



Iluka Public School Newsletter 17

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent or Carer Appointments (Outside school hours)

Parents wishing to speak formally with teaching staff will need to make an appointment, as teachers are not available during class sessions. Please contact the school to arrange a time.

For an emergency or an urgent matter, please contact the Principal immediately.

Visitors

All visitors to the school, including parents who are helping with school activities, are required to sign the Visitor's Book in the foyer of the Administration building. This is necessary for insurance purposes, in the event of an emergency evacuation, and for the safety and security of our students and staff.

Uniform

The school has a compulsory uniform approved by the P & C and all students are expected to attend school each day in full uniform. During cooler weather, students may wear a red or grey jumper and red or grey tracksuit pants. Black leggings or stockings are not part of the uniform.

Executive Agenda

Today, myself and the Executive team have travelled to Grafton to receive new information regarding the Board of Studies Teacher Accreditation Authority. On Friday, I shall be attending the COS Principal Meeting. On the agenda, Principals will be discussing the new way schools are to be classified and the funding arrangements that follow as a result. On Thursday, I have a meeting with the Senior Education Director discussing Iluka Public School plans for the next three years. A busy week!

Assembly Awards

Congratulations and well done to all of our students who receive awards at the whole school assemblies. Don't forget that once your child has received 5 assembly awards they are eligible for a higher award. Please bring the awards to myself so that they can be added to the list for the next assembly.

Screen Generation

Hopefully all students are using some time at home to get out and run around before it gets too dark. Any interested parents should google a SMH article printed a week ago entitled; "Sitting, the new Smoking". A sobering piece, considering this generation is known as the 'screen generation'.

NAIDOC Week

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week. Today Mrs Howard organised Aunty Rosie (a member of the Aboriginal Community) to come talk to all students. It was a very positive and inclusive event. On Friday the school travels to Shark Bay where each student will be participating in four events allowing students to enjoy socialising and physical fitness. More importantly, students will gain some understanding of indigenous culture, with the goal of removing racism and segregation as they move into our leaders of tomorrow.



Thursday 4 June

**PSSA Boys and Girls
Soccer @ Maclean**

Friday 5 June

NAIDOC Day

**NCPSSA Cross Country
@ Kempsey**

Monday 8 June

**Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday**

Wednesday 10 June

School Photos

Friday 19 June

**CWA "Italy" Projects
due back at school**

Canteen Duty

Monday 8 June

**NO CANTEEN—
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Sport

Good luck to our boys and girls soccer teams playing on Thursday against Lawrence and Maclean in the PSSA knockout. Our thanks to Mr Jones and Mrs Haupt for coaching and supporting the teams.

Good luck to Ned, Cassi and Gracie who are competing in Friday's North Coast Cross Country Carnival in Kempsey. Thank you to our parents who are providing transport and support.

Phil Bradmore



Kinder Class News

Messages- During the school day, from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock, parents may need to relay a message, drop off extra food or provide other equipment to their child. Should these situations arise, parents are reminded that the correct process is to report to the office on arrival and the administration staff can assist in delivering the message or items to your child, during lesson breaks.

Banking- Our school banking day is Friday. Bank books are collected each Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Late bank books may be collected, but will be processed on the following Friday.

Music- Each Wednesday, Kindergarten and the Year 1/2 classes combine for singing with Ryan. The students commenced these lessons last week and were a lot of fun.

NAIDOC Day- This Friday 5th June all classes will be travelling by bus to Shark Bay. Students may wear clothes that are white, black, red, orange or yellow in colour and all students need to wear a sun safe hat. Students will need to bring their own recess, water and sunscreen. Each family has been

asked to supply some food to share at the lunch time picnic - sandwiches, wraps, fruit. Could all orange permission notes and \$2 for the bus, please be returned to school before this Friday 5th June.

Lynne

1/2 Class News

Library - Due to unforeseen circumstances our class swapped library days last week to Wednesday just as a once off. Some students remembered their bags. However, others missed out on exchanging their library books. Due to NAIDOC Day this Friday, students will miss library this week. Mr Jones has kindly offered for students to swap their library books on **Wednesday at lunch time** if they wish to do so. Thank you Mr Jones.

