

## **Iluka Public School Newsletter 34**

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## From the Principal's Desk

#### **Canberra Excursion**

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australian's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital; of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, toward those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The school covered the cost of this rebate in the original costing of the excursion.

**Wow!** What an excursion—Last week our Years 4, 5 and 6 students travelled to our nation's capital - Canberra. A very full itinerary was planned. I believe the program catered for all students to take something special away. Thank you to Mr. Melrose for the organisation and well done to our wonderful teachers Miss Anderson, Mrs Howard and Mr. Jones who did an excellent job while away with the 44 students. I hope everyone had a memorable time.

Later this week I will be attending a Principal's Conference to be held in Ulmarra. This provides a fantastic opportunity to network with other Principals. We will also be hearing from guest speaker Mr Frank Potter on current educational theories and practices.

I would like to thank Kat Torrance who is our new canteen coordinator. Kat has worked very hard in preparation for tomorrow's opening Wednesday 28. I hope all our parents will support our canteen. Kat is looking for volunteers so if you have some spare time on a Wednesday and would like to help please contact her by email Kat.Torrace@gmail.com.

During last week I was very proud to receive two thank you cards. The first was from Sadie on behalf of the Chatsworth Island/ Iluka RSL Ladies Auxiliary. She wrote to thank Ms Lynne Essey and the school choir for

The Canteen will reopen this Wed Oct 28. Children should bring their lunches on Mondays please.

#### **Term 4 Events**

29 October -

**Kinder Orientation** 

30 October -

**Day for Daniel** 

5 November -

**Kinder Orientation** 

9-12 November -

Cascade Excursion

16-27 November -

**Swimming School** 

14 December -

Year 6 Farewell

15 December -

**Presentation Assembly** 

16 December -

Iluka Carols

**End of Term 4** 

their beautiful singing last month at the Iluka Bowing Club. The second was from the IPSA committee thanking our students for their support with the Art Competition and the Family Fun Day.

Finally, Year 3 (some Year 4 and 5) students are now preparing for their excursion to Cascade. Final preparations are now taking place and shortly we will be holding a class meeting outlining what to bring, the itinerary and special requirements. Have a good week.

#### Phil Bradmore

# Class News—Week 3 Term 4 K Class News

**Spelling -** Our spelling list for this week is - **I, if, in, into, is, it, jump** 

**Physical Education -**Over the next few weeks, Kindergarten students are participating in a series of lessons aimed at developing golf skills. The students enjoyed their first lesson yesterday with Mandy.

**Kindergarten Transition Program-**It was wonderful to see so many pre-schoolers attend our first Term 4 transition morning, last Thursday. The Kindergarten students enjoyed the experience of being leaders and assisting the pre-schoolers settle into Kinder class routines. The second transition morning is being held this **Thursday 29 October**. A reminder that these transition mornings are for all students, those students that attend pre-school, family day care and for those students that do not attend day care facilities, who will be enrolling in Kindergarten at Iluka Public School in 2016.

Lynne

**Library** - A reminder that Kindergarten has library **on Friday** this term.

#### 1/2 Class News

It is wonderful to have all the students and staff back from their excursion and for our school routines to return to normal. It sounds like it was a wonderful experience for all involved and something for the younger students to look forward to.

**Golf** - The class commenced golf lessons with Mandy yesterday. The students listened well and followed safety rules with care. It was very enjoyable and we are looking forward to future lessons. **Music** - We continue to learn the ukulele with Ryan and everyone is making progress in this area. **Library** - Students attend the library every Tuesday. It was positive improvement to see about half of the class borrowing last week. However, it would be great to see all students taking advantage of this wonderful resource.

**Homework** - Both Year 1 and Year 2 students need to return their homework every Friday. **Absence Notes** - If your child is absent from school, a brief note explaining the absences is required.

Have a great week. Kristy

### 2/3 Class News

Hello everyone! I am very pleased to be back on class again and to get settled back into our everyday routines. Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year 4,5,6 excursion to Canberra. The students' behaviour was exceptional and they actively participated in all of the experiences provided to them. I am sure they will remember this excursion fondly for years to come, as will I.

**The Year 3 Excursion** is fast approaching. Please ensure all notes and money are returned ASAP. If there are any concerns or questions about the excursion please see myself or Mr Bradmore. Today we had our first golf session with Mandy. The students enjoyed learning the basic skills of the game and are now looking forward to furthering these skills in the



upcoming weeks.

