

Iluka Public School - Newsletter 33 - November 1, 2016

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Dates to Remember

Term 4 Events

Thursday 3rd Nov Pre-School Transition Day 8:45am - 1:30pm

Thursday 17th Nov Pre-School Transition Day 8:45am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 23rd Nov Big River Film Festival Year 5/6 Students only

Monday 28th Nov-Friday 9th Dec School Swimming Scheme Yr 1-4 12-12.45pm

Monday 28th Nov -Friday 9th Dec Kinder Swimming Scheme 9:30 - 10:30am

Wednesday 7th Dec Year 5 Prefect Speeches - 9.30am

Thursday 8th Dec Year 6 Dinner Marracas Boatshed

Friday 9th Dec Reports sent home

Monday 10th Dec 200 Night Home Reading Recognition

Tuesday 13th Dec Presentation Assembly 11am Community Hall

Tuesday 13th Dec Year 6 Disco Iluka Bowls Club 6-8pm All Students

Wednesday 14th Dec Carols in the Park

Friday 16th Dec Students' Last Day

~ SPECIAL EVENTS ~ Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2017

Principal's News

Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

Our hearts go out to Mrs Jo Haupt and her children who lost her husband (and father) last week. We all know how proud they were of Tony and how he supported our school functions. We will all miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and her family at this time.

Congratulations to our school cricket teams on their excellent and behavior at Wherrett Park Maclean last Thursday. Iluka Public School received excellent feedback on the high quality of their performances and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Cunningham, Mr Melrose, Miss Lisa and parents for accompanying our students.

Today all our students were invited to attend the 'Grafton Gallery Goes to School'. Students assembled in the library for an hour viewing and discussing a variety of acrylics, sculptures and drawings with local artist Kerrie Howland. The responses from the students were very positive.

This Thursday our school will once again be inviting the preschoolers to come to 'big school' for most of the day. This will be the second of three transition days planned. For planning purposes, would preschool parents please bring in their enrolment forms. The third transition day is on Thursday 17 November commencing at 8.30am and concluding at 1.30pm.

The thirty tickets for the musical Annie were very quickly snapped up last week. Those lucky enough to have secured a ticket will know the show is on Thursday 3 November.

As advised last term, we have had several reported cases of nits in the lower classes within our school. Children's hair should be looked at regularly and treated if necessary. If your child is found to have nits, their hair must be treated before returning to school.

Next year begins with a Pupil Free Day for Staff Professional Learning on Friday 27 January 2017. All children Kindergarten - Year 6 will return on Monday 30 January. Kindergarten students will complete Individual Best Start Assessments from Wednesday 1 February 2017.

Those Year 2 students going into Year 3 next year who travel to school by bus will need to submit a new application to Transport NSW. This is done online at www.transportnsw.info/schools-students. Once you have completed the online application, print it out and give it to the school for verification. The school will forward this to Transport NSW. You need to do this as soon as

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possible so that the students have their bus pass for 2017 ready for the beginning of the school year.

The Iluka Public School Parents & Carers Christmas morning tea will be held at school on Thursday 24 November at 11.30am. P&C members or not - all are welcome. All canteen volunteers are especially welcomed. If you are interested in attending please complete the attached note for catering purposes. Notes should be returned by November 18.

Writing Competition: Last week, year 4 student Molly Shaw wrote her ideas about television.

'Television may be a waste of time. It all depends because some shows may be educational. Others can be a waste of time if children only watch fictional TV shows. If children watch educational documentary's it might help them to get smarter.'

Well done Molly. I hope you enjoy your prizes.

This week our writing is another persuasive text. The topic is, "Should students participate in Halloween night?' Send your ideas by Friday 4 November.



Have a good week.

Halloween Fun at Tuckshop Yesterday









Kindy Class News

Scripture-This term our scripture lessons are on Thursday afternoon, commencing at 2:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm, with Mrs Bowers. As my role is to supervise the scripture lessons, those students not attending scripture classes are supervised by Mrs Gardner. The students take with them, into the Year One class, games and activities that they can do independently of the teacher.

Assessments-Over the coming weeks, the Kindergarten students will be participating in their final assessment tasks for the year. It is extremely important that students attend school to sit these assessment tasks, as the results will assist in writing student reports and in determining each students learning entry level into Year One.

Ice-cream Containers-Due to the wonderful response by our school and wider community, I no longer require ice-cream containers. A big thank you to everyone who sent in containers.

Reminders:

- *Please return library books on **Thursday** of each week.
- *Pre-school Transition Day this Thursday 3rd Novemeber 8:45am to 1:30pm. Could enrolment forms please be submitted to the office as soon as possible.
- *Recyclable toy project due this Friday.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

News - There are no formal speaking topics/news this term as we are completing a range of speaking and listening tasks and assessments in preparation for reports.

Assessment Tasks - Over the coming weeks, students will be completing a range of assessment tasks across all key learning areas to gauge their learning and assist with writing Semester 2 reports.

Gallery Goes to School - Grafton Gallery visited our school today. Thank you to all of parents who returned notes and money promptly. No doubt the students enjoyed viewing the art and got a lot out of the visit.

Reminders -

- Library is on Wednesday
- Home reading journals are due every Wednesday
- Swim School note and \$15
- Homework and banking on Fridays

Enjoy the week.

Kristy

Year 1/2 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 4.

Assessment Tasks- Beginning next week, the students will be completing a variety of assessment tasks across all key learning areas. These assessments will assist me in writing student reports in the coming weeks.

