



# Iluka Public School - Newsletter 30

## October 10, 2017

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### Dates to Remember

#### Term 4

#### OCTOBER

##### Thursday 12th

Preschool Transition 9-1.30

##### Wednesday 25th

Yr 6 Transition (Maclean High School)

##### Thursday 26th

Preschool Transition 9-1.30

#### NOVEMBER

##### Wednesday 1st

Yr 5/6 Boating Program  
Whiting Beach 11.30am

##### Monday 6th

P & C Meeting at 7:00pm

##### Thursday 9th

Gallery goes to school

Preschool Transition 9-1.30

##### Monday 13th

Swimming Scheme (2 weeks)  
For Yr1-Yr4 students

##### Tuesday 21st

Boating excursion Yr 4/5 & Yr 5/6 11.30-2.30

##### Tuesday 28th

Boating excursion Kinder & Yr 1 11.30-2.30

#### DECEMBER

##### Monday 4th

P&C Meeting - 7pm

##### Tuesday 5th

Boating excursion Yrs 2, 3 & 4  
11.30-2.30

##### Friday 8th

Reports go home

##### Tuesday 12th

Presentation Day 11.30am

Disco Bowling Club

##### Wednesday 13th

Carols in the Park

##### Friday 15th

Last day of Term 4

### SPECIAL EVENT

**FOR PARENTS- Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 this term.**

### Principal's News

**Welcome Back** - I hope all families have had a lovely holiday break and had a chance to unwind and spend some special time with the children. It certainly is a privilege to come back to school and see the children's smiling, enthusiastic faces clearly ready for the term of learning ahead. I extend a very warm welcome to all of our families and particularly new families moving into the area and into our wonderful school. This is another ten week term that finishes on Friday 19 December. There are a lot of events and notes to keep on top of, so please stay tuned to the School Web Page, Face book and the Newsletter each week. Term Four is sure to be very busy with Annual Assessments, Reports and end of year activities.

**Staff Changes** - Mr Melrose is taking well deserved long service leave for the remainder of the year. Ms Stacey Anderson, will be in the Year 4/5 classroom. I know Stacey is looking forward to the teaching position and has planned stimulating and challenging lessons.

Miss Melanie Hamilton will be the school K-6 librarian. Please note that Miss Hamilton will be at the school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Library Classes for Term 4 will be;

Tuesday - 9 -11.00 – Year 1

Tuesday - 11.30 – 2.15 pm – Year 2

Wednesday - 9 -11.00 - Kindy

Wednesday - 11.30 – 2.15 pm – Year 4/5

Thursday - 9 -11.00 – Year Year 5/6

Thursday - 11.30 – 2.15 pm – Year 3/4

**Tell Them From Me Survey** - A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who completed the Parent survey. Your feedback is a valued part of our planning for our 2018-2020 School Plan.

**Summer Uniform** - We now move well and truly into summer. All staff will reinforce the importance of wearing hats and we also recommend applying sunscreen before coming to school as well.

**School Improvements** - There was quite a bit of work undertaken in the school holidays. All classrooms in the school had the carpet cleaned and shampooed. As well the air conditioning units and exhaust fans have had their filters cleaned. I would also like to thank Mark our GA for the new number line painted under the COLA. Mark (and Tom) have also done a wonderful job keeping up the water around the school playgrounds. Our gardens and play area always looks very tidy and respectful.

**Years 1-4 Special Swimming Scheme** - The Years 1-4 Special Swimming Scheme will be held for 10 days during Weeks 6 and 7 this term. More detailed information will be sent out shortly.

**Class Formations / Kindergarten 2018** - At this time of year we need to begin organising staffing arrangements for 2018. To do this we need to determine the approximate size of each grade. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2018 could you please contact the school office to enrol. Class formations and teachers for 2018 have not yet been finalised. At this stage, we believe that we will have approximately 122 students enrolled in 2018. Subsequently we will be able to form 5 classes.

**P&C Meeting** - Our monthly P&C meeting will be held in the Staff room on Monday 4 December 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm. All parents and carers welcome.

