

Iluka Public School - Newsletter 9 March 28, 2017

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Dates to Remember

2017

Term 1

Friday March 31 School Cross Country

Monday April 3 P&C Meeting 7pm Staff Room

Wednesday April 5
Mufti Day (Rainbow)

Friday April 7

Whole School Assembly 1.45 Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term 1

Monday April 24

Anzac Eve Family BBQ 5.30pm

Tuesday April 25

Anzac Day 10.45am all students in school uniform

Wednesday April 26 School Returns for Term 2

Wednesday May 3rd Maclean Show Day

Tuesday May 23rd ICAS Test (Digital Technologies)

Wednesday June 21 SCHOOL PHOTOS



~ SDECIAL EVENTS ~

P&C MEETING Monday, April 3 - 7pm in the Staffroom

Principal's News

Parent / Teacher Class Interviews

Iluka Public School are holding Term 1 Parent / Teacher class interviews this week. Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:



- learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child's teachers
- help your child's teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
- Going along is one way to show your child that you're interested in their learning and what's happening for them at school. My aim is for at least 80 % of the Iluka families to attend. If you have missed the class information sheet sent home please contact the school for a day and a time to meet.

ANZAC Eve Family BBQ

Another reminder that on Monday 24th April 2017 parents, caregivers and friends are invited to our ANZAC Eve BBQ. It will commence at 4:00pm until 6:00pm on the school grounds. It will be a good chance for all families to come together after the Easter holidays. Servicemen will be in attendance to meet and to talk to the students about the importance of ANZAC Day. Students attending are the responsibility of parents.

ANZAC Day

A reminder for all students marching on ANZAC Day that they must be in full school uniform including black shoes (if possible) for this important occasion. The march starts out the front of the school. All students should start arriving no later than 10:45am. Drinks and biscuits will be provided at the school after the service.



Student Attendance

The Education Act (1990) requires that parents ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school. Regular attendance plays a vital role not only in a child's academic progress but also in their social and emotional development. The Department of Education requires

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a valid reason from parents and carers when their child is away from school. These may include: • an unavoidable medical or dental appointment • exceptional or urgent family circumstances • being sick, or having an infectious disease. If your child has to be absent or is absent the school must be notified within seven school days of the absence occurring. This is usually by way of a doctor's certificate or absence note but can also be a phone call or visiting the school to inform the class teacher or office.

Holidays

Changes to student absence for family holidays Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Parents must now complete an 'Application For Extended Leave – Travel', available from the office. Travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons should be specified on the application. Educational, social and participation reasons should also be specified on the application. If the application is accepted by the principal, a 'Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel' will be issued. Please note that parents are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays.

Arrival on time

Arriving at school and class on time: • ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities • helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine • reduces disruption to the class. Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained the same way as other forms of absence.

As a Parent

• Commit to sending children to school each day. • Make sure they arrive on time. • Inform the school within seven days of an absence.

Tell them from me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Iluka Public School has decided to survey a cross section of students from Year 4 to 6. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students who will be participating in the survey. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 24th March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: http://surveys.cese. nsw.gov.au/ information-for-parents.

Scholastic Book Club

Please be advised that all orders for Book Club should be returned by Monday April 3.

Parking in Charles Street

Please be considerate of the council workers, students and parents when it comes to driving, picking up and dropping off your child. Planned improvements to the pedestrian pavement are currently in progress.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

HARMONY DAY

Due to heavy rain and road closures the planned Harmony Day luncheon was postponed. Harmony Day is all about inclusion and acceptance of cultural diversity, so it's an important day to celebrate. A new date has been set for Wednesday June 28.



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Mufti Day

To celebrate the end of a hard working term the school is holding a Mufti day.

When: Wednesday 5 April

Cost: A gold coin. All money raised will help go towards excursion costs across all

stages.

Theme. Colours of the rainbow.

Gold Coin Donation Wednesday April 5th Rainbow Mufti Day

EASTER HAT PARADE

Friday April 7 is the last day of term and is also the date for our annual Easter hat parade. The parade will occur just after lunch in the COLA area. Easter hats do not have to be extravagant designs. And with only a little over two weeks to go you may wish to start creating your hat soon.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The school cross country carnival will be held on the Ken Leeson Oval in Iluka on Friday 31 March. Races will begin just after 10am, starting with our oldest students and working back to our youngest. Sports uniform should be worn. Permission notes for the event have gone home.