Home Reading- Well done to all of the students who have been bringing in their journals for me to check. If students do not bring their journals in, I have no way of knowing how many nights they have read. Only the students who have been handing their journals in regularly will be eligible for the special surprise at the end of the term.

Year 2 Homework- It has been great to see all Year 2 students complete and return their homework over the last few weeks. There has been an increase in spelling test results across the class due to students completing the weekly spelling tasks. Please keep it up!

Reminders-

- Library will be next Monday.
- Swimming notes and payment to be returned to class teacher.
- Year 2 homework due on Friday.
- Home reading journals due on Friday morning.
- Banking is on Friday.

Have a great week.

Stacey



Roster Term 4

Monday 7th November Leah Speirs, Gaye Webster, Nicole Kelso

Monday 14th November Kylie Kerr, Lisa Hogan, Sarah Johnson

Monday 21st November Karla Morrison, Kirra Pendrick, Vanessa Lipscombe

No tuckshop
28/11/16
&
05/12/16
Due to intensive
swimming

We look forward to another great term and we always welcome any new volunteers as more hands make light work!!

Please let us know if unable to come in on your rostered day or if needing to swap with another person on roster. Canteen Hours are Mondays 8:30am to approx. 2pm.

Home baked goods or fruit donation next week

Year 1/2

Karla: 0405 638 768 Cassandra 0413 044 405

Year 3 Class News

Hi everyone.

We have begun our final assessments for the year, in preparation for reports. It is exciting to see the progress.

Home reading journals were slow to come in this week, please talk to your child about home reading to ensure they are on track. It is important that they read out of school time

Reminders -

- Library is on Monday
- Home reading journals are due every Monday
- Swim School note and \$15
- Homework and banking on Fridays

Have a great week

Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning,

The "Gallery Goes to School" is on Tuesday this week. They will showcase a variety of artwork from their collection. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students from Iluka to view art exhibits without travelling to the Gallery.

Home Readers need to be brought back to school to be sighted and signed off.

Assessment tasks will be completed during the next two weeks to help determine your child's progress.

Homework goes home on Tuesdays and is to be returned by the following Tuesday.

The **outstanding sportsmanship** displayed by our students last week at Milo cricket was indeed a credit to all that attended. A great day was had by all.

Have a great week.

John

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello all,

Gallery Exhibition: is today and I'm sure we will learn a great deal about the different art works that have been brought from the regional gallery. Follow up activities will relate to the art pieces that we will see today.

Assessment Tasks: will be occurring over the next couple of weeks to gather information as to where your child sits within the Stage 3 outcomes.

Remembrance Day: is next week. We will be doing some writing tasks connected with this special day. Yr 6 children will represent our school at the community service at the cenotaph next week. Our Yr 5/6 will present the work we have been doing in class at our fortnightly assembly next week.

Homework/ Home Reading: continues on with normal routines.

Hope your flutter on the Melbourne cup was successful. Di

Library / Technology News

Bookclub is due in before the end of the week. If you do not want your child to know that you are getting something through bookclub simply just see me in the library in the morning before school. Alternatively you can drop off your order at the office and they will pass it onto me. Bookclub orders could be great for a Christmas present as we are only weeks away from Santa arriving.

Majority of the Year 6 students have shown a strong interest in applying for the Chrome class in high school. So this week I will be working with them to create an effective powtoon, google slide, google form and google mind map to help increase their chances of being selected in this popular class. If all goes to plan all applicants from Iluka will be accepted into the class for next year. I hope everyone has a great week. Mr Jones.



The Streeton Trio



Join us for the final concert in our 2016 Visiting Artists series and hear the spectacular sounds of the Streeton Trio, and take advantage of the opportunity to learn from them

Sunday 13 November, 2016 2.00pm Clarence Valley Conservatorium 8 Villiers Street, Grafton

TICKETS

\$25 adults, \$15 concession, \$5 student (U18)



Myth Busted!

Think small pre-packed snacks are cheaper? See for yourself they cost a lot more per kilo than other, more nutritious snacks that can easily be made yourself. Try some swaps for your family this week.

The options are endless. Swap:

Chocolate biscuits for a boiled egg (draw a smiley face on the shell!)

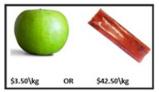
White bread jam sandwich for a small container of baked beans.

Chocolate custard for a low fat yoghurt (cheaper if you decant from a large tub)

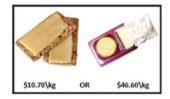
Potato\corn chips for popcorn

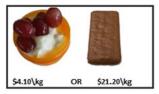
Sweet biscuits for a homemade savoury muffin













Parenting ideas

Earning the right

By Michael Grose

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert.

He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she'd proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller's earning the right story is a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn't give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it's tempting to simply give kids what they want.

"Dad, can I have a ...?"

"Sure!"

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, "You can't always get what you want!" Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn't mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don't automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without cleaning up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It's a right that comes with conditions.

Earning the right! A simple phrase with so much complexity.

I suspect it's a phrase that neither Nick Kyrgios or Bernard Tomic heard much when they were growing up. Maybe their parents thought their prodigious talents excused them from having conditions placed upon them. If so, they did them no favours as good manners, gratitude and graciousness appear to be lacking in their social repertoires.

It usually takes a parent, teacher or coach to remind kids that they have to earn the right to have things, to do things and ultimately to be respected. That's a lesson that stays for life.