday the 5th of September. Please return permission notes in order for your child to attend.

Year 6 Transition Day- The next transition day is on the 30th of August. A note will get sent home this week. Please return the note and \$4 payment for the bus promptly.

Chickens- While Mrs Howard is away, it is our responsibility to look after the chickens. During the week, the students who arrive at school early let them out and they get put back in before school finishes each day. However, I am looking for some volunteers to come up either on a Saturday or Sunday morning and let them out and then put them away again that afternoon. If you or your child would like to assist, please let me know.

Home Reading- Journals are due on Friday for all the students who have not yet brought theirs in. I need to record the number of nights read so please remind your child to bring it in this Friday. Have a great week.

Stacey



School Banking

Banking has been going well this term with an average of 25 bankers each week – This term a new competition "The Future Savers Game" has begun. Simply make 3 deposits between Monday 14th August and Friday 10th November to be in the running for some amazing prizes. Or to have a chance at winning a Nintendo Switch simply make the 3 deposits + play the Future Savers Online Game + Fill in the online entry form - An information leaflet has been put into the Bank Book, if you didn't receive one, there are extras in the school office.

Two new rewards are available for Term 3 -

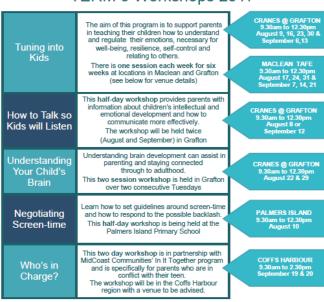
- Smile Emoii
- Volt Handball

Simply include your 10 tokens in your bank book with a note stating which reward you would like to redeem, name and class. All rewards take at least a week to arrive in the mail – once I have received them I will hand them out to bankers.

Congratulations to the following bankers on receiving a Silver Certificate for 20 deposits so far this year - Millie Speirs, Tessah Speirs, Riley Swan, Jaylen Townsend, Decoda O'Dell, Amy-Leigh Morrison, Mikayla O'Dell, Taylor Edie, Xavier Edie, Paige Morrison.

Remember banking on Friday
Jess Edie





CRANES' workshops are FREE of charge Free childcare is also available at some venues Bookings essential

VENUES	
CRANES Grafton	3-7 Prince Street (river end)
Maclean TAFE	Woombah Street (next to high school)
Palmers Island School	1078 Yamba Road, Palmers Island
Coffs Harbour	To be advised

Call CRANES for enquires or to register (no referral necessary)
Ph: (02) 6642 7257 Email: FaRS@cranes.org.au

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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation
Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

Near Iluka Bowls Club, Spenser Street

ILUKA

Thursday, 31 August 2017

9 am to 3.30 pm



Parenting 645

Not in front of the children!

The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children.

But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.

Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults.

But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people. For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

'I don't have to do that work'

Recently I heard how a thirteen-year-old girl refused point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher's expectations were unreasonable. Miss 13 cited her mother's views when she refused to get to work saying, "My mum says I've got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don't. I don't have to do your work!"

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child's abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids' learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents' negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

Sometimes it best to say nothing at all.

As adults we have all sorts of opinions that don't necessarily need to be shared with our kids. We may hold strong political views for example, but if young people are to formulate their own opinions then it may wise to curb our opinions when they are around.

Similarly, it may be smart to keep mum if our views about religion, sexuality and ethnicity are intolerant or don't follow the mainstream. That's not to say we don't discuss these issues at home. Children and parents in healthy families are able to discuss all manner of issues, with even extreme views tolerated and challenged rather than mindlessly expressed and held as if they are the only possible truth.

By Michael Gross

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 18th August 2017.

