



# Iluka Public School Newsletter 31

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## From the Principal's Desk

On behalf of all staff at Iluka, we would like to welcome everyone back to what promises to be an extremely busy term. We hope the spring vacation provided families with a much needed break.

Some activities planned for term four are:-

Kindergarten Orientation Days; Canberra excursion for Years 4, 5 & 6; Year 3 camp to Cascade; Year 5 prefect speeches; Year 6 Farewell dinner and disco and finally, reports will be sent home in Week 10.

For the first two weeks we welcome Mandy, who will be working as a School Learning Support Officer in the Kindergarten room, and from week 3 Sue Sheehan will be working in the office. Michelle is completing her teacher training during term 4.

**Garden Update:** As I was walking past the school this week, I couldn't help but admire our lovely fruit trees, green grass and the tidiness of the gardens and play areas (COLA). I'd like to thank Carolyn, Mark G, Tom and Di Howard. The condition of the oval was also a talking point with all the children.

**P & C Meeting:** The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 15 October at 7:00 pm. Without the support of our parents, students and community, our school P & C would not be a success, so keep the support coming.

**Creative and Practical Arts News: Wakakiri** - Over the holidays Mrs Howard and Mandy received the results of the Year 5/6 Wakakiri dance. The judges feedback stated *'lots of fun in the telling of this innovative concept. Great Location and ideas. I also enjoyed the unusual effects. Great cast'*. The school is extremely proud of the Year 5/6 students and would like to take this opportunity to thank Mandy, Mrs Howard, parents and students who contributed to the success.

**School Concert:** Congratulations to Miss Essery and the school students who performed in the school concert at the Iluka Community Hall on Thursday 17 September. I received many positive comments. Our creative and talented students entertained their audience with performances as diverse as dancing, singing, guitar and violin. Congratulations to all!

*Phil Bradmore*

### Term 4 Events

Thursday 15 October -  
P & C Meeting @ 7pm

Monday 12 October -  
Year 2 Excursion to  
Ballina

18-22 October -  
Canberra Excursion

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

## Did you know....

**Year 2 Ballina Excursion:** Notes were sent home last term regarding the Year 2 excursion to Ballina. The excursion will take place next Monday 12th October (Term 4, Week 2). We will be visiting the Turtle and Sea Bird Rescue Centre and will complete an art activity with world-renowned children's author and artist Kim Michelle Toft. The total cost of the excursion is \$25. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Gardner.

**Unexplained Absences:** It is a legal responsibility of parents that following a child's absence, a note of explanation is sent to the school outlining the reasons for the student's non-attendance at school. It would be appreciated if families could ensure that if their child is absent from school they complete the attached absentee note and return it to their classroom teacher.

**Kindy Orientation:** To ensure a successful transition to "big school", Iluka Public School will hold orientation days in Term 4. Information on dates will be forthcoming shortly. If you have a child or know of a relative or neighbour who has a child eligible to start Kinder in 2016, please contact the school to obtain enrolment information. We would love to welcome new families to our school community.

**School Banking:** School banking resumes this Friday, 9 October. Jess Edie

**Canteen/Tuckshop Closure:** The school tuckshop will be closed for the first two weeks of Term 4 or longer if a new coordinator can not be found.

Kelly has done a magnificent job as the coordinator, however she needs to resign as her family are leaving the area and we wish them all the best.

The P and C run the school tuckshop, with the view of not making money but to only cover costs. This way it is hoped that all students (and teachers) can afford a special lunch each week. Seeing the children's joy of buying their own lunch is very rewarding. Currently tuckshop is on Mondays, however this day can change if needed to suit the coordinator and volunteers. The coordinator is in charge of the running of the tuckshop and is required to order the food and arrange other volunteers on a roster. The coordinator does not have to work each week in the tuckshop, only to ensure the food is ready for the other volunteers to prepare. If you are interested in being the coordinator please contact the school or ring me on 6646 5646. The next P and C meeting is on the 15 October 2015 at 7.00pm in the school staff room. Regards, Trent Lobb, President

## Class News—Week 1 Term 4

### K Class News

Welcome back to Term 4. Another busy and important term is on its way!

**Crunch & Sip** - Crunch and Sip is a whole school program which promotes the eating of healthy food and takes place at approximately 10:00 am each day. Please pack **one small serving of fresh fruit or vegetables**, as well as a **drink of water** for your child to have at this time. As this is only a 10 minute break, please cut or peel the fruit/vegetables so that it is easy for your child to eat.

**Library Day** - This term our class library day is **Friday**. Please ensure that books are returned on Friday and that a library bag is provided to protect borrowed library books.