ASSEMBLY



CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Kinder: Albert Hunt, Isaiah Kilroy, Arliya Musicka, Nikirri Thwaites, Claire Hill

Year 1: Scott Campbell, Priya Woods, Olivia Collis, Kye Smith, Macy Batinovic, Trelyssha Hunt, Jessica Hinde

Year 2: Sariah Mutton, Jake Badcock, Trent Wilson, Oceane Mitchell, Cooper Hohn, Jade Simon

Year 3/4: Amy-Leigh Morrison, Harlem Paolacci, Hudson Batinovic, Caitlyn McClelland, Ky Kratzmann, Micah Johnson

Year 4/5: Imogen Hinde, Shahla Kane, Layla Smith, Alice Kerr, Ella Bilson, Charlie Page, Angela Yang, Cadvnce Hunt,

Year 5/6: Mikayla Cameron-Clarke, Jazmyn Adey, Isabella Duncombe, ,Nick Deakin, Jai Kazda, Caleb Wilcock, Lachlan O'Brien, Sarah Bowers, Joel Brittain,

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS Sylvie Holmes and Jazmyn Adey

CLASS ITEM; Body percussion movement Year 3.

Phil Bradmore

Kindy Class News

Absences-Presently our class is experiencing a high rate of absences each day, which is impacting greatly on the teaching and learning within Kindergarten. It is important that your child is at school each day unless they are sick or it is a medical/family emergency. On your child's return, a note explaining the reason for their absence/s is required.

Sounds-Our focus letter-sound for this week is **o**.

Sight Words-We are revising sight words I, am, and, the and our new sight words are look, at, me, come, see.

Music Alive Project - homemade musical instruments are due this Thursday **30th March** to show the class. The students involved in the percussion group in Term 1 are: Indy, Lily, Dextur, Alby, Fraser, George, Nikirri and Kirra-Leigh. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Gardner.

Reminders:

*Permission notes are due back at school for the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 31st March.

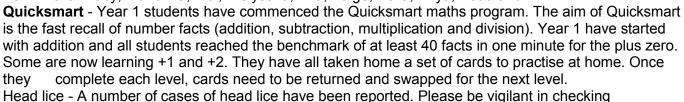
*Our Easter hat parade will be held on Friday 7th April. Hats are to be made at home please. If you have an enquiries about this school event, please contact the event organiser Miss Edwards. Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Interviews - Thank you to parents who have already attended an interview this week or have made an appointment for later this week.

Music Alive Project - homemade musical instruments are due this Thursday **30th March** to show the class. The students involved in the percussion group in

Term 1 are: Macy, Makenna, Indi, Trelyssha, Eva, Paige, Bella, Priya, Beau and Eli.



Head lice - A number of cases of head lice have been reported. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair on a regular basis and treating accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Reminders:

Cross Country on Friday. Please return permission notes as soon as possible **Easter Hat** parade the following Friday Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Hello parents and carers. Only two more weeks left until your child gets a well deserved break from a term of hard work and dedication. At the end of each term I will be sending home the students work that they have completed to allow for us to start each term with a clean slate. This way you will not get overloaded with school work at the end of the year.

Last Friday the students began planning and organising their Australian animal dioramas with Miss Edwards. Miss Edwards and I will be aiming to complete this project by the end of the term. It may be a tough ask, however the enthusiasm and excitement towards these projects from the students make me believe it will be possible.

I would like thank the parents who have taken time out of their busy lives to meet with me about their child. If you were unable to attend an interview I will be sending home a sheet of some suggested activities you could do at home with your child to help with their progression in their learning.

I am still waiting on a few cross country notes to be returned, so if you could please do so before Thursday that would be greatly appreciated, otherwise your student may not be allowed to participate.

The home reading race to achieve 200 nights is beginning to heat up. I have many students now hitting the 50 night mark and others not far behind. If you could show your support for this initiative that would be highly beneficial for your child's reading progress.

I hope you all have a great week.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone! I am very impressed with the progress in **writing**. I can tell that the students are trying their best and applying the feedback given to improve. The children are really enjoying the variety of both persuasive and creative texts.

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Maths this week we are focusing and working with measurement.

The students are enjoying our **Science** experiments with Jordan and have found his insight very interesting, relevant and useful.

Keep the up good work with **home reading** and **home work**.

Interviews are being held this week and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's education.

Don't forget to return your **cross country** notes.

Have a good week. Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning All,

Thanks to all the parents/carers who have made appointments for interviews about your child's progress. If no times were suitable could you please contact me about another time.

