



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 31

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Dates to Remember

Term 4

OCTOBER

Wednesday 25th

Yr 6 Transition (Maclean High School)

Thursday 26th

Preschool Transition 9-1.30

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Year 5 & 6 students
Fishing Program
Whiting Beach 11.30am

Monday 6th

P & C Meeting at 7:00pm

Thursday 9th

Gallery goes to school

Preschool Transition 9-1.30

Monday 13th

Swimming Scheme (2 weeks)
For Yr1-Yr4 students

Tuesday 21st

Boating excursion Yr 4/5 &
Yr 5/6 11.30-2.30

Tuesday 28th

Boating excursion Kinder &
Yr 1 11.30-2.30

DECEMBER

Monday 4th

P&C Meeting - 7pm

Tuesday 5th

Boating excursion Yrs 2, &
Yr 3/4 11.30-2.30

Friday 8th

Reports go home

Tuesday 12th

Presentation Day 11.30am

Disco Bowling Club

Wednesday 13th

Carols in the Park

Friday 15th

Last day of Term 4

SPECIAL EVENT

FOR PARENTS- Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 this term.

Principal's News

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Unfortunately, last Saturday night unknown persons entered the school causing some damage to the external grounds. No classrooms were broken into and by Sunday morning things had pretty well returned to normal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local police who responded quickly, staff for their actions and to the parents and community members for their many offers of support following last weekends unwanted attention on our school.

Staff

Students, teachers and staff had a wonderful start to Term 4. Mrs Howard returned tanned and relaxed from leave ready for a busy Term 4 with Year 5/6. Miss Anderson enjoyed her time getting to know the Year 4/5 class. They have talked about the next ten weeks and how they see the year going. Miss Hamilton, our new librarian, also had a most enjoyable week. She has started units of work in all classes that look very exciting including technology and cooking. Unfortunately, Mrs Cunningham was away last week however Year 3/4 did a great job working well for their casual teachers. We also wish Mrs Gardner well as she is now on Long Service Leave. Miss Daley will be the Year 1 teacher for the next two weeks.

Stranger Danger

Teachers have been completing mini units of work or a discussing the topic, Stranger Danger. It can be for some a sensitive area and sometimes issues can arise. I am asking that parents and carers also follow up in this area and discuss with their child possible strategies to use when out in the community.

Head Lice

Many parents, with children from different classrooms, have reported that their son or daughter has head lice. Teachers have also reported cases of the outbreak. It is important that all parents be vigilant and that they regularly check hair and act when they notice eggs.

School Plan 2018 -2020

Teachers have been evaluating their Teaching, Learning and Leading practices during recent staff meetings. Together the staff and I have been looking at the directions we want to take the school over the next 3 years. Discussions have been very positive and the new 2018 – 2020 School Plan will be unveiled by the end of the year.

Kindergarten Orientation Day

The 2018 Kindy students visited our school last Thursday. There were 13 students in attendance. I would like to thank Year 5 'buddy' students who assisted the new students at recess and lunch. We know they will be in safe hands.

Thank you

Once again I would like to thank The Mens Shed of Iluka and Brandi Gordon for donating class sets of white boards. White boards are very handy for practising handwriting, spelling and maths. I'm sure each teacher will use this beautiful resource regularly. Well done Mens Shed.

Whole School Assembly

The next Whole School Assembly will be Friday 27 October commencing at 2.15 pm. Parents, Carers and Community Members are welcome to attend. If students have received 5 merit awards this year they may be eligible for an award. Please bring them into school and I will check them.

Kindy Class News

Spelling-All students achieved outstanding results in our spelling word test last Friday. Our focus words this week are: **be, with, they, some, on, that, in, look, going, up.**

HSIE- 'Places We Know' is our geography unit for this semester. Students will be exploring the places they live in and belong to - home, school and local places. Students will develop an understanding of what makes a place special and how this may differ for different people over time. Students will also learn about the importance of looking after places.