**School Concert** - During Week 10, Term 3 the Iluka Public School Concert was held. All teaching staff and I were very pleased with our students' performances, behaviour and their presentation. Thank you so much to the students who participated in the event. It takes a lot of courage to perform for an audience and your efforts helped ensure the night was a success. A special thank you goes to Miss Essery for her detailed planning and preparation. Congratulations, it was a very successful occasion.

**Staff Development Days** - The two staff development days planned for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December will now take place throughout Term 4. The staff will be involved in professional learning activities (after school hours) on Tuesday 10th, 24th October and Tuesday 7th, 21st November. Ideas and suggestions will be included in our new school plan.



## Kindy Class News

**Spelling**-Each week a group of words will be revised and some new spelling words will be introduced. The students will engage in daily learning activities and testing of these words. Our focus spelling words for this week are: **to, home, no, mother, jump, am, there, out, one, so**. Students will sit an assessment spelling test of 100 words at the end of this term. Extra practice at home of our weekly spelling words is encouraged.

**Creative Arts Concert**-What a privilege it is to teach the youngest students at our school. They rose to the occasion and performed at their best. So proud of you Kinders. Well done!

**Nude Lunchboxes**-Congratulations to Kirra-Leigh for having a 'nude lunch box'.

### Reminders:

\*Library day for Kindergarten this term is **Wednesday**.

Lynne

## Year 1 Class News

**Library Day** - Year 1 will now attend the library every Tuesday with Miss Hamilton. Please ensure students have a library bag so they can borrow.

**Leave** - Thank you to Miss Daley who will be taking my class for Weeks 2 and 3 while I take some long service leave. Miss Daley has taken the class a number of times and is familiar with our rules and routines. Students will continue with all regular programs and activities to ensure a smooth and productive

fortnight.

**150 nights of home reading** - Students have until Friday to show me their journals if they have reached 150 nights during the holidays. We are now on the home stretch to 200 nights of reading for the year. Read a little every day to stay on track.

**Speaking Topics** - Students have already shared oral recounts of their holidays with the class for this week's speaking topic and we are now using this information to write a recount of their experiences.

Week 2 speaking topic is 'somewhere in the world I would like to visit'.

Week 3 speaking topic is 'an olden day object' (can be a picture).

**Reminders -**

\* Library bags and home readers are due on Tuesdays now

\* Homework and bank books due on Friday

Have a great week!

Kristy

## Year 2 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome back to school and the final term of the year. Wow the year has flown past and so many events have occurred throughout the year. With so many devastating events that have occurred around the world this year I feel we should remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in such an amazing country and such an amazing part of Australia. The kids should be reminded of this as well.

**Theme for Term:** This term's theme is "Countries around the World". Integrated into our literacy routines, students will learn about countries around the world by learning about a new country each week through kids story books and comprehension activities.

**Writing:** The first 5 weeks of the term the writing focus will be on "Expositions". An exposition argues for or against a certain point of view based on a certain topic. An exposition is a well-structured argument or persuasion. The point of view must be supported by facts and relevant information on that topic.

**Geography:** Wednesday afternoons will be our Geography day and we will be focusing on "People and Places".

**Computers:** This term I will be providing the students with many opportunities to improve their typing skills and computer knowledge through the use of our school google drive accounts. As NAPLAN will be online as of next year, it will be important that students navigation and operation skills of a computer are up to scratch so they can successfully sit this assessment.

**Library:** Our library day is Tuesdays for the entire term so please remind your child to bring their library bag on Tuesday.

**Home Reading:** Home reading journals will be checked on Tuesdays. Many students are on track to reach the 200 nights by the end of the year. By reaching this goal they will be entitled to participate in the end of year activity with Mr Bradmore.

I hope you all have a fantastic first week. And don't forget to check your Class Dojo app for important messages as they arise. Matt.

## Year 3/4 Class News

Mrs Cunningham is away this week.

The class is fortunate that Miss Morgan Daley and Ms Erin Leeson will be taking the class during her absence. The students appear to have returned to school very settled and happy after the holiday break. Pleasingly, many students have topped up their pencil cases and have brought into the class fresh supplies of stationery. Year 3/4 now have Thursday afternoon as their library time. As well, students are requested to return each week their Home Reading Journals for teacher collection.

