



Iluka Public School Newsletter 26

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is going to be a busy, exciting and fruitful next two weeks – please make sure you check your child's bag for notes and any information.

Parents, grandparents, friends and prospective parents are invited to:

Iluka Public School Open Day 2015

11am – parents/grandparents/carers and wider community arrive; have recess (morning tea) with students

11.20am – students to show their class work and attend book fair in library

12 noon – Whole School Assembly

- ◆ Welcome to Country
- ◆ Australian National Anthem
- ◆ Principal's address
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Waterwise Presentation
- ◆ Class Awards

1pm – Assembly ends

Friday 21 August

Open Day and Book Fair

**Whole School Assembly
@ 12pm (please note
earlier time)**

Tuesday 25 August

**Daily Examiner Netball
Gala Day @ Maclean**

Wednesday 26 August

**Book Week @ town
library**

**Small Schools Big
Impact concert @
Saratons Theatre Grafton**

Thursday 27 August

PSSA Netball

Preschool transition day

Monday 31 August

**Canteen Meeting @
2.15pm**

Thursday 3 September

**Kindergarten Parent
Information Night**

Friday 4 September

Touch Football Gala Day

Canteen Duty

Monday 17 August

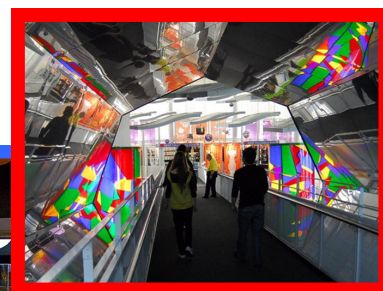
**Gladys, Jess, Karen and
Vicki**

Excursion Meeting

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the Excursion meeting held at the school last Wednesday evening. As well as discussing the proposed Stage Two and Three excursions and school excursion roster, the meeting was an excellent opportunity for social interaction among our school community. Thanks to Iluka Hot Bread for providing delicious food for the evening and especially to Sue and Tahlia who ensured everyone was well looked after.

The meeting included a presentation which gave detailed information regarding the upcoming excursions and provided an excellent forum in which many questions and misunderstandings were answered. The benefit of having such a large attendance was seen in the many different perspectives presented and opportunities such as these strengthen our learning community.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, and would like further information regarding the school's excursion policy, timetable and excursion details, please contact the office.



NAPLAN Results

Despite media reports, schools have not yet received NAPLAN data. All that has been released to the papers/TV is the overall percentages for the State, not schools or students. It is a shame that the media reports the results before school. As soon as we have them they will be forwarded to you.

Sport

N.R. Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our 20 students who participated at Lismore last Friday. While we had some excellent individual results, the whole team should be proud of their efforts. Students who placed in events are listed below:

Emily Sevier – 3rd seniors 800m, 3rd seniors discus

Gracie Donsworth – 2nd seniors 800m

Ned Haddrell - 100m, 800m (9 years)

James Everson – 100 m (8 years)

Netball

We wish our team all the best as they compete in the Daily Examiner Shield Gala Netball Day held in Maclean on Tuesday 25 August.

Westpac Helicopter Day

Thank you to all who supported this vital service by wearing red and yellow and donating a silver or gold coin. Entries for the colouring in competition are due by Friday 28 August.

Kindergarten Visits

Another successful preschool transition visit was held last Thursday with incoming Kindergarten students enjoying varied learning activities with Miss Essery. The next orientation session will be held Thursday 27 August. If you have a child eligible to



start Kindergarten in 2016, or have relatives or know someone who has, please contact the school office to obtain the relevant enrolment forms.

Thank you

A big thank you to Danielle Bryant who gave up her time and energy to drive three students to the Lismore Athletics Carnival last Friday. This is amazing as her own children were not involved in events on the day.

P & C Raffle

The winners of our P & C Raffle were Eva Knopke and Don from Woombah. Congratulations! Just over \$600 was raised which will go towards the transportation costs for the Years 4, 5 and 6 excursion to Canberra.

Earn and Learn

Iluka Pre-School has a collection box in our foyer. When shopping at Woolworths, we encourage families and friends to collect the stickers offered.