**Year 2 homework** was handed out today. Please ensure your child completes it and returns it on Friday. Home reading journals will also be collected and checked on Friday.

#### 3/4 Class News

It was great to see the older students return from camp happy and ready to learn. Thankyou Mr Jones for all the wonderful photo's, my class thoroughly enjoyed the updates and are now very keen for their excursion to Cascade.

Cascade excursion is coming up in week 6, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. We are currently in the process of finalising numbers. Cascade Environmental Education Centre will be a fabulous learning experience. The learning will be lots of fun and will be completed outside and involves some walking. There will be games, concerts, videos, spotlighting and other activities at night as well. Further information will be sent home later on this week. Please ensure all medical consents and monies are returned and finalised this week.

In Science we are looking at fossilisation and are going to make a fossil on Wednesday. So could all students please bring in either a shell or leaf to school tomorrow.

**Home Readers and Library books** are to be submitted and returned on Mondays.

Have a great week Bek

#### 4/5 Class News

**Good Morning!** 

It's great to see all the seniors back from Canberra, having had such a wonderful time. It will be a lifetime experience.

The Year 3 and 4 students are about to go on the Cascade excursion - how exciting! Those students that are in Year 4 who have been to Canberra can still go to Cascade if you wish. Simply pick up the paperwork from the office and return it as soon as possible. (Cascade EEC Monday November 9 to Thursday November 12).

If there are any queries please don't hesitate to call the office. Have a great week. Cheers John

#### 5/6 Class News

Hello evervone.

We have all returned from Canberra safe and sound. We all had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal from the range of educational opportunities we experienced. There were also lots of laughs and fun to be had on our adventure as well. I'm sure you will be hearing different little snippets as the weeks unfold. In class we will also be doing some follow up activities associated with our experiences. I was very impressed with the behaviour of the children whilst we were away and in particular the senior students should be commended on their mature attitudes and helpful outlooks when requested.

This week we will be settling back into class routines and resuming our jobs around the school as leaders. Enjoy your week, Di.

#### **Library / Technology News**

Wow, what a week last week. Such an amazing time was had by all, especially myself. The amount of activities we covered in 3 days was amazing and all of the students showed excitement and enthusiasm throughout the entire journey. If you would like to see all of the images from our trip I have created a page on the school website that has a variety of galleries on it for each attraction we went to. To locate the albums hover your mouse over the "Galleries" tab at the top of the page and then select the drop down button for Canberra Excursion 2015. Furthermore, the following website provides students with some interactive games and information that can help them



#### Library / Technology News cont.

I have extended the Book Club orders till this Wednesday, 28/10/15, due to the fact that I was away at Canberra all last week and some students did not get a chance to return their order while I was at school.



#### Day for Daniel - 30th October

This Friday, 30th October marks the 11th annual Day for Daniel held by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. IPS will honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe and show our support by



wearing red (our usual sport uniform). Classes will also participate in lessons to raise awareness of child safety, developing a support network and stranger danger. This is not a fundraiser so no money is required on the day. If you would like any further information, free educational resources and safety apps for your mobile phone, please visit <a href="http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/">http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/</a>



#### Plan B Regional Bash Overview

- · New and short competition injecting regional 'tribalism' into Country Cricket
- · Showcases the best regional Country NSW players
- · Shop window for best players to the Sydney Sixers
- · Pathway for junior players locally
- · Opportunity for regions to host a major Cricket NSW fixture bi-annually
- · Doug Walters will be the Sydney Sixers Conference ambassador at the games

#### ILUKA BOARD RIDERS - Next Club Comp—15/11/15.

Grom Surf Coaching Wednesday Nov 4, 2015 Primary 3:30pm—High School 4:30pm. Cost \$15

October Club Comp Results: Open Men's 1 James Haddrell, 2 Chris Speirs, 3 Andy Black

**Cadets High School** - 1 Ned Haddrell, 2 Skipper, 3 Callan Thomas

Flea Boys Primary - 1 1 Jordy Phillip, 2 Caleb Lamberth, 3 AJ Black

Flea Girls - 1 Millie Speirs, 2 Taya Black, 3 Ramona Haddrell

We have made some exciting changes for our last Comps of 2015 to make them amazing. Keep up 2 Date via our FACE BOOK PAGE.





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