As always if there are any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Year 4/5 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 1 of Term 4.

I will be taking the Year 4/5 class for the remainder of the year. I am looking forward to spending the term with the students in this class.

**Home Reading:** Reading is a vital part of your child's overall development. It is the foundation for doing well at school and being successful in life. Therefore, it is extremely important that your child reads every day. I would like all students in the class to start reading every night from now until the end of the term. I am aware that many students in the class have not been doing this, however, it is never too late to start. Whether your child has read for 20 or 200 nights so far this term, I am encouraging them to read and fill in

their home reading journals every night. I will be collecting journals every Friday to see the progress being made. Please assist your child in this important matter.

**Library:** This term the Year 4/5 class will have library on Wednesday afternoon. In order to borrow your child must have a library bag. Please ensure they have one to use as the school library is filled with many great books, including a wide range of new books that have been purchased this year. The key to finding enjoyment in reading is finding a book that you enjoy. Therefore, I encourage all students to utilise the school library.

**Homework:** Homework will be given to all students next Monday. It will be due on Friday of the same week. This will then continue for the remainder of the term. I would appreciate parents encouraging their child to complete the homework tasks as it will consolidate the learning that has been taking place in the class. We discussed it in class yesterday and all students agreed to try and complete and return their homework each Friday.

**Writing:** We will be working on a variety of text types this term including: narratives, expositions, recounts and poetry.

Have a great week  
Stacey

## Year 5/6 Class News

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to the last term of the year. I'd like to thank Ms Anderson for teaching 5/6 during my Long Service Leave. I'm very pleased to be back and hearing all the catch up news from the class. I'm looking forward to a busy and productive last term for 2017.

**Homework:** routines will continue. An important discipline that assists time management and organisational skills, as well as the academic reinforcement.

**Home Reading Journals:** are being collected this Thursday. If your child has gotten off track I encourage them to 'regroup' and finish the year off in a positive manner with some consistent reading at home.

**Library:** day is Thursday: 9-11am with Miss Hamilton. The class will be working on Science/ Technology during this time.

The Year 6 students have been working hard on their jobs around the school. The Year 5 children have been demonstrating leadership qualities to take on senior roles in the school next year.

Have a great week.  
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## Library News

**Library days for Term 4 are as follows:-**

K - Tuesday

Yr 1 - Monday

Yr 2 - Monday

Yr 3/4 - Thursday

Yr 4/5 - Tuesday

Yr 5/6 - Thursday

**Bookclub:** Due next Friday, 20th October.

Melanie







Hi everyone and welcome back to all our families. I hope you had a great holiday. The roster has been done for October and November. Please have a look and contact me if you are unable to do your allocated day. Please remember when your child's class is nominated to bring in donations, these can be anything from home baked goodies to fruit, salad or even just serviettes and plastic cups. We appreciate any help possible. If you have not been put on the roster but would like to help out please send me a text or call me to arrange something.

Thank you

Karla - 0405 638 768

**This weeks donations are - Kindy Class**



### SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 open on **10 October 2017** and close on **13 November 2017**.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The Selective High School Placement Test is on **15 March 2018**.

Further information is also available from the school office.

## FREE GOLF DAY

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017.

DUST OFF THE CLUBS, GRAB YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COME ON OUT AND PLAY GOLF AT

ILUKA GOLF CLUB FOR **FREE**.

NO CHARGE OF GREENFEES BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM.

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST COME ON OUT BETWEEN THE ABOVE TIMES TO CLAIM YOUR FREE GAME OF GOLF.

*ALL WELCOME.*

BAR & RESTAURANT OPEN FROM 11.30AM.

4PM HAPPY HOUR.

PH 66465262 OR 66466408 TO BOOK GOLF CLUBS, GOLF CARTS AND PULL BUGGIES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE AT MEMBERS PRICES.



## JOIN US AT LOWER CLARENCE

### LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB IN OCTOBER 2017

For children aged 5–16, Lower Clarence Athletics Club welcomes you!

Our weekly program involves 3 or 4 events of running, jumping and throwing, and is held at the **Maclean High School Oval** on **Tuesday afternoons** from **3.45pm to 5pm**.