Writing - In writing Year 1 students are looking at explanations. One of our topics is why **popcorn** pops so I thought we could watch/hear the process and then obviously enjoy sampling some microwaved butter popcorn. If you do not wish for your child to participate or they have special dietary requirements, please let me know by Thursday morning.

Spelling - This week the Year 1 spelling words are based on the 'oo' sound. The words are toot, loop, soon, loom, cool, mood, tool, hoot, coop, noon, broom and stool. Our sight words are 'have' and 'school'. The spelling words for Year 2 students can be found in Miss Anderson's newsletter column.

Homework - Homework is still due on Friday. However, I will not have a chance to record or check home readers on Friday due to NAIDOC Day.

Italy Projects - Yesterday students took home cardboard and some basic resources for their CWA Italy projects. These are due back on Friday 19th June. Students' names are NOT to be visible on the front.

NAIDOC DAY - I am still waiting a few permission notes and \$2 bus fare for our day of celebration at Shark Bay this Friday. Please return as soon as possible. Students will require plenty of water (none available at Shark

Bay) and a small serving of food to share for lunch - perhaps sandwiches, wraps or fruit. All containers and plates need to be labelled with names please.

Read More in May - Thank you to those students who participated in the challenge. If you would like to be entered into the competition, please return your log sheet by Thursday.

Have a great week.

Kristy



2/3 Class News

Welcome to Week 7. Once again we have another busy week ahead of us.

Cardboard was sent home today in order for students to complete their **CWA project on Italy**. The projects are due back at school on Friday the 19th of June (Week 9). These projects are to be completed by the students. Parents can offer some guidance but please allow your child to work on their projects by themselves as it is a valuable learning experience for them. We will be starting a **new DIPL unit on Thursday**. This unit will continue through until the end of Week 9. The new **spelling words** will be: fleet, three, key, money, steer, chimney, wheel, creek, honey, free, cheerful, Sydney. The **sight words** will be: where, were. The **spelling rule** focuses on long vowel (e) sounds: **ee- in the middle of words eg. sleep, beep and ey- on the end of words eg. money.**

We are all looking forward to singing with Ryan again this Wednesday.

The news topic for next week (Week 8) is **'My Favourite Toy'**. The students are expected to plan what they are going to speak about,

in regards to their toy, before it is their news day.

Homework and Home Reading journals are due on Thursday this week due to NAIDOC Day being held this Friday. I require **permission notes and money (\$2)** as soon as possible. This year we will be having a **picnic lunch** at Shark Bay to celebrate NAIDOC Day. Each family is asked to **provide a plate of food** to share with the other students in the school. We will be discussing the various options in class this week. Students are required to bring their own recess and enough water to last the whole day, as there is no water supply out at Shark Bay. If your child has special dietary requirements, please send lunch for them as per normal.

The **“Read More in May”** log sheets are to be handed in to me so that I can enter your child into the competition. Alternatively, you may enter your child online by following the instructions provided on the sheet.

I am still waiting for all of the yellow skivvies and black beanies and gloves to be returned so I can pass them along to Mandy. Please bring them in as soon as possible. I hope you all have a great week. Stacey



3/4 Class News

Hello everyone! Welcome to another busy week. Unfortunately I will be away again this Thursday. I will be

attending and completing the final module on “Teaching Literacy to students with Dyslexia or reading difficulties.” I am looking forward to incorporating these strategies into the classroom. I am very pleased with the feedback of the students’ efforts during my absence.

Sustainability: Auntie Rosie will be coming into school today to talk to the students about bush tucker. She will be bringing in some plants to start a bush tucker garden.

Music: The students are enjoying their singing lessons with Ryan on Wednesdays.

Italy Projects - Yesterday students took home cardboard for their CWA Italy projects. These are due back on Friday 19th June. During our computer time next Monday the students will have an opportunity to gather some information on Italy to take home to work on their projects. Students’ names are NOT to be visible on the front.

NAIDOC Day - I am still waiting for a few permission notes and \$2 bus fare for our day of celebration at Shark Bay this Friday. Please return as soon as possible.

Go Neddy!! Good luck to all the students competing in both the cross country and soccer events this week. Bek.

4/5 Class News

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the **Eisteddfod** last Tuesday. Well done. Thank you to Mandy for a huge job.

The **cardboard** will be sent home this week for the **CWA project on Italy**.

We welcome the opportunity to listen to **Auntie Rosie** on her experiences in the **‘Bush Tucker Garden’** as part of our study on the environment.

