



Iluka Public School Newsletter 28

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

In this day and age (and with all the rage with iPads and tablets), it is crucial to celebrate books. All the statistics tell us that the more children enjoy reading, the better their prospects in education. I hope that the students enjoyed their walk to the town library and that Books (will) Light Up your World and your children's forever. Almost all the students attended the library. So if you haven't read with your child recently, this week would be a great time to get back into the habit.

Father's Day Craft and Stall

I would like to say thank you to Aleisha, Mulan and Lisa for organising our Father's Day Craft and Stall. The excitement for this Sunday is starting to build with a homemade item being created by all students last week.

As well, our Father's Day Stall was held today. Gifts were available from between \$1 and \$5 and all students had the opportunity to purchase a gift. Please check to see if your child lay-byed a gift. If your child brings home an envelope and you do not wish them to purchase a gift, please call us.

Iluka Public School Concert

When: Thursday 17th September, 2015

Where: Iluka Community Hall

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost: \$2 per person

PSSA Netball Knockout

Congratulations to our girls Netball team who are our **FIRST** team ever to make it to Sydney to contest the final eight teams of the State finals. This is a competition that sees hundreds of schools playing across NSW for a chance to compete at the famous Homebush Central Netball Courts.

I can't imagine how excited our girls will be when they walk into the actual playing surface used by the Diamonds and Olympic Teams, or how proud I will be when I see Iluka Public School on the scoreboard.

Our first game will be against a Riverina school. Like us on Facebook if you wish to get live scores. The Iluka girls have exhibited great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition and have improved their skills while above all, having fun. Thanks to Mrs Cunningham for her great coaching.



North Coast PSSA Athletics

On Friday, four Iluka students again travelled to Lismore to take part in the NC Athletics Carnival. Our track competitors were Grace Donsworth, Ned Haddrell, Emily Sevier and James Everson. Congratulations to these students who represented themselves, family and school throughout the busy day and put in great performances on the track.

Thursday 3 September

Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Friday 4 September

Touch Football Gala Day

Tuesday 8 September

Life Education Van

Thursday 10 September

Rugby Union Gala Day

Wednesday 16 September

Dress Rehearsal School Concert

Thursday 17 September

School Concert

Friday 18 September

Milo Cricket @ Maclean

IPSA Disco @ Community Hall

Canberra Payments Due

Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 Events

Tuesday 6 October

First Day Term 4

18-22 October

Canberra Excursion

9-12 November

Cascade Excursion

Canteen Duty

Monday 7 September

Gladys, Jess, Karen and Vicki

Tennis Championships

Well done to Amelia, Josh, Mila, Sam and Liam for representing our school at the tennis championships yesterday in Maclean.

Canberra/Cascade Excursions

For me, it is always very positive to see students return from an excursion motivated and happy. This year, I will be looking forward to hearing the stories and experiences from our major excursions and to see the students return with new skills sets; socially, academically and physically. The students' growth will come from the new environmental challenges which stimulate the brain as well as improve our relationship capabilities. Payments for Canberra need to be made by the end of Term 3 for catering and administrative purposes.

Small School Big Impact Concert

Wednesday night was a real highlight. Iluka Public School put on an impressive dance routine in front of a crowd of 800 people. Our costumes were incredible. Our thanks go to Mandy and to the wonderful parents driving to Grafton.

NAPLAN Results

I rarely consider NAPLAN as a true indicator; however we are making sound growth gains from Year 3 to Year 5 in spelling – two points above State growth. Our focus on spelling over a number of years is making a positive difference. For schools, it's all about the growth – which we are attaining. This is due to our staff being focussed upon quality teaching practices.

Kindy Orientation 2016

All families who are considering or are enrolling in Kindergarten at Iluka Public School are warmly invited to attend our Kinder Orientation Session this Thursday. Parents and carers are invited to come into the Kinder room to discuss school related information and a range of other speakers involved with the school.

See you Thursday!

Have a great week

Phil Bradmore

Kinder Class News

'Conference Cafe'-This week sees the commencement of our class 'conference cafe'. Students come to our cafe table to share their writing and ideas with others. While at the class cafe, students will be served with some water and fruit.

HSIE-This term students have been learning about shelters as part of our unit 'Meeting Needs'. For the remaining part of this term our focus for learning will be on the need for food.

Spelling-Our spelling list for this week is **-get, girl, go, going, got.**

Concert-Our school concert is set for Thursday 17th September. The Kindergarten students will be performing two items - our 'Funky Monkey' dance performed at the Grafton Eisteddfod and a song with accompanying percussion.

