



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 27

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Dates to Remember

Term 3

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6th

Milo T20 Cricket

Preschool Transition
9am-12noon

Premiers Spelling Bee at
Maclean Public School. 2 Jnr
& 2 Snr students attending.

Monday 11th –Thursday 14th

Naplan Online Yr3 and Yr5

Tuesday 12th

Dentist visit for K and Yr2

Friday 15th

Touch Gala Day - Yamba

Monday 18th

Queensland Opera
Performance at School

Thursday 21st - 6pm-7.30pm

School Concert

Friday 22nd

Last day of school for Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 9th

Students return to school



SPECIAL EVENTS

Milo Cricket, Maclean - Wednesday 6th September

Principal's News

SASS Week

Our school community is made up of many people, all of whom play a part in the running of school and the provision of quality education to students. School Administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, on the school grounds or in the classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of our school and children's education. This week we recognise Mrs Kaye Grayson, Mrs Linda Meyers, Mrs Lisa Waters, Mrs Carol Wright, Mrs Leah Speirs, Mrs Carolyn McDermott and Mr Mark Goodwin for the contribution they make for the students at our school.

Father's Day Breakfast

We held a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday (1st September) of last week. The turnout was bigger than expected with many students bringing along Dad, Grandad or that special person in their lives. Games of tennis were played together and a sausage sandwich was eaten for breakfast. The atmosphere was wonderful and for me it was a highlight of my year. Thank you all for your attendance.

Thank You

Last week our wonderful P&C ran a very successful Fathers' Day stall. It was great to see the excitement of the children as they thoughtfully selected their gifts from a vast array of presents. Thanks Lisa, Aleisha, Tash and Sandy. Also thanks to Leah for once again organising Fathers' Day craft. We hope all our Dads, Granddads and Pops had a relaxing and fun filled Sunday.

Kindergarten 2018 School Tour / Parent Information Night

On Tuesday (29 September) Miss Essery organised a wonderful evening. It was held for families who have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2018. The program commenced at 5.00 pm with an information session in the library followed by a tour of the school. Thank you for those parents in attendance on the night. Over 50% of parents starting next year attended, participating in the various workshops including uniforms, Busways, tuckshop, and the P&C. A special thank you goes to our school leaders Nick Deakin and Bella Duncombe who presented wonderful speeches to the audience.

School Planning 2018

In the near future we will be commencing the process of organising classes and staff for 2018. If you will be moving from our school at the end of this year it would be appreciated if you could contact the office providing details by Friday 15th September.

School Surveys

Like many other schools across NSW, I am inviting parents to provide us with feedback about our school. Parents may complete the surveys using the Tell Them from Me website link and / or the paper questionnaire. The surveys help to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels.

Sports News

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival last week. Results: The Junior Boys Relay team, James Everson, Thomas Epis, Eddie Cok and Cameron Collis finished fifth in their heat. James Everson, Sarah Bowers and Thomas Epis all made it through to the final of the 100m. Thank you to Miss Lisa for your assistance.

Cricket News

Today Iluka Public School is playing Lennox Head in Round 5 of the PSSA Knock Out cricket. We wish them well. Results will be in next week's newsletter.

Tennis

Mr Jurd entered our tennis team into the Lower Clarence Big River Tennis Tournament. Iluka were placed sixth in the Primary division held last Monday in Maclean. It was a fantastic day and would like to thank players Amy-Leigh Morrison, James Lobb, Eddie Cok, Decoda O'Dell and Sarah Bowers for their efforts.

Kindergarten Class 2018

Parents please complete and return to school your child's enrolment form, so that we have a clear understanding of the number of students entering Kindergarten in 2018. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. L.Essery

Kindy Class News

Fruit and Vegetable Month-Miss Anderson is busy this month promoting the importance of eating fruit and vegetables. Miss Anderson has organised a colouring in competition, which the Kindergarten students are busy working on in class. The class winner will be rewarded with a \$5 voucher, that they can use to purchase a healthy lunch from the school canteen. Thank you Miss Anderson for organising this event.