**Home Reading** - The target for students to reach by the end of this term is 200 nights of reading.

**Student Work** - This week your child will begin to take home some of their school work completed throughout the year. Work sheets will be sent home in a labelled plastic sleeve, to protect your child's work on its homeward journey. Please return the empty plastic sleeve to school the following day, so that more work can be compiled and sent home.

Lynne

## 1/2 Class News

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful holiday in preparation for the busy term ahead.

**Library and Home Reading** - Year 1/2 will attend the library with Mr Jones every Tuesday this term. Home reading journals are also due on Tuesdays. If anyone has reached 150 nights over the holidays, I need to see their journal by Friday in order for them to receive their certificate.

**Concert** - Thank you to all the students and families who attended the concert at the end of last term. I was certainly very proud of the students after their wonderful performances of Dinosaurs Love Underpants and Rockin' Robin. Well done! **REMINDER** - Girls need to return Mandy's red leopard **now please**. Thanks to everyone who has already returned them.

**Year 2 Excursion** - The Year 2 excursion to Ballina will be next Monday 12th October. Please return permission notes and \$25 as soon as possible. Thank you to the many who have already returned their note and money. Students will require a packed recess and lunch, plenty of water, school hat, sunscreen and are required to wear their sports uniform.

**Homework** - Homework was sent home today and is due on Friday.

Have a lovely week.

Kristy

## 2/3 Class News

Welcome to Term 4. I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that you are now ready to settle back into school routines. As usual, Term 4, is a very busy term.

The Year 2 excursion to Ballina is on next Monday (Week 2). It will be a great day and I hope that all students are able to attend. Please return the permission note along with the payment of \$25 this week to ensure your child does not miss out. Thank you to those who have already handed their note and money in.

The Year 3 excursion is also getting closer. I hope that all students have paid for this excursion and have also returned their permission note. This excursion provides students with various opportunities that are both fun and educational. I am positive that they will all thoroughly enjoy this trip. Please see me as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns about the excursion.

I will be collecting home reading journals throughout Week 1. If there are any students who have reached the target of 150 nights reading for Term 3 and have not yet received their certificate, please ensure they bring their journal in to show me. All students should now be well on their way to reaching the next target of 200 nights reading. There are five students in the class who have already reached this target, which is a fantastic effort!

The news topic for this week is free choice. Next week (Week 2) the topic will be 'My Favourite Song'.

Library day for Term 4 is on a Thursday.

Homework was handed out to the Year 2 students today. It is due on Friday. All students are required to write the spelling list out every night.

I hope you all have a great first week back at school.

Stacey

## 3/4 Class News

**Welcome back!** I hope everyone had a restful holiday.

**Concert** - Thank you to all the students and families who attended the concert at the end of last term. The students did a magnificent job and I could not be more proud. They all said that they enjoyed themselves. Well done!

**Library and Home Reading** - Year 3/4 will attend the library with Mr Jones every Monday this term. Home reading journals are also due in on Mondays.

**Canberra Excursion** - Year 4/5/6 students will be leaving for Canberra on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Last organisational matters will be dealt with over the next week and a half.

**Homework** - All students are to do one random act of kindness. Times table sheets were as sent home today and are due back on Friday.

Have a lovely week.

Bek



## 4/5 Class News

## 5/6 Class News

**Welcome back** everyone! I trust your break was both relaxing and rejuvenating. Term 4 is normally a very busy time for us all. In particular, for the Year 6 children it is a time to be excited about moving on to the next stage of their academic lives, but, as well too, perhaps a little sadness, to be saying goodbye to a lovely school with many happy memories.

**Canberra Excursion** - is approaching oh so quickly. Last organisational matters will be dealt with over the next week and a half. Before we know we will be packing and throwing our luggage onto the coach for the adventurous road trip.

**Library/Technology day** is on Thursday, with Mr Jones this term.

Classroom stationery is essential for completing set tasks. Please check with your child that they have all necessary equipment.

**Home Reading** - is an activity that we started right at the beginning of the year. I check journals every fortnight. That is my way of supporting the students. They will be looked at by me on Thursday. Staying on track and completing this task was always the aim this year. Well done to the students that have shown consistency and perseverance with this task. About half of the class should reach 200 nights.

Have a great week.

Di

## Library / Technology News

Welcome back to parents and students. I hope you all had a great holiday and are pumped for an extremely busy term 4. As you may already be aware, class library days move forward a day from last term. The following is the timetable for class library days for term 4:

Kindy - Fridays

Class 1/2 - Tuesdays

Class 2/3 - Thursdays

Class 3/4 - Mondays

Class 4/5 - Wednesdays

Class 5/6 - Thursdays

Throughout this term I will be sending home overdue book notices for library books that have not been returned throughout the year. If you know that you have overdue books at home could you please give them to your child to return on any day. Have a great first week.

Mr Jones

**ILUKA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**ABSENTEE NOTE**

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

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Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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