Our Season will commence **Tuesday 10 October**, breaking on Tuesday 12 December. Returning Tuesday 30 January 2018 and finishing Tuesday 10 April.

We allow new families up to 2 week trial period. We will be holding two 'come and try' days on Tuesday 10 October and Tuesday 17 October 2017.

Our emphasis is on **fun** and **fitness**. Children can join with any level of skill or fitness.

If your child would like to take part in Little Athletics, you need to register online. <http://www.lansw.com.au/Participate/How-to-Register>

If you have any questions please visit our Facebook page 'Lower Clarence Little Athletics Club' or call Julie on 0412 767 641 or Cathy on 0416 201 103.

## Iluka Junior Cricket

If you are interested in playing junior cricket please meet at the oval at 4pm on Thursday 12th October for training and to arrange teams.

Under 12's

Start date: Saturday 14th of October

Time: 8.30-11.30

Cost: \$20 + \$3 each week

Games played at Iluka, Yamba, Maclean and Harwood

Equipment: Need white pants

Under 10's

No experience needed

When: Thursday afternoon 4pm-6pm

Where: Iluka oval only (no travel)

Cost: \$20 for the season

Equipment: don't need anything. Just come along and have some fun.

Enquiries ; Jono 0403 776 554

## YAMBA TOUCH ASSOCIATION

***Calling out to all interested Junior Touch players!***

*Junior Touch Football starts next Wednesday, 18th Oct.*

*To register players must go online for the unique code.*

*Players can enter as individuals or as a team. Further details can be found by visiting the Yamba Touch Football Facebook site.*

*Any further enquiries please contact Kylie Kerr.*

# Parenting *ideas*

## **Failure! What a genius idea! -by Michael Grose**

Kids need to fail more if they are to succeed

Traditionally, schools and, in recent years, parents have excelled at celebrating student success. "Top marks", "Dux of the school" and "Perfect score!" are the types of aspirations that teachers and parents have for kids.

But to many students academic success means "Don't stuff it up!", "No mistakes please!" and "You've got to get it right!"

It's been widely reported that Australian kids are anxious, perfectionistic and risk averse. They just don't feel comfortable with failure. And who could blame them? We've hidden failure and disappointment from them for far too long. In recent years there's been a common perception that failure damages people. Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of young people's future success.

Failure is an integral part of learning anything significant, challenging or worthwhile. Resilient learners realise that they don't always get things right the first or even second time but with effort and practice they will master skills, find solutions and gain the knowledge they need to succeed.

As reported in The Age, failure, if handled properly, provides kids with the feedback they need to help them achieve excellence. Yes, kids need positive feedback too ... but only when it's deserved. When we tell a child everything is wonderful when, in fact, his work is mediocre at best, we give him a false sense of achievement.

Failure takes bravery

I've long been a fan of encouragement. What I mean by that is parents and teachers focusing their comments on the processes (effort, contribution, improvement) of what kids do rather than the outcomes. Encouragement places the locus of control onto the child, which is essential for resilience. That doesn't mean that we avoid giving a child feedback if their work or behaviour isn't up to scratch. By all means, we should inform kids when they need to lift their game, but this feedback needs to be provided respectfully and with sensitivity if we want it to be taken on board.

The real strength of encouragement is hidden in its French derivative, the verb *courir*: 'to give heart'. Encouraging teachers and parents to somehow find a way to give their kids the courage to be imperfect. It takes a brave soul to make a mistake sometimes, particularly when others may be watching.

Failure needs a supportive environment

It's all very well to encourage kids to have a go but they won't stretch themselves unless mistakes are truly accepted by the people that matter to them. A child won't speak up in class when he's unsure of the answer if he knows his classmates will laugh at his errors. Similarly, if kids are to take more learning and social risks they need to know that mistakes and stuff ups won't be thrown back in their faces at home by parents or siblings.