- 1. Which South American country has been in the news for the past four months due to often violent protests against their government?
 - a. Peru
 - b. Chile
 - c. Venezuela
- 2. Hobart City Council has voted to ban...?
 - a. dogs in the city centre even if they're on leads
 - b. plastic packaging of fruits and vegetables in supermarkets
 - c. single-use plastic containers used by takeaway stores
- 3. Which island has North Korea's Kim Jong Un threatened to launch ballistic missiles toward?
 - a. Hawaii b. Guam c. Kodiak Island
- 4. A Melbourne man has just won a court battle against a telecommunications company after receiving a mobile phone bill of ...?
 - a. \$26,000
 - b. \$191, 000
 - c. \$1.9 million
- 5. What 100-year-old perfectly preserved food item has been found in an Antarctic hut by members of the Antarctic Heritage Trust?
 - a. a bar of chocolate
 - b. a fruit cake
 - c. a salami
- 6. Which Australian Super Rugby team has been cut from 2018 Super Rugby?
 - a. Western Force
 - b. Melbourne Rebels
 - c. Queensland Reds
- 7. A Melbourne cafe has caused controversy by charging 18 per cent extra for ...?
 - a. parents with small children
 - b. customers who only buy drinks
 - c. men
- 8. An orangutan called Chantek died at an Atlanta zoo last week aged 39. Why was Chantek considered special?
 - a. he was the first orangutan to go into space
 - b. he was the only Albino orangutan in captivity
 - c. he had learnt to communicate through signlanguage

- 9. Why was Woolworths in the news last week?
 - a. they have been accused of underpaying staff
 - b. they have been incorrectly withdrawing money from some customer accounts
 - c. they are selling the company to American grocery retailer Kroger
- 10. Why has Canberra's National Dinosaur Museum been in the news recently?
 - a. vandals have stolen some of the dinosaur's heads
 - b. children have been protesting as it is being shut down
 - c. a new hologram display has been made R16 because it has been terrifying children
- 11. Which entertainment company is pulling out of U.S Netflix to start its own movie streaming service?
 - a. Disney
 - b. Paramount
 - c. Warner Bros.
- 12. In which competition has a Queensland athlete been crowned the 'fittest woman on Earth'?
 - a. the World Triathlon Championships
 - b. the World CrossFit Games
 - c. World Women's Bodybuilding Championships
- 13. Fake Australian banknotes were found on a man detained for acting suspiciously in a South Australian regional town. Why were the banknotes easily identified as fakes?
 - a. they had used the wrong colours on each note
 - b. they had spelt Australia wrong on he notes
 - c. they had Chinese writing on them
- 14. Which country is the second largest by area?
 - a. Russia
 - b. Canada
 - c. Australia
 - d. Brazil
- 15. The World athletics championships in London has been hit by and outbreak of ...?
 - a. flu
 - b. stomach bug
 - c. measles



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Parent Survey 2017

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. I would recommend Iluka Public School to others. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know My child is excited about learning and enjoys what he/she is learning. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know The school encourages my child to be punctual and have good attendance. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know My child is making good progress. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know My child settled in well when they started at Iluka Public School. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know My child feels safe at school. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know The school helps my child to develop socially, respect others and become independent. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know Behaviour is considered important at Iluka Public School and pupils behave well. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know The staff treat my child fairly and with respect. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know Iluka Public School is inclusive and everyone is valued. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know My child is taught an interesting and broad curriculum. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know I am pleased with how my child is taught. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or concerns. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know Iluka Public School is well led and managed. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know The school has high expectations for my child.

□ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know

The school helps me support my child's learning. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know
I have regular opportunities to meet with my child's teacher and be kept well informed about how my child is doing. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know
Any concerns about bullying are dealt with quickly and effectively. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know
The school communicates well with parents. □ Strongly Agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly Disagree □ Don't know
Please share any ideas you have about the extra curricula activities including school trips, visitors to the school, aspects of the curriculum, parent workshops, out of school activities, dance music, choir, STEM, tennis, guitar.
The school could do the following to help me support my child more with their learning by:
One thing I really like about the school is:
One thing I would like to see improve at this school is:
Do you think there is a need for a before & after school care service:
Thank you