



Iluka Public School Newsletter 33

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From the Principal's Desk

I write this knowing by the time you read it, I will be in Canberra on the Year 4, 5 and 6 excursion. I'd like to thank the P&C for supporting the major excursion by heavily subsidising the cost of the coach. Thank you to Mr Melrose for leading the school in my absence. I take this opportunity to thank my executive and the teachers who leave their families for 5 days to give our students these great experiences. It is a 'BIG ASK' to have teachers reorganise their own family and regular life schedules to be able to attend these overnight excursions. Teachers receive no overtime, loading or pay incentives, no Time-in-Lieu to attend these camps and schools receive no 'additional funds' to replace teachers during these camps. I know our families who have children attending these camps will appreciate that teachers are giving their personal time to give our Iluka Public School students these additional opportunities and are, no doubt, appreciative they do this out of commitment to our students and personal kindness.

Awards: Over our recent Whole School Assemblies I have noticed that many students are now qualifying for the Principal awards - Remember once your child has groups of 5 awards bring the awards to me so that your child can receive a special award at the assembly.

Kindergarten Orientation 2016: In Term 3 we ran a very successful Kinder transition program for students starting school in 2016. They participated in a range of literacy and creative art. Feedback from parents at our Information night was extremely positive. We now move to the next phase of the program for the next three weeks.

1. Thursday October 22 - attend classes from 9 - 11:20 am
2. Thursday October 29 - attend classes from 9 - 11:20 am
3. Thursday November 5 - attend classes from 9 - 11:20 am

If you know any family who intends to enrol a Kinder student in 2016 and has not yet contacted the school please ask them to give us a call on 66466149.

Visit from Mr. Perl: Last Thursday, Mr Bob Perl, Principal at Maclean High School visited our school. It was pleasing to see our students welcome him and to see the other students sitting calmly in the playground. He certainly left us knowing what a wonderful school Iluka is.

Term 4 Events

**18-22 October -
Canberra Excursion**

**22 October -
Kinder Orientation**

**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**

**The Canteen will reopen on Wed Oct 28.
(see page 6) Children should bring their
lunches on Mondays please.**



Selective High School 2017: Applications for students in Year 5 who wish to apply for a Selective High School in 2017 are now open. Applications close on Monday November 16. Further information is available from the front office.

Year 1-4 Swimming Program: Our Swimming Program for students in Years 1 - 4 will begin on November 16. More information about the 10 day event will be sent home shortly.

(In Sunny Canberra)

Phil Bradmore

Class News—Week 3 Term 4

K Class News

Spelling -Our spelling list for this week is - **had, happy, have, he, her, here, his, home.**

Changes To Home Reading-For the remainder of the year, Kindergarten students will now choose their own book of interest to take home to read. Students will no longer read their home reading book at school, before taking it home. The class time spent on pre-reading home reading books, will now be spent on ensuring that student's reading skills are consolidated before the end of the term. Parents please note that the books your child takes home is not an indication of your child's reading ability, as within each level of books that your child is reading, there are easy-medium-hard levelled books. Parental assistance may be required for your child to read their books. Just remember, home reading is meant to be a time when your child gets to share a book with you and enjoys the reading experience.

Lynne

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

1/2 Class News

It is week 3 already - the term is flying by and it is only going to get busier. This week most routines remain the same for students. Year 2 students are spending the morning session with Mr Melrose and return to class after recess for all usual activities. We have commenced our new units on Transport (HSIE) and Water (Science). We are also learning the ukulele with Ryan on Wednesdays and looking at the art of Claude Monet . Students have been very engaged by these new units.

Have a great week.

Kristy

3/4 Class News

Wow! How quite is the school without the bigger kids? Over the past few weeks (actually all year) we have been discussing and developing good social skills (expectations, pride, responsibilities and respect). I am really happy that the Year 3 students now have an opportunity to exhibit these qualities to their younger peers while the older students are away.

Homework was sent home yesterday. A spelling revision sheet and a times tables sheet. Hopefully the random act of kindness is becoming a habit. I had to smile when I heard some students comment that the homework was easy. It is meant to be easy. It is not meant to be stressful in anyway. This revision is intended to build self- confidence and consolidate learning. Most students have extension activities with the text book that they purchased at the beginning of the year as part of their homework. I am impressed with their enthusiasm and progress. In maths the students

3/4 Class News cont.

have been revising some of the topics identified as a weakness in NAPLAN. We are working on two digit algorithms and also areas of time and measurement. Cascade Excursion is coming up in week 6. Could you please ensure all notes and any outstanding payments are finalised.