Lock Down-Last Wednesday a Lock Down practice was implemented at our school. During this practice, the Kinders responded to all instructions in a mature and sensible manner.

Intensive Swimming Program-Kindergarten participates in a separate swimming scheme to the rest of the school. Information about our intensive swimming program will be sent home next week.

Reminders:

*Library day for Kindergarten this term is **Wednesday**.

*Please return 'Gallery Goes To School' permission note and \$3.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 2 of Term 4.

I am very excited to be taking the Year 1 class for weeks 2 and 3. I am looking forward to working hard in year 1 while Mrs Gardner is away.

Library Day: Library day for Year 1 is Tuesday morning with Miss Hamilton.

Literacy: Over the next two weeks we will be exploring how to write 'Expositions'. Year 1 are already planning convincing arguments about the importance of wearing hats to school.

Maths: This week in maths we will be focusing on "Rounding and Money". Students will be rounding two digit numbers to the nearest 10. They will also have the opportunity to practice recognising, describing and ordering Australian coins according to their value.

Reminder: Please return 'Gallery Goes To School' permission note and \$3.

Have a great week!

Morgan Daley

Year 2 Class News

It was upsetting to see what happened to our amazing school over the weekend. All is good now and our classes windows are all repaired and everything is in great working order. I was really proud of the students as the incident did not distract them from their learning first day back.

BRFF: The Big River Film Festival at South Grafton will be coming up in a few weeks time and I will be taking the Year 5/6 class each Thursday after lunch to work on this project. My Year 2 students will spend the afternoon session with Mrs Howard doing visual arts with her.

Library Day: Our library day is every Tuesday and this is the day that I will be checking students home reading journals.

Literacy: We are settling into literacy routines quickly this term and it is great to see. Last we during literacy we looked at Mexico as one of countries and this week we will be looking at Japan with the novel for the week being "Suki's Kimono".

Maths: This week in maths we will be focusing on "Data and Statistics". Students will be using surveys

to collect data and then learn about the different types of tables that can be used to represent their findings.

Gallery Comes to School: I still have a number of notes and money due in for the Gallery comes to School day. This is a great opportunity for the students to get taught an art skill from a professional within their own surroundings.

Paternity Leave: I still have one week of paternity leave owing to me from the department and it must be used up before the year is out. Over the next 4-5 weeks I will be using this week of leave sometime. I will give the students a few weeks notice when this is going to occur.
I hope everyone has a great week.

Matt.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone! It was great to see so many smiley faces returning back to school. The children are focused and working hard. I was delighted with the feedback from the classes performance at the school concert last term. All the students that participated should be very proud. I thank you very much for your efforts.

Quick Smart resumes this week and the students should revise their tables daily. A big thank you to Mrs Speirs for her assistance, enabling the program to continue.

Library Day has changed and is now on Thursdays.

Home work was sent home today and needs to be returned on Friday.

Home Reading is essential and needs to occur daily. The students journals are to be submitted on Thursdays.

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to learn. Start with a nutritious breakfast and pack a healthy morning tea and lunch. As the weather is getting warmer it is important that they have water.

Could you check that they have the right equipment (lead pencil, rubber, ruler and red pen)

Have a great week

Bek.

Year 4/5 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 2.

The students and I shared a fantastic first week together. All students have been working hard to abide to my classroom rules and expectations. I am proud of the way they have accepted the change of teacher and have adjusted quickly to new routines. I am sure we are all going to thoroughly enjoy this term.

Growth Mindset- This term the students are being introduced to the term 'growth mindset'. Throughout the term the students will be completing a variety of activities and tasks that focus on providing them with different strategies to move from a 'fixed mindset' to a 'growth mindset'.

These relevant and meaningful tasks will assist the students to find the motivation and purpose for their own learning and will encourage them to work hard for their success. I have already seen evidence of this happening with some of the students over the past week and I am looking forward to seeing more over the weeks to come. I have sent home an information sheet today to provide you with more information and some strategies to use so you can further assist your child to develop a growth mindset, both at home and at school.

