



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 38

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Dates to Remember

Term 4 Events

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

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

Wednesday Dec 7
Year 5 Prefect
Speeches - 9am
Last Whole School
Assembly after Prefect
Speeches

Thursday Dec 8
Year 6 Dinner
Marracas Boatshed

Friday Dec 9
Reports sent home

Monday Dec 12
BBQ Sizzle
200 Night Home
Reading Recognition

Tuesday Dec 13
Presentation Assembly
11am Community Hall

Year 6 Disco
Iluka Bowls Club
6-8pm All Students

Wednesday Dec 14
Carols in the Park

Friday Dec 16
Students' Last Day

~ SPECIAL EVENTS ~

Year 6 Dinner Thursday December 8. 6pm - 7:30pm
Whole School Assembly Wednesday December 7.
Presentation Assembly Tuesday December 13. 11am
School Disco Tuesday December 13. 6-8pm

Principal's News

STOP WORK MEETING

The NSW Teacher's Federation has called a STOP WORK MEETING for all DoE staff who are NSW Teacher Federation members on Thursday, December 8. Classes will resume as per normal from 10am.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Following the Year 5 Prefect Speeches the school will be holding its last Whole School Assembly for the year. We welcome all parents to feel free to stay for this important assembly.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped at our events throughout the year. You have once again proven that together we can do some fantastic things for our children's school.

PREFECT SPEECHES

As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching there are so many exciting events to look forward to. One of these is our Prefect Assembly on Wednesday December 7 at 9.00am where prospective school leaders for 2017 have the opportunity to showcase their skills as public speakers and present their speeches to the school body. I look forward to hearing what they have to say!

While we recognise not every candidate will be successful, we congratulate each and every student for addressing the school and having the confidence and the belief that they can be an Iluka school captain/prefect.

Captains and Prefects will receive their badges during our prefect induction ceremony at the Presentation Day Assembly.

UPDATED INFORMATION

On many occasions we try to contact parents/carers due to a child being sick or injured and parents have not been able to be contacted on the numbers provided. This causes much distress to the children. If you have changed your mobile or moved, please inform the office.

2017 CLASSES

Over the past 4 weeks teachers have been working on formulating classes for next year. However, numbers are unpredictable right up to the start of day 1, 2017, as new enrolments may arrive or students may not return unexpectedly. Principals are restricted by a staffing formula which allocates a number of teachers to the school based on student numbers. Principals have to juggle a 'best fit', and late changes to numbers may mean a restructuring of classes across the school, changing 'best laid plans'. A question that is often asked is how classes are formulated? Staff take into account individual personalities and learning needs, how students interact with each other and social needs. Hence many hours are spent 'agonising' over the best combinations.

At this stage, Iluka Public School will commence on Monday January 30, 2017 with five classes. Similarly to 2016, all Literacy and Numeracy work will be completed in their class years from 8.55am until 12.15pm.

END OF YEAR APPROACHING

It is difficult to believe we only have 2 weeks of the school year left. The staff are reminding all children at school that they can continue to expect the usual end-of-year routines to take place. There is no change in attendance, behaviour, uniforms and hat requirements.

SCHOOL DISCO

On Tuesday December 13, the Year 6 Farewell Disco is being held. All children of Iluka Public School and their **younger** brothers and sisters are invited to attend to help say goodbye to our seniors. The theme for the night is 'colourful beach'. A cost of \$3 entry has been set to cover the cost of our DJ - "Discostatic". Chips, bottled water and poppers will be available at 50c each. The doors open at the Iluka Bowling Club at 6pm and children will need to be picked up at 8pm. Each child will be offered a slice of cake to take home with them.

Parent Volunteers Working with Children's Check (WWCC)

It is a Departmental requirement that all parent and community volunteers and contractors are required to complete a "Working with Children's Check" and provide a 100 point check for proof of identity. This needs to be completed for any member of our community that assists in classrooms, sporting teams, and canteen. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any further questions please contact the school.

SWIM SCHOOL

Swim School commenced on Monday November 28 and will continue through to Friday December 9. Eighty of our students from Years 1 – 4 are participating in this program at Maclean Pool. Although some classroom time is sacrificed for this activity, it equips students with water safety skills that may one day save their life or someone else's. The children are developing their confidence in the water, refining their stroke techniques and learning valuable water safety and survival skills. The teachers are seeing great improvement in the children's swimming and independence in the water.

PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 13 December. The Presentation Day will commence at 11:00am and conclude by 1:00pm. Lunch will immediately follow. All students should wear full school uniform including their black school shoes. All parents and friends are welcome to attend our Presentation Day. Children leaving after the assembly should present a note to their teacher on

the morning.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library borrowing has now finished for the year. Overdue notices have been sent home. Please return any books that you have out. If you have a book that you are sure you have already returned and it is showing as still on loan, let me know and I will check the shelf at school. It sometimes happens!

STUDENT WELLBEING

I would like to remind all parents and carers that it is not appropriate to speak to other students about behaviour or incidents between students at school. If students are experiencing difficulties at school, please let one of the teachers know and encourage your child to share their concerns with their teacher so that the matter can be resolved. Thank you for your assistance.

REMINDERS

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final parts of 2016. It seems like only yesterday students were being put into their classes for the year. As we do come to the end of the year there are some important things to remember. The last day for students is Friday 16 December. Reports will be sent home on Friday 9 December. Please check the lost property box located outside the kindergarten class. All clothes left at the end of the year will be donated to the Wellspring Opportunity Shop.

BBQ sizzle which will be held on Monday December 12. ORDER FORMS have been sent home. On offer are different meal deals. Please make sure you have returned your orders and money.

Have a great week
Phil

Kindy Class News

Kindergarten Intensive Swimming Program-A big shout out to the Iluka Anchorage Caravan Park for once again allowing us to use their pool for free and to the Iluka Bowling Club for letting us borrow their bus to transport the students. Your support is greatly appreciated by all the Kindergarten students and staff at Iluka Public School.

Home Reading-This Thursday is our last day for students taking readers home and all readers will need to be returned to school on Friday. Yellow home reading journals need to be at school this Friday, so that students attaining 200 nights of reading can be determined. **Late journals will not be accepted on Monday.** Those students who have reached 200 nights of reading will be invited to participate in 'Wet n Wild' activities with Mr Bradmore on Monday 12th December. Those not reaching this milestone will be attending normal class lessons.



Roster Term 4

Monday December 12
BBQ - Please make sure your Orders are in.

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

Karla: 0405 638 768
Cassandra: 0413 044 405



Class Party-The students brainstormed ideas for our end of year class party and came up with the following ideas: Christmas movie and popcorn/chips, disco dance and popcorn/chips, party games with some special treats and party food to share with some games. Each student then voted and the majority vote went to party games and some treats. The students do not need to bring any food, as I will provide the following: fruit, chips, popcorn and a cake. We will hold our class party on Friday 16th December.

Reminders:

URGENT - Please return overdue library books.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Swimming - Intensive swimming is going well and the improvement so far is immense. Please remember to pack swimmers, towel, sunscreen and \$3 for pool entry every day for the rest of this week.

Library - Library books are now overdue. Please search for these and return as soon as possible.

Home reading - Home reading is now coming to an end. Borrowing home readers has ceased for students who have already reached 200 nights. Everyone else has a few more nights to reach this milestone. All yellow home reading journals **must be returned by Friday** to determine those who have reached 200 nights.

Class Party - Our end of year class party will be held on the last day of the year, Friday 16th December. We will be having a movie day for our celebration. Students are welcome to bring in a cushion or pillow pet so they can enjoy the movie. There is no need to send in any party food as popcorn and ice blocks will be provided. However, students will require their fruit break, recess and lunch as normal.

Reports - Semester Two reports will be sent home with students on Friday.

Reminders:

- * Swimming gear every day
- * Please bring back library books and home readers
- * Journals must be back by Friday.
- * Tuckshop orders and money

Have a great week.

Kristy

Year 1/2 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 9.

Home Reading- Journals need to be brought into school on Friday so I can work out who is eligible to receive the special reward for reaching 200 nights reading this year.

Secret Santa- Each student randomly chose a name today. They now need to buy a small present (\$5 or under) for that person. The present needs to be wrapped, labelled and brought into school before next Wednesday.

Class Party and Movie Day- On the last day of school, our class will be having a class party before lunch. It would be great if every child could bring a plate of food in to share with the class. We will also be watching a movie throughout the day. The students can bring in a pillow, cushion or small blanket to make themselves comfortable during the movie.

