



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 4

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Dates to Remember

2017

Term 1

Thursday Feb 23

Zone Swimming
Carnival - Lismore

Friday Feb 24

Say No To Bullying Day

Friday Feb 24

Whole School Assembly
2.15pm

Friday March 10

Whole School Assembly
2.15pm

Wednesday March 15

Year 6 Transition Day
Maclean High School

Monday March 20

P&C Meeting
7pm Staff Room

Friday March 31

School Cross
Country

Friday April 7

Last day of term 1

Wednesday June 21

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Principal's News



Good afternoon

As always, I try to get out in the playground before and after school. Parents, carers or grandparents, if you are in the school grounds please say hello. I'm not that scary and never too busy to stop and chat. My door is also always open and I am always looking for ways to make Iluka Public School even better so I encourage your visits and ideas.

Settling In

It has been fantastic to be able to get around to all the classrooms and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their teachers! It has been wonderful to see our Kindergarten children in the classroom and in the playground all so happy and engaged with their Year six buddy. It has also been really pleasing to see the way we have welcomed new children to the school and made them feel so special. I like the way Year 3 are learning to skip, Year 4 / 5 learning to play the strategic game of chess, that Year 2 are learning to cooperate as a team and the way Year 1 try so hard to learn their dance moves. Well done everybody!

The continued warmer weather brings an important reminder about the need for children to have their school hats and drink bottles at school every day. Please ensure that these items are included with each day's packing of the school bag. The broad brimmed school hat is compulsory.



General Knowledge Quiz

Congratulations to Izzy McEwan from the Year 3 class. Izzy correctly answered all 15 questions from last week's newsletter. Please look out for this week's quiz. To win a prize, submit your answers and if they are all correct you will receive a prize.

Whole School Assembly.

Our next Whole School Assembly will be held at the new special time of 2.15pm on Friday 24th February. Depending on the weather it may be held in the library or under the COLA. The Whole School Assembly is an integral part of the school especially in providing messages of personal development, celebrating student success, updating students on future events and the opportunity for classes to showcase an item.

It is important that all students remain focussed and settled during the 45 minute assembly. On behalf of our teaching staff we would like to welcome parents to please come along. Special seating will be provided for you. Please ensure that all preschool children remain under parental supervision. Small children playing or coming down to visit their big brother or sister can interrupt the flow of the assembly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Regular Attendance

Regular school attendance has been proven to make a difference to student achievement. If your son or daughter has one day away from class each week, they effectively lose nearly a whole term of learning. Over the seven years a child would lose over a whole year of school! Attendance matters as does punctuality. It can be disruptive for all students if they arrive after lessons commence. Please have your child at school and ready to join in lessons by 8.55.



Small School's Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, students from Iluka Public School travelled to Maclean. The swimming squad of 30 performed well at the carnival, supporting each other and achieving personal best swimming times. Huge congratulations to all students who attended and a big thank you to the parents for arranging student transport and cheering on the team. Special mention must go to Ky and Shahla who were named as Junior Boy and Junior Girl Champion. In all, 15 students have now made it on to the Northern Rivers Zone Championships in Lismore next Thursday 23rd February.

Before School Supervision / Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that before 8.30 students need to be supervised by an adult to ensure their safety at school. Teachers do not begin morning duty until 8:30am. Therefore prior to 8:30am, unsupervised students need to be seated on the brown tables located in front of the office. As well, the Breakfast Club is now open. Breakfast is being served from the canteen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am. For those students that may need a top up please see Miss Essery in the canteen who will assist you with the milk.



Update your details

Can you please notify the school if you have changed your address, work status, phone numbers, emergency contacts, email address, work details or child's medical information to the front office as soon as possible.

Text Book Fees

Invoices have been sent home regarding the book fees for 2017. Currently, a 10% discount is being applied to all students who pay for their books before the end of Term 1. Again, for Kindy, Year 4 and Year 6 students the price is \$36. For the other classes, the costs are \$54. Currently, teachers are photocopying pages for those students who have not paid for their books. For those families who need assistance a payment plan can be organised. Please see me ASAP if this is the situation. Last year over \$500 was carried by the school in book fees. This is a large amount for a school of our size.

Tuckshop Monday and now Friday too!

Thank you to all parents who are purchasing their child's recess and lunches from our tuckshop. It is just wonderful to see it being used. Kindergarten students are being let out two minutes earlier to ensure they have a little extra time to decide and have their money ready. Thank you to our volunteers.