Excursion notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Home Readers are approaching week 50. Keep it up. Don't forget to bring journals in on Wednesdays.

Cross Country is on Friday. Ensure that you have returned your permission note and come prepared on the day.



Roster Term 1

Friday - 31/03/17 Sandy, Mark, Jess E

Monday - 03/04/17 Cass, Leah S, Leonie H

Friday 07/04/17 Sandy, Mark, Karla

This weeks donations Year 1

Karla: 0405 638 768 Cassandra: 0413 044 405

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello Everyone,

Thank you: to those parents that have or will be attending **interviews** this week. It is so important that we continue to work together and support one another. Please remember the time slots are a 15 minute maximum (to be fair for all).

Homework: was excellent last week. ALL children had their homework on Friday. This pleased me immensely. Keep it up Year 5/6!

Writing: has been a major focus throughout the term. We have been trying to improve the level of our writing. Some children have shown great determination and should be commended on their efforts. **Maclean Show;** art work has been evolving over the weeks of this first term. The class have produced some quality art work.

Might see you at the X Country on Friday. Di

Library

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 10. I can't believe that Term 1 is almost over! I have thoroughly enjoyed this term as I have had the opportunity to work with all of the students in the school. All classes have worked really well during our time together and have completed a wide range of tasks and activities, from anti-bullying posters to role plays and so much more. I look forward to continuing the personal development lessons with the students next term.

Book Club Issue 2- Orders are due back at school by the 3rd of April. Some parents are already using the LOOP payment option and I thank them very much for doing so. Using LOOP cuts down on the paperwork and time that is required to order from book club. It also enables parents/carers to order online so there is no need for your child to return money and order forms to school. Just follow the easy steps to register your account and you are then ready to order.

EXCITING NEWS- In Term 2 the school will be holding its first ever *Scholastic Book Fair!* The book fair will be held in the school library over a period of one week. Parents, carers and family members will be able to come and purchase books and stationary products from a wide range of carefully selected items. All items that are purchased during the sale will earn money for the library, which will result in new books and resources for the students to use. More information on the date and time of the book fair will be provided early next term.

Book Fairs create excitement around books and ignite a passion for reading among students with a fun pop-up bookshop event!

Have a great week!



Hens Back in the School

Thank you so much to the "Men's Shed" for constructing our purchased high class chicken coup. Mr Howard and I collected the young hens on Friday and they are settling into their new home. Each class will be allocated a hen to name. They have coloured bands around their legs to distinguish them. Mrs Howard

Stewart House Fundraiser

Every year a number of senior students from IPS visit Stewart House in Sydney. To assist in raising funds for Stewart House to provide their wonderful service, I am selling high bounce handballs this week. They are available at a cost \$3. Please see Mrs Gardner if you would like to purchase one. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.













Iluka Public School is continuing to commemorate the Centenary of World War I. This year, in conjunction with former Iluka student Group Captain Glen Braz, Iluka RSL sub-branch and special guests, an Anzac Eve Family BBQ (sausages) is being planned for Monday 24th April 2017. At 5.30pm Iluka Public School students and their families are invited to the school to meet, mingle and be introduced to special guests from the Amberly Air Base in Brisbane. A small presentation/talk will also be given to the students on the importance of Anzac Day. The evening will conclude at 7.00pm.

For catering purposes, please complete the form below indicating that you are attending the function. Please return the form to school by Friday 7th April.

As always the children are invited to march with the school to the cenotaph on ANZAC Day. Please meet at the school at 10.45am on April 25th 2017.

ANZAC Eve Family BBQ - 5.30pm - Monday 24th April 2017

We will be attending $\ \square$	
Family Name:	Number attending:



2017 information for parents and carers

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be improved.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. NAPLAN content is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. For more information on this, please see the NAP website:

www.nap.edu.au

Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website.

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and reminding them on the day to simply try their best. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 12 May 2017.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
- · contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

For ACARA's privacy policy, go to: www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy

NAPLAN 2017 tests timetable

	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability.
- Calculators are not permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student will sit one numeracy test. This test will have two parts: one where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

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Parenting ideas

Wellbeing tips for primary school kids

By Dr Jodi Richardson

It's time for parents to have a clear understanding of wellbeing and how we can support our kids to cultivate their own.

Wellbeing – it's a word we hear a lot these days. We understand that it's important for our kids; but it's not always clear exactly what it is, how we know if they've got it, and how we can help them to get more!