All the best to the **boys and girls soccer teams** who play this Thursday.

Great work to all those who have started to pay for the **Canberra Ex-**

cursion. It will be a great experience. The class have started **singing with Ryan**. It was fun and the students sounded fantastic.

NAIDOC DAY is on Friday. Please bring back the note and \$2 for the bus as soon as possible.

Have a great week. John



5/6 Class News

We finished most of our filming last week. The children put in a really big effort on Thursday. The next stage is the editing. Hopefully we will get a little look at our creative project very soon.

Cardboard has been given out in readiness for the children to start working on their CWA projects that will be completed at home this year. They are due on Friday 19th June. We wish the girls and boys playing soccer this Thursday all the best.

Please remember to return your NAIDOC notes for this Friday.

Reports are being finalised this week prior to being sent home. We really enjoyed our singing with Ryan last Wednesday. The children sounded really good and you could hear the fulfilment in voices.

Have a positive week. Di

Canberra Excursion

The medical consent and deposit of \$50 need to be received at the school by Wednesday 3 June to confirm your child’s place in the excursion to Canberra.

Once the deposit has been received you will be invoiced for the excursion and may then make progress payments e.g. \$20 every week should ensure the excursion is paid for by the end of Term 3.

A direct deposit facility will also be available for this excursion. Please contact the school office for details.

Library/Technology News

Our youtube channel now has a hand full of new videos uploaded to it created by the students. The peer assessment has begun this week and students are really enjoying taking control of the marking process. Students will also get written feedback from myself for their projects if they have completed them on time. The year 5/6s have created some great videos so I would highly suggest you check them if you have internet access at home. The year 5/6s library day is Wednesday this week so that will be the day they peer assess their projects. That is all for now and I hope everyone has a great long weekend.
Mr Jones

PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer

We have our round 2 soccer match at Maclean this Thursday with the girls playing first then followed by the boys. The girls will be leaving school at around about 10:00am for a 11:15am kick off against Maclean. The boys team will be leaving after the morning session of school when the recess bell goes at 11:00am and they will be kicking off at 12:30pm at the latest. Leaving at recess will give the boys the opportunity to cheer on the girls team during their match. Just a reminder if you are volunteering to drive we need a photocopy of your licence and registration details, which can be done at the office. Also, the students need to be picked up from the school, they cannot leave the school to meet you in order to be driven to the game.

NAIDOC Day

This Friday we will be holding our NAIDOC celebrations out at Shark Bay. The children received a note about this last week. We will travel there and back by bus and participate in rotational activities in mixed groups. This year we will be having a picnic and each family has been asked to contribute a plate/container of food to share with others. Children will need their recess and plenty of water as there is no access to drinking water at the picnic area. The children may wear red, white, black, yellow clothing. The cost for bus travel is \$2. Teachers will coordinate with children what they are bringing so we have a range of tasty picnic snacks.
Thank you, Di Howard.

Bush Tucker Garden

In conjunction with NAIDOC celebrations this week we have invited Aunty Rosie (aboriginal elder) to our school to share her knowledge about bush tucker plants. Aunty Rosie will help us understand what local plants are edible and to what extent they can be

used medicinally. With her help and guidance we are hoping to establish a small bush tucker grove in future. Classes will have the opportunity to spend time with Aunty Rosie and gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture. We hope Aunty Rosie will enjoy sharing her experiences with the children. Di

Chaplain

It's good to be back at school after 4 weeks away, and only 4 more weeks to go this term, where does the time go? I'd like to encourage all parents/carers to take a closer look at a program The Clarence Valley Council is currently running "Toolbox: A Parenting Festival". It runs from 31/05/15 to 18/06/15 and involves 27 events, many free of charge, designed to assist and inform those faced with the day to day pressures of parenthood. The inaugural 2015 Parenting Festival is a coming together of industry and expert knowledge across the Clarence Valley and we are blessed to be hosting this valuable event.