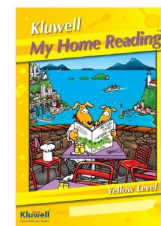
Parent/ Teacher Concerns

Anytime you have a question or concern about your child and their learning or the program teachers are using, please make an appointment through the office to share this with the concerned teacher. The teachers are there to listen but sometimes full explanations are difficult on morning preparation or on bell time. We are partners in your child's education and have the same goal as you – to give them the best opportunities and outcomes possible.

Home Reading Journal

At the start of the year I set a challenge for all children to keep up with me as I complete my Home Reading Journal for 2017. I cannot underestimate the importance of reading and completing the

associated journal. I am now up to night 17. How are you going? Are you on track? I am finding the weekends difficult but going okay through the week. Remember, a major prize will be offered to students who show 200 nights of home reading. Together, we can all do this.



Thank you

On behalf of the school and the many students involved, I would like to thank Jess Edie. Jess has again committed herself to organising the collection of Commonwealth banking every Friday. Thank you for giving up your time and for teaching our students valuable, sound habits.

Thank You 2

At last night's P&C meeting the AGM was held. It is always appreciated when a small band of hardworking parents come along to the meeting and put their hand up to hold an administration role on the P&C. I would like to thank and congratulate Lisa Waters as President, Sonia Deakin & Karla Morrison as Vice President's, Aleisha McEwen as Treasurer and Cassandra McClelland as Secretary. I look forward to working with you again to form as a team with the aim of helping all students at Iluka Public School.

Kindy Class News

'News'-Each Kindergarten student gets to share their 'news' with the other students in their talking circle, on their assigned 'news' day. Students may bring something from home to show on their news day. Your child's news day for this term is as follows:

Tuesday ... Indy, Flynn, Lily, Fraser
 Wednesday ... Claire, Dextur, Mikayla, Indigo
 Thursday ... Albert, Arliya, George, Jaylen
 Friday ... Alby, Isaiah, Nikirri, Navara, Kirra-Leigh

Sight Words-This week we are learning the following sight words: **dad, here, a.**

Home Reading-What a great start to home reading. Well done Kinder! Keep up the daily reading.

Best Start Parent-Teacher Meeting- Confirmation notes were sent home yesterday. If you are unable to attend our meeting, due to unforeseen circumstances, please ring the office to let me know and another time can be arranged at a later date.

Reminder:

*Return the permission to publish form (green form attached to last weeks newsletter).
 Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Assembly - Thank you to all of the students who have been working very hard on our assembly item at home. Please continue to practise this week. On Friday 24th February the class will present their item at the whole school assembly. Feel free to join us in the library or under the COLA (depending on the weather) on Friday at **2.15pm**.

Homework - Once again there was a fantastic return of homework. Homework goes home on Mondays and is always due on Fridays.

Text books - Thank you parents for ensuring text books are paid for promptly, enabling your child to commence using their books. Please speak to Mr Bradmore if payment is a problem at the moment so an arrangement can be made.

Say No to Bullying Posters - Thank you to Miss Anderson for completing these posters with Year 1. They will now be entered in a state-wide competition. Good luck girls and boys!

Have a great week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Welcome to week 5. We almost half way through the term and our daily routines are starting to become more consistent. Our Class Dojo system is working well and it is allowing me to stay in contact with

parents regarding their particular child. Students have been getting a real buzz out of sharing their work with their parents through their portal.

There are still a few students that have not been committing themselves to their home reading. I cannot stress enough how important home reading is to their classwork and overall academic success.

Homework has been strong so far with a high percentage of students returning their homework. This is great to see and I thank the parents for their support in this area. Just a small amount a night can make a difference.

I will be away next week and Miss Edwards will be taking the class for the week. If you have any questions please direct them at Miss Edwards. I will also be contactable through Class Dojo if you have any questions while I am away.

I hope everyone has a good week.

Mr Jones.

Year 3/4 Class News

Routines: are being established in the classroom. Please make sure your child has all necessary equipment to make the school day run smoothly.

Quicksmart: program is operating with Carol and the children need to learn the table cards that are sent home from her. Children that do this will see a definite improvement in their maths.

Thank You: Miss Anderson for the work on my class last week and the art work you completed with the children. Some of these will go in the Maclean show,

Nightly reading: is crucial. Good reading habits need to be established at an early age. Children can fill out their own journals as this is a skill in itself.