'Nude Lunchboxes'-Congratulations to all the students who are making a difference in reducing plastic waste at our school. Already several students in Kindergarten have reached our target of achieving a 'nude lunchbox'. Well done Alby, Fraser and Navara.

Reminders:

*Dental visit is next Tuesday 12th September.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Welcome - We extend a warm welcome to our new student, Bryson and his family to our wonderful little community.

Speaking Topics - This week's topic is - My favourite thing about school and next week, the topic is - My favourite fairytale (which ties in with our current writing unit).

Father's Day - I trust all the dads and pops had a terrific Father's Day and enjoyed their gifts. Special thanks to Mrs Speirs for coordinating the craft activity. You rock, Leah!

Reminders -

* Homework, home reading journals, bank books and library bags all due on Friday

* Hansel and Gretel Opera note and \$4.50

Have a great week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Welcome to Week 8. The calendar for the remaining 3 weeks has many activities packed into it so I believe the last 3 weeks of term will fly by.

Google Drive: This week I dove into the unknown and decided to teach my Year 2 students how to

use Google Drive. I cannot praise them enough for how quickly they picked up this new skill. Students can also access this invaluable tool at home to practice their writing skills, create stories and even draw pictures using the google drawing app. The best thing about google drive is that they can share all of their work with me and even Mr Bradmore. Throughout the rest of the year we will be using this free online resource to create our stories so then students have access to their work at home (they could even do extra work over the holidays).

Fundamental Movement: Each day we are going outside for 10-15 minutes to work on our fundamental movement skills. Movements such as running, overarm throw, catching, dodging etc are the types of movement skills we work on.

Maths: This week's focus for maths is Area and Perimeter.

Dentist Visit: I am still waiting for a few notes to return for the dentist visit next week.

School Concert: We have our school concert item finalised and we have begun practising it in class. I have encouraged the students to learn their parts at home as well.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone,

We are in our final weeks of the term and it is full steam ahead. Milo cricket on this Wednesday. Good luck to the students participating. In mathematics we are revising Naplan weaknesses.

Key focuses for PDHPE for the remainder of the term “**sense of own worth and dignity**” and “**respecting the rights of others**”. The students appreciate that their physical, social, emotional and intellectual developments are unique. They show sensitivity to the needs, rights, feelings and efforts of others.

The students are very excited and are currently brainstorming ideas for their class item being performed at the school concert in week 10 where they will also perform their outstanding penguin dance:) Have a great week Bek

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 8.

The next few weeks are very busy here at school. There are lots of activities coming up.

Spelling Bee- The Year 5/6 class would like to wish Elana and Olivia good luck for tomorrow. Best wishes girls!

Robotics- On Thursday the Year 6 students will be involved in a robotics workshop with Mr Jones and Mr Innes, a teacher from Maclean High School. This is an exciting opportunity for the students and I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy it.

Milo Cricket- Tomorrow several students in the class will be travelling to Maclean to participate in the Milo Cricket program. The program gives students the chance to play cricket in a round-robin format that focuses on developing qualities such as teamwork and leadership in an inclusive environment. Please ensure that your child has enough food and water for the whole day.

Touch Gala Day- The Touch Gala Day is coming up next week. Students will travel to Yamba by ferry to participate. Permission notes will be sent home this week.

End of Term Lunch- The Year 5/6 will be attending an end of term lunch with the Year 4/5 class at Maracca's Cafe next Thursday. In order to attend, students need to return their permission notes. Please advise of any food allergies before this date.

Raffle- Many students have already returned their raffle tickets and money. Most students have requested more raffle tickets to take home to sell. Thank you to these students. All tickets (sold and unsold) and money need to be returned before the 12th of September. The raffle is being drawn on the 15th of September. Good luck everyone.