Reports- Student reports will be going home on Friday.

Have a great week!

Stacey

Year 3 Class News

Google Drive: Thank you, Mr Jones for putting up the information on our website to help the parents and students access their google drive accounts at home. We have been sharing documents with each other.

Reports: Reports will be sent home with the students this Friday 9th December.

Home Reading: All home reading journals **must be returned by Friday** to determine those who have reached 200 nights.

Class Party - Our end of year class party will be held on the last day of the year, Friday 16th December. It would be great if each student could bring in a plate of food to share with the class.

Swimming - Intensive swimming continues and the students are thoroughly enjoying their time at the pool. They are certainly getting a "bang for their buck", they are all trying their very best and improving daily. Please remember to pack swimmers, towel, sunscreen and \$3 for pool entry every day for the rest of this week.

Library - Library books are now overdue. Please search for these and return as soon as possible.

Science Show: Thank you Mrs Gardener for organising Chris to visit. The experiments were great and the students provided positive feedback.

Tuckshop: Orders and money need to be returned to school.

Have a great week

Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Year 4/5 have had a busy week studying the amazing archipelago of Zanzibar, enjoying swimming lessons, improving co-operative learning skills in problem solving teams and creating amusing "Grasshead" figures. They are very much looking forward to all the interesting activities offered in the last weeks of school and a well deserved Christmas break.

Have a great week - S Martin - Relief Teacher.

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello All,

Well summer has officially arrived!

Science Show: was very interesting and the children found it enjoyable.

Prefect Speeches: are this Wednesday at 9am. They will be held in the air conditioned 5/6 room and library. Voting will occur immediately after. Best wishes to all of the Year 5 students whom have worked very hard on preparing their speeches.

Surf Awareness/ Surfing lessons: for Years 5/6 will happen today and this Friday. Valuable knowledge will be gained from these 2 days.

Year 6 Dinner: is this Thursday at Marraccas, starting at 6pm and finishing at 7:30pm. The children have a farewell dinner with the teachers. **Thank you P&C for paying for the children's meals.**

Students are required to buy their own drinks on the night. Drinks start at \$3.50.

Home Reading Challenge: is to make 200 nights through the year. Well done to the 8 students that reached this challenge. You will receive your reward next week.

ALL library books and home readers should NOW be returned. Don't forget the special tuckshop day next week as well.

Enjoy your week. Stay COOL! Di

Library / Technology News

Wow, what a big two weeks we have coming up. I am still chasing down overdue books and there are quite a few. I have handed out the first round of overdue notices and the second round will be handed out this week. This will have the price of the books on it and if you can not find the book that is due, it will need to be replaced.

I am really looking forward to our day out to Yamba on Friday. The students are going to have an amazing time and will learn some extremely valuable life skills. The surf awareness program should give all the students enough confidence to stay safe over summer when they are at the beach.

ONCE AGAIN - Please remember to look for those overdue books.

Thank you, Mr Jones.

School Banking

Term 4 is almost at an end and Christmas is just around the corner! It has been a wonderful year for banking with new bankers and the consistent bankers making a great start to their saving accounts. This **Friday 9th** will be the **last banking day** for the year and will resume in Term 1 next year.

All rewards have finished up for the year - tokens will be carried over into next year, except for those bankers leaving to start high school. There will be new and exciting rewards available next year.

Congratulations to all bankers who have received their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards this year, a fantastic effort!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year

Jess Edie

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING IN CLASS - by Eddie Cok

In class we have been learning about the solar system. We have learnt about the eight phases of the moon and constellations. Did you know it takes 29 ½ days for the moon to make a full loop around the earth? In math we are learning about shapes and the area they cover. We did an investigation on it and we had to make as many shapes as we could covering five squares.

Lunch will be the following options:

						QUANTITY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lasagne	AND Juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	Water <input type="checkbox"/>	\$3 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Burger	AND Juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	Water <input type="checkbox"/>	\$4 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steak Sandwich	AND Juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	Water <input type="checkbox"/>	\$3 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sausage Sizzle	AND Juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	Water <input type="checkbox"/>	\$2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Extra Sausage		<input type="checkbox"/>		\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____

**** Please return this order form and correct money, along with your child/ren's name, clearly stating quantities before Wednesday 7th December.**

Child/ren's Name: _____

Class: _____