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

Have a great week Bek

2/3 Class News**4/5 Class News****5/6 Class News**

Due to Canberra Excursion no class news this week

Library / Technology News

Following are the class library days for term 4:

Kindergarten - Fridays

Class 1/2 - Tuesdays

Class 2/3 - Thursdays

Class 3/4 - Mondays

Class 4/5 - Wednesdays

Class 5/6 - Thursdays

Mr Jones

Uniform Policy


Just a reminder that it is our policy that all students who are out of uniform require a note from home. We especially enforce the 'No Hat, No Play' policy, and any student who doesn't have a hat will be required to sit at the brown tables under the COLA. We do understand that items of uniform, especially hats, get misplaced sometimes. An alternate hat, accompanied by a note from home, is acceptable for a few days, until a replacement can be purchased from The Uniform Shop in Maclean. We understand that travelling to Maclean to purchase a uniform can be inconvenient, but Tina from The Uniform Shop is very helpful and will take phone orders accompanied by credit card payment. She can also arrange for the uniform to be delivered to the school.

Cyber safety Workshop.

Last Tuesday I was fortunate enough to accompany Mrs Howard and our Year 6 Students to Maclean High School for a Cyber safety presentation by Susan Maclean. Susan is an expert in the field of Cyber safety and a very sought after speaker. Our Year 6 students were very privileged to be invited to the presentation, along with other Year 6 students from around the Clarence Valley. I found the presentation to be very informative and relevant and I hope the students did too. I think the biggest thing to come out of the presentation was that all social media apps including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc. have a minimum legal age limit of 13. And the age limit for some apps, such as KIK is 17. So if your child is under 13 and use these apps, they have lied about their age when signing up.

These age restrictions are put in place to protect young people and help keep them safe online.

I encourage all parents/carers to talk to their children and be aware of what they do online. At school we work hard to educate the students on cyber safety and making good online decisions, but it's when they are away from school that they are accessing these social media applications, so it's the parents/



carers who are in the best position to monitor their online behaviour. There are a wealth of online resources for parents/carers to help them keep their child safe online. Please check the school Facebook page for links or feel free to contact me if you require any assistance or advice regarding keeping your child safe online.
Miss Lisa

School Banking

Welcome back to Term 4. A quiet start Term 4 with only 27 bankers -

Unfortunately the Luna Light Band reward won't be available this term - it has been recalled due to the battery compartment being too easy to open and the hazard this causes for children. Instead a Galaxy Glider (Frisbee) will be available this term.

Rewards available for Term 4 include;

- Headphones - 2013 item
- Knuckles game - 2013 item
- Dollarmites Money Box - 2014 item
- Scented pencils - 2014 item
- Shark key ring - 2014 item
- Swim bag - 2014 item
- Galaxy Glider - 2015 item
- Intergalactic Rocket - 2015 item
- Invisible ink pens - 2015 item
- Outer space moneybox - 2015 item

If you would like to order any of the above rewards simply include your 10 tokens and a note in your bank book. The rewards take approximately a week to arrive in the post.

Remember Banking is on Fridays.

Jess Edie - 0478097039

AQUAFITNESS

At the ANCHORAGE - Iluka

1.45 - 2.45 pm Wednesdays

Commencing 21st October

Exercises in 1m depth of water

No need to be a good swimmer

Especially good for arthritis, joint and muscle pain, injuries, heart conditions and pregnancy or just for some fun exercise!

BYO - swimmers, towel, sun protection & water bottle.

\$10 per class

Further details: Jo Haupt - 66466189

OUR STUDENTS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN CANBERRA ON MONDAY WITH LOCAL MEMBER KEVIN HOGAN





SCHOOL CANTEEN TO RE-OPEN

The P&C are happy to advise the Canteen will re-open next WEDNESDAY October 28, 2015.

We have a new co-ordinator Kathryn Torrance. Kathryn is looking for volunteers so if you have some spare time on a Wednesday and would like to help please contact by email on Kat.Torrance@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoy the new MENU.

The Menu is attached to this newsletter



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Dear Mrs Howard, Mr Melrose, Mrs Cunningham, Mr Bradmore/Ms Anderson,
Mrs Gardner, Miss Essery (please circle)

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Year: _____

Date of Absence/s: _____

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