Movement in Maths: is proving to be very helpful in assisting children to retain certain mathematical concepts. It also gets the children being active and increasing fitness levels as well.

Dancing: with Mandy is coming along nicely. The children enjoy this time and we appreciate the skills Mandy helps us develop. Plus we have some laughs along the way!

Week 5: is well and truly under way.

Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning All,

It's great to see the students settle into their work pattern so early in the year. Very promising for a great 2017. A reminder that **homework** and **home reading journals** are due in on Wednesdays each week.

The homework is to be returned finished or not.

Dance with Mandy is at 12.30pm on Wednesdays. **Library and PDHPE** is also on Wednesday so please ensure your child comes to school prepared.

For **Science and Technology** this term the students will investigate "Earth's place in Space".

Excursions are being prepared. The year 4 will be going to Cascade whilst the year 5 will be off to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. Further information will follow in due course.

Clean up Australia day is Friday, 3rd March. The school will take part as always. A permission note will be sent home for the older students.

I am pleased to say that the class will be using **Fitzroy graded readers** this year.

Have a great week.

Cheers John.

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello all,

Here we are in week 5 already! Routines are being established.

Congratulations: Molly, Bella, Joel James, Millie, Sarah, Tiarna, Elana and Nick for qualifying for the Northern Rivers PSSA swimming carnival to be held on Thursday. We are proud of you.

Reading Groups: commenced last week. We use 'Bookweb'. Most children have gotten off to a good start.

Maths: is very enjoyable and the children seem to be enjoying their maths without text books. I'm pleased with how they are approaching their maths work.

Writing: this week will be to convince others to believe your point of view.
Dancing: with Mandy is so much fun as well as being excellent exercise.
Say NO to Bullying posters: have been completed (with some thoughtful messages).
Homework: due on Friday (and marked in class).
Home Reading Journals: are checked tomorrow.
Mr Jones: will be working with the class on a Thursday afternoon (technology). I will have his class for art.
 Enjoy your week.
 Di

Library

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 5,

Book Club: Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 1. Orders should arrive back at the school late next week.

Library Bags: I still have some library bags on sale for only \$2 each.

"Say No to Bullying!" Posters: Over the last few weeks I have worked with Mrs Gardner and Mr Melrose's classes to complete their posters. There were many great posters created by the students. The posters are now ready to be mailed and entered into the annual competition. Good luck!
 Have a great week
 Stacey.

Breakfast Club - Operates on Tuesday and Thursday of each week

A big shout out and thank you to the owners and managers of IGA for kindly offering to support our Iluka Public School breakfast program. IGA will be supplying the food for the program, at no cost to our school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by all the students and staff of Iluka Public School.
 Lynne

'Say No To Bullying' Primary School Poster Competition

Once again Iluka Public School students have completed posters to enter into the annual 'Say No To Bullying' competition. The theme for this year's competition is respect:

Repect for self
Respect for others
Responsibility for all your actions

Lynne



Roster Term 1

Friday - 24/02/17
 Sandy, Mark,
 Vicki Van Kray

Monday - 27/02/17
 Cass, Deb Thwaites,
 Leonie Hill

Friday - 03/03/17
 Sandy, Mark,
 Sarah Johnson

Monday - 06/03/17
 Kylie K, Trudy D, Jona M

Friday - 10/03/17
 Sandy, Mark, Leah S

Monday - 13/03/17
 Karla, Vanessa D, Aleisha

Friday - 17/03/17
 Sandy, Mark, Jodie Page

Monday - 20/03/17
 Cass, Peter J, Nikki K

Friday - 24/03/17
 Sandy, Mark, Sonia D

Monday - 27/03/17
 Kylie, Vicki Van Kray
 Trudy D

Friday - 31/03/17
 Sany, 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

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Monday 27 February 2017.