Typing lessons- Last week I introduced the students to typing.com which is an online typing tutor. The students will complete a variety of fun and engaging tasks that demonstrate proper touch-typing techniques in order to improve their keyboarding skills. Learning to touch-type helps students to be more productive and also prepares them for success in school and beyond.

Home Reading- I was extremely pleased with the amount of students who brought in their journals last Friday. However, it would be great to see all student's journals this Friday. Don't forget to encourage your child to read every night and record the number of nights they read.

This week- In DIPL, the students are working through Unit 21. In this unit the activities are focussed on using quotation marks correctly and revising adjectives, adverbs, nouns and verbs. Students are also being introduced to idioms. In maths, we are revising a number of key concepts. In writing, the students will be constructing descriptions on a variety of topics. The students started Book Web last week. This involves all students being grouped in levels according to their reading ability. Each group is given a book to read and questions to answer based on the content of the book.

Reminders- Gallery Goes to School permission note and \$3 payment. Library day is Wednesday. Homework and home reading journals are due on Friday. Banking is on Friday.

Have a great week

Stacey

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello Everyone,

We had a really positive week last week. Students showed me that they are ready to resume routines after the holiday break and have settled into classroom work with an enthusiastic attitude. I'm very proud of 5/6 and confident that we can work well together to get through the necessary tasks to complete the school year.

Big River Film Festival: will be coming up in a few weeks time. Mr Jones will be taking the class each Thursday after lunch to work on this project. The students really enjoyed seeing themselves up on the big screen last year at South Grafton. I will be teaching Year 2 during this time and we will be doing CAPA activities.

Library Day: is Thursday morning and I have encouraged all class members to utilise the valuable resource of the school library. Reading at home consistently is extremely important and is a life long skill that is so beneficial to us all.

Class novel: has been started and the children are enjoying the development of the story and the characters evolving. Literacy activities will be connected with this text as the term progresses.

Gallery Comes to School: permission notes and money has been coming in. Thank you for your promptness. Art appreciation and evaluation is a part of our CAPA curriculum and will be explored further in high school. We will be doing a follow up activity after our visit to view the artworks and find out more about them.

It is so lovely to have some gentle soaking rain.

Have a great week.

Di

Library News

Hello everyone,

What a great start to Term 4, with all classes visiting the library and jumping straight into our Health, Technology and Science programs. During our sessions this term students will also have time to read and share new and favourite books together, investigate authors and illustrators and learn about the organisation of our library. Students are encouraged to borrow during library lessons and asked to use a book bag when borrowing.

Lunchtime in the Library: This term the library is open during lunchtimes, Tuesday to Thursday, which has been a welcome haven for students on hot and rainy days. In the library students have access to fun board games, puzzles, blocks, colouring and, of course, books. It is a wonderful opportunity for those students who would like a quiet space to read draw, play, or just talk to their friends.

Book Club: Catalogues have been sent home for Term 4's Scholastic Book Club. We greatly appreciate your support as the money we raise goes back into buying more library resources for our school. All orders are due this Friday, 20th October and purchases can also be made online.

Have a great week,

Melaney.



Planning for 2018

The school would appreciate information from families if their children will not be returning to our school in 2018.

Child's name Class.....

My child will not be returning to Iluka PS in 2018.

Signed

Please return this slip to the School Office



This coming week we have a Tuckshop Special.

1 large meat pie and a juice popper \$5—until sold out.



This weeks donations are - Year 1



Family and Relationship Services

present



CLARENCE RIVER
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AND FAMILY
VIOLENCE**
SPECIALIST SERVICE INC.

After the Storm

Parenting after family and domestic violence

The aim of the After the Storm program is to help parents who have experienced domestic and/or family violence to:

- understand the effects of domestic and family violence on children
- to learn ways to talk and listen to their children about their experience
- to encourage children's resilience
- to support parents in strengthening their relationship with their children and to enhance parenting skills.