Dance Group

This term our dance group are busy putting together their performance for the Small Schools Big Impact Concert. The group will be performing at the Saraton Theatre in Grafton on Wednesday 26 August from 6.30pm.

Staff Professional Learning

Our staff are continually involved in extensive professional learning to continue to build on excellent quality teaching in every single classroom. This **Saturday** all eight teachers are attending the "Seven Steps to Writing" workshop being held in Yamba. Your commitment to improvement is wonderful.

As I look back over my report, I am continually amazed at the variety of news. I am one very fortunate Principal and I am always proud to reflect on the students' success and on all the opportunities our teacher provide for your children.

Bus Safety

This morning bus students were late to school as the bus driver was forced to stop several times due to students walking around on the bus and general misbehaviour. Please remind

your children of the importance of bus safety.

See you on Friday

Phil Bradmore



Kinder Class News

HSIE-The students are really proud of their shelters and are keen to show their projects to other children. The shelters are on display in our classroom and the students will have an opportunity this week to give an oral report about their shelter. A big thank you to parents and carers for your assistance and support in our class project.

Excursion-The Kindergarten and Year One students had a fantastic time at the Macadamia Castle Animal Park. The students learnt about different types of animal skins and were able to pat a snake. We attended a bird show and had a train ride. We got to feed the emus, wallabies and the baby farm animals, as well as visit different animal exhibits at the Animal Park. The students are to be congratulated on their exceptional behaviour both on the bus and at the Animal Park.

Spelling-List 4 spelling words for this week are - **dad, day, did, do, down.**

Physical Education-Last Tuesday the Kindergarten students commenced touch football workshops with Mr Peterson. This will continue over several weeks with the students learning new skills each week.

Open Day- This Friday 21st August. The Kindergarten classroom will be open for visits between 11:20 and 11:50am. Students may attend the book fair in our school library during this time. At the end of the open

classroom visits, our school will be holding a special assembly. All are welcome to attend.

Iluka Library Visit-

Next Wednesday we will be walking to our town library to celebrate Book Week.

Lynne



1/2 Class News

Macadamia Castle - Kindergarten and Year 1 had a lovely day at Macadamia Castle on Friday. Students learnt about a variety of animals and enjoyed feeding both farm and native animals. Our students were complimented on their exceptional behaviour by Macadamia Castle staff and the bus driver. Well done girls and boys! Special thanks to Miss Essery for organising this wonderful day out.

News / Speaking Topic - The topic for this week is 'My Favourite Book' to coincide with Book Week/Education Week celebrations. Students are encouraged to think about and/or prepare a short speech about their book. They might also like to bring it along to share with everyone.

Homework - due on Friday.

Home readers and Library - Don't forget library bags on Mondays. I also like to check journals while the class visits the library.

Touch Football - Last week we commenced a touch football skills program with Mr Peterson. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time on the oval learning passing skills.

Open Day - Come along on Friday and join us for Open Day from 11am. Students would love to show you their book work and then join us for an assembly afterwards. See you all there. Have a great week., Kristy.

2/3 Class News

Hello and welcome to Week 6.

I will be away until Week 8 and Mrs Wright will be taking the class in my absence. Mr Bradmore will teach on his usual days. Class routines and expectations will remain the same and I am sure that Mrs Wright will be impressed by the hardworking and respectful attitudes Year 2/3 have.

Homework has been sent home as per usual and our times table focus for this week is the 6 x. We have started working on the narrative text type which will continue over the next few weeks.

Our speaking topic for this week is "My Favourite Book" which will coincide with Book Week celebrations next week. Homework and Home Reading Journals are due on Friday and Library is on Thursday.

Don't forget our open day and book fair on Friday, it would be great to have as many parents and carers as possible come and see our classroom. I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks, Stacey.

3/4 Class News

Homework: Most students in the class have purchased the text books for their homework this year. I have really noticed the improvement, particularly with their daily computations. DIPL/ Literacy sheets are now being sent home on Mondays.