Five simple ways to encourage kids to fail and celebrate errors

1. Model failure: Next time you break a plate when emptying the dishwasher, avoid negative language ("What a klutz!") or catastrophising ("This is the worst thing ever!). It's a plate. Stuff happens.
2. Tell stories of failure: We tend to be nostalgic of the past and tell kids of the good stuff when we talk about our childhoods. But kids love to hear the warts'n'all stories of the difficulties you faced and stuff-ups you made as a kid. It makes you more human and also gives them permission to do the same.
3. Encourage them: Develop a vocabulary around effort, improvement, contribution and enjoyment. Be your child's cheerleader but don't avoid giving feedback when necessary.
4. Tell and show kids how to improve: Feedback is always best when it has a teaching focus. So next time you pick up a child on their poor schoolwork or untidy bedroom, make sure you remind them how to do it right.
5. Provide the time to fail and get it right: Modern teachers and parents are time poor. Crowded curricula and busy lifestyles make us less tolerant of failure. But as anyone who has taught a young child to do up his or her shoelaces will know, some things can't be rushed. Time and patience can be your best assets when helping kids to handle learning challenges.

## Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 13th October.

1. In leaked phone transcripts, who was Donald Trump talking to when he said, 'you are worse than I am'?  
a. Theresa May (British Prime Minister)  
b. Donald Trump Junior (Donald Trump's son)  
c. Malcolm Turnbull
2. Which Australian grown fruit crop is being threatened by the soil-borne Panama TR4 disease?  
a. Mangoes  
b. Bananas  
c. Limes
3. In July a Sydney teenager became the youngest Australian male to swim English Channel. The English Channel is the body of water that separates England from ...?  
a. Ireland  
b. France  
c. Italy
4. Last term Police arrested four men in Sydney in connection with an alleged terror plot to blow up a plane, using a bomb hidden in ...?  
a. a meat grinder  
b. a camera bag  
c. a teddy bear
5. Princess Diana died twenty years ago. Who is Princess Diana?  
a. the biological daughter of Queen Elizabeth II  
b. Princess Anne's eldest daughter  
c. the mother of Prince Harry & Prince William
6. Footballer Neymar has joined the Paris Saint-Germain club for a release fee of \$353 million. What club did he leave?  
a. Real Madrid  
b. Barcelona  
c. Arsenal
7. In August Hobart City Council 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
8. Which island did North Korea's Kim Jong Un threaten to launch ballistic missiles toward?  
a. Hawaii b. Guam c. Kodiak Island
9. The 2017 World athletics championships in London was hit by an outbreak of ...?  
a. flu b. stomach bug c. measles
10. Who did Julie Bishop accuse of starting dual citizenship rumours about Barnaby Joyce, in order to undermine the current Australian government?  
a. Pauline Hanson  
b. Russian computer hackers  
c. the New Zealand Labour Party
11. Which Australian city won the title of the world's most liveable city for the seventh year running?  
a. Sydney b. Adelaide c. Melbourne
12. What is the name of the hurricane that hit Texas in August causing widespread flood damage?  
a. Hurricane Harvey  
b. Hurricane Harry  
c. Hurricane Henrietta
13. Why did police officers breach Queensland's new liquor laws last term?  
a. to allow a Danish Prince into a bar without identification  
b. to allow Katy Perry into a bar without identification  
c. to allow Malcolm Turnbull into a bar without identification
14. What is the name of the massive category 5 hurricane that devastated parts of the Caribbean in September?  
a. hurricane Ingrid  
b. hurricane Ivan  
c. hurricane Irma
15. What did the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge announce in September?  
a. they are expecting their third child  
b. they are coming to Australia again  
c. they will be appearing with comedian Rove McManus in a series of mental health awareness television advertisements





# TUCKSHOP ROSTER October 2017

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9	10	11	12	13 Sandy Mark	14	15
16 Sandy Deb Tanika	17	18	19	20 Sandy Mark	21	22
23 Karla Erin Sonia	24	25	26	27 Sandy Mark	28	29
30 Cass Kay Deb	31					



# TUCKSHOP ROSTER November 2017

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13 Peter Aleisha Tanika	14	15	16	17 Sandy Mark	18	19
20 Karla Vanessa Sonia	21	22	23	24 Sandy Mark	25	26
27 Kylie Vicki Leonie	28	29	30	1 Dec Sandy Mark		