Put simply, our kids' wellbeing is a combination of their physical, mental, emotional and social health. And because a range of different elements contribute to their wellbeing, there are a bunch of activities we can do with them, role model for them and teach them, to improve it.

Developing wellbeing is more than ensuring the absence of ill-health, it's about taking action to adopt thinking and behaviour patterns that researchers have shown to foster flourishing physical and mental health.

Here are 5 practices that you can put into action to enhance your kids' wellbeing:

Get them outside and moving

There's so much we can do! Park further from school at drop off and pick up and increase their daily exercise at the same time; stay a while after school to let the kids play; stop at the park on the way home or head outside after bags are unpacked and have a bounce on the trampoline.

Create plenty of opportunities for your kids to foster positive connections with their friends, family and of course with you!

Positive social relationships not only enhance kids' wellbeing, but are key to their future wellbeing as adults as well. Time spent with friends helps our kids to develop social skills including sharing, compromise, listening and conflict resolution.

Keep screen time to a minimum

Kids love screens, but we're the parents and we can work with our kids to create clear and consistent limits. Kids aged 2-5 are recommended to have one hour of screen time per day and two hours a day max for 5-12-year-olds.

Help your kids develop mindfulness skills

Mindfulness is about paying attention in the present moment, letting thoughts come and go without getting caught up in them. Sounds easy, but like any skill it takes time and practice. It gives kids' overstimulated minds a rest! I highly recommend the **Smiling Mind app** for age appropriate mindfulness meditations.

Last but not least - ensure your kids get ample sleep

Primary school kids need 10-12 hours per day. Often, what helps enormously is establishing clear and consistent routines including no screen time one hour before bed, a 'wind-down' routine which may include a bath/shower, being read a book and then quiet reading before lights out.

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Tuesday 4th April 2017.

- 1. What have the UK and US banned from some airline flights?
 - a. mobile phones
 - b. tablets & laptops
 - c. hoodies
- 2. What is the name of the cyclone that is threatening Queensland?
 - a. Cyclone Deirdre
 - b. Cyclone Debbie
 - c. Cyclone Barbra
- 3. The Government has announced changes to be made to Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act. On which special day did the Government announce the changes?
 - a. St Patrick's Day
 - b. National Close the Gap Day
 - c. Harmony Day
- 4. Which of the following does NOT observe Daylight Saving Time?
 - a. Victoria
 - b. Tasmania
 - c. Queensland
- 5. Apple has announced a new colour will be introduced to their range of iPhones. The new colour is ...?
 - a. purple b. red c. orange
- 6. The Ukraine is holding this year's Eurovision song contest. Which country's contestant has been banned from attending the show because of tensions between the two countries?
 - a. United Kingdom b. Italy c. Russia
- 7. True or false, the FBI have released a statement saying that they have found evidence that Barack Obama ordered the wire-tapping of Donald Trump during the Presidential campaign?
- 8. Who won the all-Australian final of the Quicksilver Pro at Snapper Rocks last week?
 - a. Mick Fanning
 - b. Owen Wright
 - c. Joel Parkinson

- 9. A group of birdwatchers were greatly surprised last week when they caught a glimpse of a ...?
 - a. a desert-rat kangaroo
 - b. an albino emu
 - c. a night parrot
- 10. Which country recently got to host a major cricket match for the first time in 8 years?
 - a. Pakistan
 - b. Zimbabwe
 - c. South Africa
- 11. About 70 riders from around 12 countries are participating in the 5,500km Indian Pacific Wheel Race. The race leaves from
 - a. Brisbane and finishes in Melbourne
 - b. Adelaide and finishes in Melbourne
 - c. Fremantle and finishes in Sydney
- 12. Why was the New South Wales Police Minister fined by the police recently?
 - a. he was caught using his cellphone while behind the wheel
 - b. he was caught littering
 - c. he was caught driving without a seatbelt
- 13. Warnings have been issued in northern WA after Murray Valley Encephalitis was detected for the first time this year. How is Murray Valley Encephalitis spread to humans?
 - a. through contaminated water
 - b. through contact with birds
 - c. through mosquito bites
- 14. Which Hollywood movie star recently delivered their first lecture at the London School of Economics?
 - a. Angelina Jolie
 - b. Tom Cruise
 - c. George Clooney
- 15. According to the United Nations, the happiest country on earth is ...?
 - a. Denmark
 - b. Australia
 - c. Norway