School Concert- We are busy preparing our item for the concert. The students are looking forward to presenting their item to their parents, carers and other family members. We hope to see you all there on the night.

Reminders- Homework due on Friday. Banking on Friday. Home reading journals can be returned any day of week. Notes explaining absences from school are required when your child is absent from school.

Have a great week.

Stacey

Iluka Public School Creative Arts Concert-Save the date!

When: Thursday 21st September, 2017

Who: All students from Kindergarten to Year 6

Where: Iluka Community Hall

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Cost: \$2 per person (free entry for Iluka Public School students)

More information to come over the next two weeks.

Fruit and Veg Month

Results from the 2014-2015 National Health Survey showed that only 5.1% of both children and adults met the dietary guidelines for the number of serves of fruit and vegetables. This means that almost 95% of the Australian population is not eating enough fruit and vegetables which can have widespread implications on our health and wellbeing. It is likely that most Australians are not even aware of this problem.



Fruit and Veg Month runs during the last four weeks of Term 3 each year. This year it runs from Monday the 28th to Friday the 22nd of September and the theme is 'Get Loud for Fruit and Veg!' The aim of Fruit and Veg month is to encourage students and their families to eat more fruit and vegetables.

This year I will be running a colouring competition across the school to promote Fruit and Veg Month. All students are able to enter if they wish too. A winner from each class will be selected and rewarded with a \$5 tuckshop voucher that they can use to buy a healthy lunch from the school tuckshop. Entries are due back at school by Wednesday the 13th of September. Winners will be announced at the morning assembly on Friday the 15th of September.

During Fruit and Veg Month, each class will also be preparing a simple, yet delicious, snack made from fruit and vegetables. All ingredients will be supplied by the school. Some of the snack ideas include: apple race cars, banana/peanut butter bites and cucumber, tomato and cheese stacks. The idea behind this activity is to provide the students with easy, yummy snack ideas that they can prepare and enjoy at home.

With your support, we hope that the students develop healthy eating habits that last well beyond Fruit and Veg Month. **So let's get loud for fruit and vegetables!**
Stacey.

Hansel and Gretel Opera

Accompanying today's newsletter is an orange note regarding a visiting performance 'Hansel and Gretel'. We are very fortunate that Opera Queensland is visiting our school on Monday 18th September. Please return permission notes and \$4.50 to class teachers by Friday 15th September.



TUCK SHOP

Roster Term 3

Friday 08/09/17

Sandy, Mark, Trent L.

Monday 11/09/17

Kylie K, Vicki & Jona

Friday 15/09/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday 18/09/17

Sandy, Mark & Leonie H.

Friday 22/09/17

Karla & Erin

**This weeks
donations -Year 4**

Karla: 0405 638 768

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FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 11AM

ILUKA BOWLS CLUB

FREE ENTRY

Jumping Castle, Old McDonalds Farm,
Sporting Games, Tug-o-war Competition,
Market Stalls, Face Painting, Showbags,
Lolly Bar, Raffles
Plus many other activities
Food, Drinks & Live Music!



ILUKA POOL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION, RAISING MONEY FOR A POOL & SPORTS HALL!



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

VACATION CARE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Open to all children aged 5-12 years.

Opening hours 8am-6pm

Operating Monday-Friday

Monday 25th September - Friday 6th October 2017

Limited spaces available

Please book promptly to ensure your spot

For more information on bookings and program call
St Joseph's OSHC Centre: phone 6645 4280.

Alternatively call St Joseph's Primary School
office on 6645 2340 to arrange collection of an
Enrolment Package and Booking Slip
Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 3.30pm



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

*Let us support your after school care needs
Permanent and casual spaces available*

Open to all children aged 5-12 years

Operating Monday-Friday, 3-6pm

For more information call St Joseph's OSHC Centre
Ph 6645 4280

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Yamba Junior Surf Lifesaving “Nippers”

Information, Sign on Sessions & Pool Proficiencies as follows-

SIGN ON- Saturday 17th September @ Yamba Surf Club 10-12pm.