Concert items: We are going to begin making a few props for our concert item. It would be kindly appreciated if parents could send in some empty tissue boxes. The students have also been asked to bring in a stick each, next week. The sticks will be used to make or represent spears.

Reminder: Home readers, Homework and Library books are due in on Friday.

Touch Football - The students thoroughly enjoyed their time on the oval learning passing skills and are looking forward to another session with Mr Peterson.

Open Day – This Friday starting at 11.00am parents and carers are welcome to come in and have recess together and then visit the classroom. Mr Jones will also be holding a book fair down in the Library. At 12.00pm there will be a whole school assembly. See you all there.

4/5 Class News

Good morning/afternoon all,

It was great to see so many students and parents at school last Wednesday for the 'Information' evening. Thanks to all the helpers. Please continue to bring in the money for the excursions so that they can be finalised.

Touch Football - The students thoroughly enjoyed their time on the oval learning passing skills and are looking forward to another session with Mr Peterson.

A **research project** will be sent home this week to all primary students on the HSIE topic 'Governing Australia'. It is due back on the 11th September.

Open Day is on Friday. All are welcome.

Have a great week, John.



5/6 Class News

Transition day: was yet again successful. The Year 6 children have really benefitted from their days visiting the high school. Some children have not yet returned enrolment forms or may need to advise the high school if they will not be attending.

Literacy: skills are developing well. Last week we completed another

Bookweb text as well as associated activities. We are enjoying a Premiers Reading Challenge book at present (Boss of the Pool) and will complete some inferential comprehension on it this week. The children wrote some great descriptions as well.

Numeracy: over the past week has included division with very large numbers, protractor and angle work, equivalent fractions and finding perimeters.

Touch Football: skills with Mr Peterson were great with excellent participation and effort. The children go to **Mr Melrose's** class on a Thursday afternoon for HSIE work in preparation for the upcoming Canberra excursion.

Open Day: is this Friday and we will look forward to seeing you all. You can look at some of the super masks we have just recently been making in CAPA.

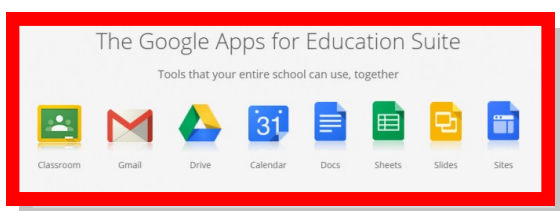
Overall, I'm very pleased with the positive attitudes of the children and the consistent work ethic I'm seeing at present.
See you Friday! Di

Library / Technology News

On Friday the library will be having its annual book fair with hundreds of books for sale at extremely cheap prices. All of the money raised from the sales of the books will go back into the school for new books and resources. If you plan on buying some books please bring loose change as books will range from 20c to \$5. Thank you again for everyone that bought book club. There were some very excited students when the delivery finally arrived.

Myself and Mr Bradmore went to Maclean High School yesterday to watch a few lessons where students were involved in using Google Chrome-books and Google Drive in their classroom. It was great to see the collaborative learning taking place within the classroom not only through the use of the computers but also the social interactions when making decision on what information to put into their set tasks. The possibilities are endless with this free online service for not only students learning but also for teacher feedback and collaboration with students. Google apps work across all platforms and all devices and for those families that may not have microsoft word, excel or powerpoint this is a great alternative that is completely free for everyone who has an internet connection.

I hope everyone has a great week and any book purchase on Friday will be greatly appreciated.



Northern Rivers Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who travelled to Lismore last Friday to compete in the Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival. Special mention to those students who made it on to the North Coast Regional Carnival to be held in Lismore on Friday 28th August: Emily Sevier, Grace Donsworth, Ned Haddrell and James Everson. Good luck! Thank you to all of the parents who provided transport for not only their own children but others who needed a lift. Special thanks to Danielle Bryant who made the trip especially to take students when her own children were not competing.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The PRC commenced in March and will close this Friday 21st August. All students in Kinder to Year 2 have completed the challenge with their class teachers and Mr Jones during library time. Students in Year 3-6 were required to complete the challenge independently. All reading logs need to be completed and given to Mrs Gardner by Friday afternoon. Well done to all those students who took up the challenge this year!

Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Appeal

It was wonderful seeing the students dressed in their red and yellow clothing last Thursday, in support of our fundraising day for the Westpac Life Saving Rescue Helicopter. It was overwhelming to see the generosity of the students, staff, parents and carers in the amount of money donated to this worthy charity. A total sum of \$141.05 was raised. Thank you for your support. A reminder that the colouring competition is due on Friday 28th August. Please ensure that the details on the colouring competition are completed before handing them in.

Volunteer Reading Program

For many years at Iluka Public School, we have had the privilege of having parents and community members volunteer to read with the children. I would like to thank our current group of dedicated and skilful volunteers Marie, Connie, Jen B, Jenny, Kelly and Kylie for giving their time to this valuable program.

In the past, this program targeted students who needed some extra help with their reading. After some consideration we are now moving in a new direction. We will be targeting the more advanced students in order to extend their vocabulary, increase fluency, evoke interest and further improve their reading.

Students involved in this program will be taken from class for 10-15 minutes every few weeks. Those students who need extra help with their reading are on personalised learning plans and are taken from class after recess, following the dedicated morning literacy and numeracy sessions. If you would like further information, please contact the school. Thanks, Jo Haupt.

Netball News

Our netball girls will have a very busy schedule next week. On Tuesday the 25th of August they travel to Maclean to compete for the Daily Examiner Shield. Then on Thursday the 27th they play Pottsville Public School at Iluka Public School in round 6 of the PSSA Netball. Good luck girls. You can do it!

Canteen

I will be holding a meeting at 2:15pm on Monday 31st August at school. **All welcome** to come along and have some input and share your ideas about where the canteen can grow and improve. We are always looking for volunteers to help out, if you are interested please leave your details at the front office. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to get to know your school and meet other parents. Our canteen cannot operate without our volunteers.

Hope you can make it! Kelly

Canteen Roster

MONDAY 24 AUGUST	Gladys Hunt, Bec Dunn, Nicole Kelso	Year 2/3 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 31 AUGUST	Kylie Kerr, Dom Horne, Kelly Clarke, Jasmin Everson	Year 3/4 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	Gladys Hunt, Jess Edie, Karen Carlon, Vicki van Kraay	Year 4/5 to donate home made goodies

Iluka Boardriders Fundraiser – Disco/Date Night

Thursday 3 September 6-8 pm Ages 5-16

Iluka Community Hall

\$5 per child includes a drink and a treat

Marracas and Laneway Café have special menus for this night and are donating \$5 from each person back to the club – bookings are essential.

Thank you to Mandy Pashen for volunteering to control the music. Any special requests or enquiries, please contact Mulan @ Siberia or Sonia @ Iluka Bait and Tackle.



Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

U/18 Music Competition

Can you sing or play an instrument?
Can you fill a 20 min live set?
Is music your passion?
Are you in yr 6 - 12?

THIS
OPPORTUNITY
IS
FOR
YOU!

HEAT ONE - 29th August
HEAT TWO - 5th September
FINALS - 12th September

RAYMOND LAURIE
Sports Centre 10:00-2:00
78 Angourie Road Yamba.

Prizes include one of four chances to perform at the 2015 Surf the Coldstream Festival, Studio Time at North Coast TAFE, and much more!!

All ages welcome!!
Drug/Alcohol Free

To enter go to: <http://surfingthecoldstream.com.au/buskers.html> or call Mallika on 0403 208 729

Parenting*ideas*

Build up Frequent Father points

By Michael Grose

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed.

He was having some **'dad time'** with his kids. Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids (*'Your dad's very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can't make it.'*) As well, she'd keep him up-to-date with the children's lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids **on their own**.

Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads.

And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (*Most mums I meet welcome this!*)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to **do together** with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling....the list goes on.

It's through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build up **frequent father points**. It's hard to build good connection with kids when you are not there!

Don't wait until adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I'm not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child's space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it's easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child's space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case maybe.

So how are your (or your partner's) Frequent Father Points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that they enjoy.

Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author's note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way