As a wise person once said ***"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."***

Enjoy your week. Miss Lisa :-)

Go4Fun

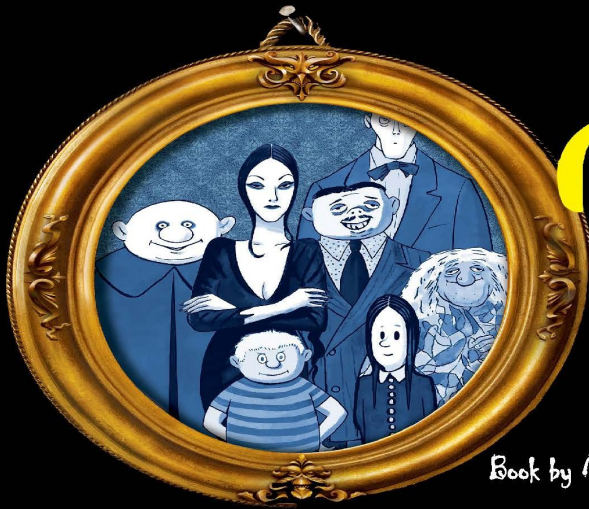
Go4Fun is a free, healthy living program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years and includes: games and activities, fun interactive discussions to improve child nutrition, physical activity and self-esteem, practical demonstrations and the chance to try delicious and healthy new foods.

If you are interested in this program for your child/children, please complete the Expression of Interest in this newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible. It is proposed that the Go4Fun program will be run after school in Term 3.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
MONDAY 8TH JUNE		
PUBLIC HOLIDAY— NO CANTEEN		
MONDAY 15TH JUNE	KYLIE KERR, DOM HORNE, KELLY CLARKE	Year 1/2 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 22 JUNE	SAM CARLON, GLADYS HUNT, TANYA WILLIAMS	Year 2/3 to donate home made goodies

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CAMP WARATAHS

For information and to register, please visit
NSWRugby.com.au/Community/Camps



These July school holidays we are pleased to welcome the annual 'Camp Waratah' to Lismore on Thursday the 2nd of July!

Open to ages 7-14, come and join the NSW Rugby Union team in creating a Waratah pathway.

For information and to register, please visit
NSWRugby.com.au/Community/Camps



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Yes! I would like my child/children to participate in the free, Go4Fun program.

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Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Child/children age: _____

Don't be daft about Minecraft

By Jason Fox

Minecraft may be the best trend to hit boy world in years. Writer Jason Fox explains the attraction and outlines the benefits for kids.

If you have a young child or teenager, chances are you've heard about Minecraft. It's a video game that's kind of like digital LEGO, except that you're in an ever-evolving world with seemingly limitless possibilities. It's a game that inspires deep exploration, collaboration and creativity.



But parents are worried. And rightfully so, to a degree. Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing.

So, let's have a look at what makes Minecraft so engaging, why blanket bans aren't a good idea, and how to manage your child's play.

Minecraft is an infinite, non-winnable game

Unlike a book, a game of chess, or a football match, a Minecraft game doesn't end. There's always more that can be explored, and more that can be done. The projects you undertake in Minecraft are self-initiated: no one is telling you what to do. And the process of making progress within Minecraft is completely autonomous – no one is telling you how to execute your projects and achieve your goals. It's self-regulated learning at its finest.

But being able to 'unplug' and manage time and energy are essential skills your child needs to learn too. So, here are three ways you can help them manage Minecraft in your house:

1. Show genuine interest (this should be your first step)

If your child plays Minecraft, ask them to take you on a tour. Show an interest in their passion, and ask them questions like: what are you trying to build? What are your goals? What are the steps you need to take? What's the coolest thing you've found? Set aside at least an hour for this. It's highly likely they'd love the chance to share this with you, which will help you to open up a new level of connection with them.

2. Encourage interactivity correctly

Minecraft's multiplayer mode allows your child to play and build in the same online world as their friends.

But remember: there are a lot of idiots on the internet, so do the following two things:

- a) Create your own server or 'whitelist' – it's like having an invite-only friend list.
- b) Use a family-friendly server – you can Google these to find the right one to play in.

3. Don't ban – bracket

Banning something like Minecraft should be the very last resort, as it usually only serves to enhance the craving for it. Instead, make it part of their daily 'free time'. Try not to have this at the end of the day or make it contingent on homework being completed, as this may only create angst, rushed homework and late nights. After school is best, especially if it's bracketed by dinnertime, where all phones and computers are turned off.

My true hope is that you give option #1 a very good go first. And if #1, #2, #3 don't work, I'm hoping you've found them an even better game to play.

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