Merchandise and Nippers Handbooks will be available. Coloured caps for each age group will be \$10.00 and must be worn to participate at Nippers.

Nippers from Under 8s up will be issued with a Hi Vis vest to be worn at all times during Nippers.

All renewals and memberships should be done online if possible at
<http://www.yambaslsc.com.au/membership/>
then
<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/>.

Please present a Birth Certificate for all new registration and as members will be required to be prepared to demonstrate proficiency requirements.

Nippers must be 5 on or before September 30th 2017 to participate.

PROFICIENCY-October 7th @ Yamba Community Heated Pool-12-2pm

October 14th @ Yamba Community Heated Pool- 12-2pm

START DATE- October 15th at

9.30am-10.30 (U/6 and U/7s)

9.30-11.00 (U/8-U/14s)

Join our Facebook page, Yamba Nippers to keep up to date with current information, photos and Junior Activities.

Please contact Yamba Surf Club for all membership inquiries during office hours Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30-12.30. Information regarding the above information and sign on days or contact us at yambanippers@gmail.com

REGIONAL ATHLETICS



**JUNIOR BOYS ZONE ATHLETICS
CHAMPION.**

CONGRATULATIONS JAMES!



**ILUKA PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM
PLACED SIXTH IN THE LOWER CLARENCE
TENNIS COMPETITION!**



**YEAR 5/6
TRY THEIR
HAND AT
CROQUET.**



Parenting *ideas*

Tolerance for differences begins at home - Michael Grose

It's often said that a civil society can be determined by the way it treats its most vulnerable members, including the young, the old and minority groups. Most Australians like to think that we do pretty well on these measures, but I suspect the imminent postal survey on same-sex marriage may challenge this comfortable view.

Thanks to saturation media coverage, virtually all Australians, kids included, are aware of the survey (aka plebiscite). We have all been exposed to the debate over the pros and cons of using a postal survey, and, of course, to the debate over its central question. Many, again including kids, will have heard some of the more vitriolic commentary that is part of the surrounding debate. You'd have to be living under a rock not to have noticed it. If it relates to you personally, you are likely deeply affected by it.

While the debate rages on, it's worth considering what place children and young people have amongst all this noise. As a parent, how are you approaching the issue with your children and/or young people at home?

There are many ways to approach this topic within your family, but perhaps it's most appropriate to view it through the lens of tolerance and respect for diversity.

The conversation starts at home

Kids learn tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents, and while adolescents are also strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their acceptance, or otherwise, of people who are 'different'. In short, if you want your child to be tolerant of differences – whether they relate to race, culture, behaviour, sexuality or anything else – then you need to work hard to make tolerance and respect a family trait.

Tackling tough issues head on

By looking at the same-sex marriage survey through the tolerance lens we may be able to steer conversations and discussions into relatively safe areas that kids can relate to. But that doesn't alter the fact that children and young people will have questions about human sexuality, which includes sexual orientation. Anecdotal evidence suggests that most parents struggle to talk to their children about human sexuality, with many happy leaving the topic to schools to tackle.

The current debate offers an opportunity for parents to have genuine discussions with their children about a broad palette of human sexuality topics that is truly reflective of the community in which we live. That means parents need to be informed and also feel comfortable with their own views and attitudes. The latter may call for an examination of your own attitudes toward sexual orientation to prevent conversations and discussions being flavoured by any insensitivity or insecurity you may have.

It's worth remembering that research shows that providing young people with a thorough knowledge about sex and sexuality does not lead to an increase in promiscuity or teen pregnancy. On the contrary, it's widely accepted that a better understanding of human sexuality amongst teens is associated with a lower incidence of teen pregnancy and less likelihood of first intercourse at a young age.