Reminder: *Life Education Van permission notes and money need to be returned to school as soon as possible.
Lynne

1/2 Class News

Week 8 already! The term is flying by so quickly.

Concert - The school concert will be held on the evening of Thursday 17th September. We have been busy rehearsing our dance from the Grafton eisteddfod and our dinosaur item in preparation for this major event. Students are welcome to read their dinosaur story and record it in their home reading journals.

Life Education Van - Many students need to return their notes and money for the Life Education Van. We will



Thursday 3 September 2015
(Parent Information Session)

5.30-6.30pm



be visiting the van to participate in valuable health lessons next week. All students who attend will also receive a workbook which will be used in class during follow up lessons, so it very important that all attend.

Father's Day - Thank you to Aleisha McEwen for coming into the classroom and assisting students to create a special gift for Father's Day. I hope all the Dads have a very special day on Sunday.

Homework - due in on Friday. Thank you to the students and families who make a consistent effort to ensure this is completed each week.

Home reading journals - due every Monday. I check journals while the class attends the library. Students should be nearing the 150 nights mark now. Certificates will go home in Week 10 for those who reach this milestone.

Speaking Topics - Week 8 - My Favourite Dinosaur, Week 9 - My Favourite Sport and Week 10 is free choice. Have a great week, Kristy



2/3 Class News

Another busy week in the life of Year 2/3 this week as we said goodbye to Mrs Wright. A huge thankyou to Mrs Wright for all her hard work and we look forward to seeing her in our school again soon. Well done to the students who were settled and completed their usual work routines without any trouble. Ms Anderson will return to class tomorrow and it will be exciting to show her the learning we have completed in her absence.

This week we continue to work on our 4 times tables and are composing some great "Sizzling Starts" in our writing. Home readers and homework tasks are to be completed as normal. For those Year 3 students attending the Touch Gala Day in Yamba this Friday, please remember to return your note and money as soon as possible. Life Education notes and money also need to be returned.



The class has been working hard on our surprise gifts and there are going to be some very happy fathers, uncles and grandfathers this weekend! Finally we have also been practicing our item for the upcoming school concert - only 16 more sleeps!

3/4 Class News

Concert - The school concert is coming up and we have been busy preparing for our items. Students will receive a note on Friday in regards to costuming. The concert will be held on the evening of Thursday 17th September.

Touch Gala Day: is this Friday. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission note and money for the ferry.

Life Education Van - Students need to return their notes and money for the Life Education Van. All students who attend will also receive a workbook which will be used in class during follow up lessons, so it very important that all attend.

Father's Day - Thank you to Mulan for coming into the classroom and assisting students to create a something special for Father's Day.

Homework and Home Readers - due in on Friday.



4/5 Class News

Father's Day stall today. Thank you Aleisha for helping the children prepare something special for Father's Day.

Touch Gala Day is on this Friday, so please bring in the permission notes and money.

Life Education Van will be held for year 4/5 next Wednesday, so once again be sure to bring in your permission note and money.

The **School Concert** be held on the 17th September in the evening.

Congratulations to the Girls Netball Team for an excellent effort last week. Best of luck in **Sydney**.

Home Reader Certificates will be sent home this week. Keep up the good work.

Well done to all the students completing and returning their **homework** each week.

Have a great **SPRING** week. John



5/6 Class News

Congratulations to our netballers on your great team work last Thursday in Maclean. I was so excited to be there and watch the game and cheer you on, as well as taking some supporters who were a terrific encouragement.

Speaking topics have been of a very high standard and ever so informative and interesting. The DIY projects have been varied and well planned and designed. I really enjoyed my first go on a billy cart too, created by Evan.

Stewart House: this weekend Kody, Zoe, Skye and Scott will head to Stewart House, in Sydney for 2 weeks. We hope they enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

Touch Gala Day: is this Friday. Please ensure that your child has returned their permission note and money for the ferry.

Home Readers: will be checked tomorrow. The target for this term is 150 nights. Spring has officially finally arrived..... enjoy! Take time to smell the flowers. Di



Library / Technology News

What a fantastic week last week. The netballers had an outstanding victory against Pottsville and I know everyone in the school are super proud of the girls. Not to mention the job that the "Super Coach", Mrs Cunningham has done in moulding this team into such a cohesive, resilient and determined bunch of girls. All the best in Sydney and I hope you smash them.