1. Why did the crowd boo at the Melbourne Guns N' Roses concert?
 - a. the band was over three and a half hours late
 - b. the band finished early due to "technical problems"
 - c. the announcer confused their city for Sydney when announcing the band
2. Why was the *Sun Princess* cruise ship in the news last week?
 - a. the ship needed to make an emergency stop after the ship started taking on water
 - b. the ship collided with a fishing vessel
 - c. over 170 passengers were affected by a gastro virus outbreak
3. Fire destroyed multiple homes in Christchurch, New Zealand last week. On which island of New Zealand is Christchurch located?
 - a. South Island
 - b. North Island
 - c. Stewart Island
4. Which country recently fired a missile towards Japanese territorial waters?
 - a. Russia
 - b. North Korea
 - c. China
5. True or false, Valentine's Day was a public holiday in Australia from 1918-1952?
6. The world's most famous skateboarder hit the skate bowl at Bondi Beach recently for one of the sport's biggest competitions. What is his name?
 - a. Greg Noll
 - b. Tony Hawk
 - c. Alberto Tomba
7. Which country launched an air attack on Darwin 75 years ago?
 - a. Germany
 - b. Japan
 - c. China
8. The Grammy for Album of the Year was won by ...?
 - a. Adele
 - b. Beyonce
 - c. Lady Gaga
9. True or false, approximately seventy percent of Australians take vitamin/mineral supplements?
10. What special ingredient is being added to a new gin drink being launched in South Australia this week?
 - a. native frog eggs
 - b. native ants
 - c. native caterpillars
11. The BAFTA awards were held in Britain last week. What type of award ceremony are the BAFTA's?
 - a. a film award ceremony
 - b. a music award ceremony
 - c. a fashion award ceremony
12. Why was the NSW area of Carwoola in the news?
 - a. the community was devastated by flash floods
 - b. around eight houses were destroyed by fire
 - c. the remains of around 100 dinosaurs have been discovered in the area
13. Why were 200,000 people evacuated from their homes in Oroville, California?
 - a. scientists had predicted a large earthquake was going to occur
 - b. a dam was threatening to burst
 - c. a fire had started in a nuclear power plant creating an emergency situation
14. Which river forms part of the border between New South Wales and Victoria?
 - a. the Katherine River
 - b. the Swan River
 - c. the Murray River
15. In what unusual location have scientists discovered a new coral reef?
 - a. The Amazon River
 - b. The Moon
 - c. The English Channel

Iluka Football Club

Sign On Day

Saturday 18th February

9-11am at the Club House

For further information please contact

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Annette: 0455887721



CLARENCE COAST



MAGPIES
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Sign on dates:

Maclean Bowling Club-

Saturday 18th February 2-5pm

Sunday 26th February 11am-1pm

Yamba Shores Tavern-

Sunday 19th February 2-5pm

Saturday 25th February 11am-1pm.

**All new registrations must bring a birth certificate
or passport to be able to be registered.**

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Parenting ideas

Developing independence in primary school

By Michael Grose

Practical ideas for parents to encourage real independence in children.

Your goal as a parent should be for your child to be completely self-managing by the end of primary school. Here are four practical ways to develop real independence in primary school-aged children:

1. Involve them in mealtimes

Mealtimes are the fulcrum around which healthy families operate. Mealtimes also offer plenty of opportunities for children to help including running errands, preparing the meal, setting the table, clearing the table, packing the dishwasher and other jobs. There's something for everyone!

2. Use pocket money to develop independence

A regular allowance is a fabulous way to promote real independence in children. Start in lower primary school and gradually increase their allowance the older they become. Importantly, you need to increase the areas that their allowance covers. Pocket money used well is a fantastic way to develop independence in kids.

3. Look after pets

It's a quirk of life that most children want a pet, but they just don't want to look after it in the long term. Many kids discover that following the initial flush of enthusiasm looking after a pet can be a grind – walking the family pooch, cleaning out the guinea-pig cage, or feeding the family feline. But pet care offers priceless lessons in the development of grit, responsibility and nurturance – all necessary attributes for independent success.

4. Walk, ride or take public transport to school

The opportunity to go to school on your own devices was a luxury that previous generations enjoyed. While it may have seemed at the time like something to be endured rather than enjoyed, most people I discuss this matter with look back with fondness and nostalgia. For most people it meant freedom, friendship and fun. For a short time each day kids experienced a delicious type of freedom away from both teachers and parents – a time to muck around, dawdle and mess around with mates. It also gave kids some familiarity with their neighbourhood.

It's well established that currently more children are driven to school than ride or walk, which denies children the same opportunity for friendship, fun and freedom. Busy schedules, less child-friendly neighbourhood layouts and working parents are just some of the reasons that prevent kids walking to school. If possible, look for ways to allow your child to get to school on their own. It's fantastic for their independence and wellbeing. If children are too young, walk or ride with them some of the way until they are old enough and skilled enough to make the trip without you.

The age of opportunity

Children in this stage have an outward orientation and are exploring their place in the world. This is an age and stage for greater neighbourhood exploration, for taking on real responsibility and for developing personal confidence and efficacy before adolescence starts.