Similarly, informed, adult discussions of different sexual orientation do not increase the likelihood that a young person will identify as homosexual or lesbian. Explaining LGBTIQ does not influence a child's sexual identity, orientation or expression. Importantly, it does decrease shame and harm for young people who are LGBTIQ – including those who have not yet 'come out' – and it models how to be respectful to those who are.

Being matter-of-fact

Kids are naturally curious. Questions such as "Where do babies come from?" and "Why does he have two mums?" can be asked by both a five-year-old and a fifteen-year-old, albeit in very different ways. Your responses as a parent to questions like these need to differ in complexity and depth as your kids reach different developmental stages. Regardless of a child's age, it also helps to use language that is objective and factual such as, "Families come in many different shapes and sizes", "All families are equal", and "There are many ways to make a family, adoption and IVF being just two examples".

Challenge prejudice and narrow-minded views

Sometimes children and young people will say the cruellest things about others, particularly if those others are part of a minority group. As a parent, remind your child or young person about the impact that narrow views can have on others. We shouldn't underestimate the long-term impact that intolerance by the majority can have on the wellbeing and mental health of a minority.

Most Australians like to pride ourselves on the fact that we've accepted and assimilated people from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. I hope that when the same-sex marriage survey is finished, regardless of the result, we can also say that we are a nation that's tolerant of diversity in all forms and whose citizens are truly respectful of each other. That's the type of country that most reasonable-minded adults want our children to inherit.

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 8th September.

1. Which country did North Korea fire a missile over last week?
 - a. United States
 - b. Japan
 - c. United Kingdom
2. Over 100 British beachgoers ended up in hospital last week due to ...?
 - a. a swarm of toxic jellyfish coming into contact with swimmers
 - b. a 'chemical haze'
 - c. a lightening strike which hit the water close to swimmers
3. What type of birds are Australians currently being warned about because of their seasonal swooping habits?
 - a. kingfishers
 - b. kookaburras
 - c. magpies
4. Seven elderly people have lost their lives in a Victorian retirement village due to an outbreak of ...?
 - a. flu
 - b. meningitis
 - c. listeria
5. Sea Shepherd has been in the news lately. What is Sea Shepherd?
 - a. a cruise ship that ran into a New Zealand fishing boat
 - b. an anti-whaling group
 - c. the latest Disney animated film
6. Why were Scooby Snack dog biscuits in the news last week?
 - a. they had been tainted with chilli and were making dogs sick
 - b. customers were finding metal marbles in the bags of biscuits
 - c. parents had accidentally fed them to their children
7. In which area of the world have over 1,200 people lost their lives in recent flooding?
 - a. South Asia
 - b. United States
 - c. South America
8. What was unusual about singer Lorde's performance at the MTV Video Music Awards?
 - a. she did the entire performance while suspended in a giant birdcage
 - b. she was in a wheelchair after breaking bones in her foot while rehearsing
 - c. she didn't sing during her performance she danced
9. Why was a Melbourne Coles supermarket in the news last week?
 - a. they refused to let a teenager wearing a bulky jacket in the store
 - b. they told an 82-year-old woman that she couldn't pay for her groceries using \$1 coins
 - c. they have banned the use of mobility scooters in the store
10. What is the name of the horse that has recorded its 19th straight win recently at Royal Randwick?
 - a. Winx
 - b. Minx
 - c. Blinks
11. French President Emmanuel Macron has been criticised for spending \$43,000NZD on ...?
 - a. clothes
 - b. restaurant dining
 - c. make-up
12. Which area of Australia announced that they will be renaming ten locations that currently have offensive names?
 - a. Northern Territory
 - b. Queensland
 - c. Tasmania
13. How many people were on board a people-smuggling boat that made it to an island in the Torres Strait?
 - a. 7
 - b. 35
 - c. 95
14. In which city would you find the world's tallest building?
 - a. Dubai
 - b. Taipei
 - c. Chicago
15. Which Australian surf wear business has made a full-year loss of \$77.1 million?
 - a. O'Neill
 - b. Billabong
 - c. Volcom