I had a phone call from Scholastic last week in regard to Book Club. They rang me to congratulate our school for such a great Book Club order for this term and they were very impressed with the amount of books ordered. So that congratulations should be passed onto the people who did the book buying as I am merely just the messenger and organiser.

Onto technology. Well, we are getting very close to the end of term and I am very impressed with a wide range of student's who are beginning to use Google Drive to its full potential. Google Drive allows me to create classes which then allows me to give access to specific students in a designated online classroom area. In this online classroom I can create assign, share information and even simply get discussions going on our classroom wall. This is a very safe environment for students to share their thoughts, collaborate and communicate on the internet with their other classmates and teachers. I hope everyone has a great week and I hope we perform well on Friday at the touch gala day in Yamba. Mr Jones.

Life Education Van

Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Happy Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van will be visiting our school. Permission notes were sent home last week and need to be returned as soon as possible along with the \$5 fee. The school has heavily subsidised this visit because of the important and valuable messages conveyed during these sessions. Also, there will be merchandise available for those who wish to purchase.

Temporary tattoo - 50 cents	Harold hand ball \$3
Harold sticky note pad - \$1.50	Harold stationery set - \$3
Harold keyring - \$3	Large Harold soft toy - \$15
Small Harold soft toy - \$8	



Correct money would be much appreciated and this is paid directly to the Life Education Van teacher, Sam.

Canteen

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, we have decided to trial some new healthy canteen options.

Fresh roasted seasoned chicken drumsticks	\$1.50
Cheesy Pasta Cups	\$3.00
Fried Rice	\$3.00
Hamburger	\$3.50

These will be available until the end of term and a new menu will be ready for Term 4. Thank you for your ongoing support, Kelly.

Canteen Roster

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	Gladys Hunt, Jess Edie, Karen Carlon, Vicki van Kraay	Year 4/5 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER	Gladys Hunt, Danielle Bryant, Bec Dunn, Lisa Hogan	Year 5/6 to donate home made goodies

Chicken/Garden News

Thank you to the parents that regularly drop scraps to the chickens. They really like them. We have planted some grass seed in their adjoining run. I will be getting children out of class tomorrow to help plant some vegetable seedlings (during my release time). The orchard is looking good.

World Vision Update

Last Saturday, 29th August, marked Fredy Camillo's 16th birthday. Fredy is the child we have sponsored through World Vision for 4 ½ years through the generosity of our wonderful students and families. Sadly, our relationship with Fredy has now come to an end. While many details about Fredy are kept confidential, we do know that Fredy's family have since moved from the impoverished area in which they were living in. The difference our school community made to Fredy's life and his future is immeasurable. Also, it was a fabulous learning opportunity for our students to communicate with Fredy and to realise that not all children in the world are as fortunate as themselves. Thank you so much for the generosity and support you have shown Fredy over the years. It really has given him the opportunity of a lifetime.



MELBOURNE CUP TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015



Please save this date in your calendar for what is planned to be a very enjoyable day. While it is almost two months away preparations are underway for a day of fun, fine food and entertainment, with all the profits going back to our wonderful Iluka Public School.

The function will be held at Marracas Boatshed Restaurant with a three-course lunch prepared by "Dirk", Marracas' signature chef. A complimentary glass of bubbles will be served on arrival. BYO for further alcoholic drinks. The cost of this fantastic day will be \$40.00 per head.

We have only just started placing the wheels in motion for this function. We will have sweeps, raffles and even some goodies that can be purchased on the day. Mulan from Siberia will be hosting a fashion parade showcasing her wonderful range of garments. We are saving surprises for the day however our plans are to ensure that everyone has a wonderful time.

As this is the first (we trust of many) we have a limited number of places available. In order to avoid disappointment, please contact us to book your tickets as soon as possible. Arrange a table with your friends so that we can ensure a great day for the school and parents and friends in our community.

Contact: lorrainewhitehouse@bigpond.com OR 0412575180.

Kind regards, Michelle and Lorraine

ILUKA NETBALL CLUB

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our end of season presentation set down for Sunday 13 September will now be held on Sunday 11 October. Our AGM will commence at 10.30 am followed by presentation at 11.30 am and lunch at 12.30 pm. Please send RSVP numbers for players and family members to your coaches via text or to the clubs Facebook page. Alternatively, contact Danielle on 66 466 282. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

ILUKA CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER FROM 3.30-6.00PM

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10 AM

AT ILUKA CRICKET NETS

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE
CONTACT SECRETARY ON 66 466 282 FOR A
REGISTRATION FORM

JUNIORS AND SENIOR WELCOME

JUNIORS \$15, SENIORS \$35

ILUKA BOARDRIDERS CLUB

3/9 Disco/Date Night Fundraiser

6-8pm Iluka Community Hall \$5 per child ages 5-16

Marrakas & The Laneway Cafe are presenting a special Menu, donating \$5 per Diner back to the club. Booking Essential. Book your table at The Laneway via Siberia

Parenting*ideas*

It's time for dads to Speak Up *Michael Grose*

The messages for fathers from parenting experts like myself have morphed over time. Two decades ago dads were encouraged to be a presence in the lives of their children. A decade or so ago the 'be a presence' message for dads was turned up a few notches to become involved in all parts of children's lives. A raft of research linked a father's active involvement with positive educational and social outcomes for kids, as well as a dad's satisfaction with the role. Men embraced this 'hands on dad mantra' in droves.



It's time to speak up

It's time to ramp up father's presence once again, but in a different way. The recent actions of some high profile representatives of the **Millennial Generation** – from being arrested in a \$9000-a-night hotel, through to cringe-worthy public antics - has many Australians scratching their heads in bewilderment. Quietly, many people are questioning the quality, or lack thereof, of the advice they receive from their fathers. Being present and involved in children's lives isn't enough per se for this current generation.

TIME magazine recently described this group as 'a generation with narcissistic tendencies that contribute to a feeling of entitlement before they've achieved anything'. But an overblown sense of importance is only half the story. Growing up in a reality TV culture where everything is critiqued it is little wonder that today's young people are perhaps the most critical generation that have ever lived – posting careless criticism of ideas, people and institutions at the tap of a finger at unfathomable speed, fast losing the art of thinking things through. So what's a dad to do?

Reclaim your place

Part of the modern parenting malaise is that many fathers are unsure of their place when their children are unsocial, unfriendly or just plain painful in public. It's not just when kids act like brats that dads need to step forward. They need to be present when children and young people are hurt, fearful, lonely, sad and depressed. The best thing that they can bring to the table is their vulnerability and a willingness to talk about feelings. I suspect most adolescents would think likewise if asked.

The language of fathering is a very physical one. That is, many dads build relationships with their children through games and active pursuits. It's very often how dads pass on important lessons such as fairness, persistence and winning and losing. If physicality is a bloke's only strategy then a father is left out in the cold when his sons and daughters move into adolescence – well passed the playful age. A man's just got to talk to get his messages through. He can start by letting kids know when their behaviour is likely to offend others; when they behave like chumps when they are not yet champs; and when they need to show respect to those who've tread whatever path they are on before them. This is what great fathering is about in these interesting times in which we live.



FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Managing Conflict in the Home



The 2 session course covers:

- Is all conflict bad?
- Different conflict styles
- Getting stuck in unhelpful conflict patterns
- Barriers to conflict resolution
- Understanding age development
- Power struggles
- Tips for managing conflict through improved communication

FREE WORKSHOP for PARENTS

Where: Maclean TAFE – Woombah St Maclean

Date:- 10th and 17th of September (Thursdays)

Time:- 9.30am - 12.30pm (light refreshment provided)

To register phone CRANES on 6642 7257 or email admin@cranes.org.au

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE – Bookings Essential



FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Loving Your Angry Teen



The 2 session workshop covers:

- Adolescent brain development
- Hormonal changes
- Helping teens deal with strong emotions
- Taking back control
- Strategies that can help
- Managing stress

FREE WORKSHOP for PARENTS

Location: Treelands Drive Community Centre - YAMBA

Date: 8th and 15thth of September (Tuesdays)

Time: Evenings 6.30pm - 8.30pm

To register phone CRANES on 6642 7257 or email admin@cranes.org.au

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE – Bookings Essential



FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Understanding Your Child's Brain



The 2 session course covers:

- Brain development
- What do neurons do?
- Where does personality come from?
- Tips on helping the anxious child
- Is it the hormones?
- What causes tantrums?
- Health tips for child brain development

FREE WORKSHOP for PARENTS

Where: Maclean TAFE – Woombah St Maclean

Date:- 4th and 11th of September (Fridays)

Time:- 9.30am - 12.30pm (light refreshment provided)

To register phone CRANES on 6642 7257 or email admin@cranes.org.au

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