6 sessions – 9.30am to 12pm @ CRANES 3-7 Prince St Grafton

OCTOBER 25 & NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Free childcare available (limited spaces)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For details or to register contact the Family and Relationship Services (FARS) at CRANES on **6642 7257** or email FaRS@cranes.org.au

Spaces are limited so book early!

CRANES' parenting workshops term 4 calendar available at www.cranes.org.au



Oh the places you'll go!

School holidays are great for ditching the car and getting outside. Opting to walk or cycle to the shops or park is far more fun and interesting than sitting in a hot car. Research has shown that if children see the significant adults in their lives walking or cycling to places, or using public transport, they are more likely to learn that this is normal/acceptable behaviour and learn the skills associated with it (eg putting on a bicycle helmet, reading a bus timetable). There's also so many more opportunities to connect with your local community or see things that you would have never seen if you were sitting in your car.



EDUCATION @ YAMBA ARTSPACE OCTOBER + NOVEMBER + DECEMBER 2017

PRIMARY ART CLASSES

Mondays Starting 16th October
4.30pm - 5.45pm \$150
9wk Mono-Printing program
All materials supplied :)



ORGANIC BASKETRY

5 week Short Course only \$300
Thursdays from November 2nd
9.30am - 12.30pm

With educator & maker Lee Ann Hally
Learn weaving techniques, material qualities
and make a selection of beautiful baskets

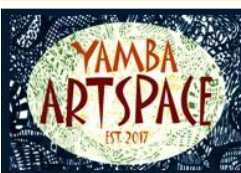
'LET'S DRAW!' \$15 per class
Wednesday's Weekly Drawing Class
12.30pm - 2.30pm Starts 18th OCT.
With artists Annie Roberts & Kerrie Howland
Mixed media techniques & F/N life drawing model
Materials supplied + Refreshments
Bookings Essential



CREATIVE PLAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Tuesdays fortnightly, starts 17th October
10am - 11.30pm \$10

No booking required, come along and join in. Interactive creative art activities for children 2-5yrs + parent/carer must be present



2/6 Uki ST, YAMBA 2464
OPEN: Tues-Fri 9am-2.30pm
Saturdays 10am-1pm

FURTHER DETAILS + BOOKINGS

WEB: www.yambaartspace.com

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E: info@yambaartspace.com



Iluka Netball Club Inc 2017 Social Twilight Netball

Iluka Netball Club Inc invites you to participate in
Social Twilight Netball.

To be held Saturday afternoons for 8 weeks
28/10/17 - 16/03/17

Iluka Netball Courts, Spenser St, Iluka
From 4pm till dark
(lights will go on if required)

Cost \$2 for juniors and \$4 for seniors
per player, per game.
(Non netball NSW registered players will need to
Pay a \$10 fee for cover)

Grades: 6/7, 8/9, 10/11 juniors
12/13, 14/15 teens
Seniors and mixed (3 male/4female)

A registration evening will be held on
Wednesday 25th October 2017
4.00-5.00pm at
Iluka Bowling Club
Spenser St, Iluka.

Further details contact Jodi on
jodipakoti1978@gmail.com
Ph: 0432 352 636 or
6646 5344



ILUKULELES - hard word to say & even harder to type!!!

But that is what the Iluka Ukulele sessions will be called. We are starting Thursday 19th October.

VENUE - Iluka Bowling Club

TIME - 4.30pm to 6.00pm

COST - \$5 per person

WILL THIS SUIT ME? - You bet!!! Everyone from beginners to the smarty pants are all welcome.

ANY QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact Anne Commerford 0458 140355

Bring along music stands, all your music, a fun attitude and don't forget your uke too!!! Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you know who may be interested.

Parenting *ideas*

HOW INDEPENDENCE-BUILDING IS THE PATHWAY TO YOUR CHILD'S RESILIENCE

Parents and teachers often ask me how to build resilience in kids.

My response is always the same. "Start by building independence and resilience will follow."

Children are hard-wired for independence

Sometime around the age of fifteen months (give or take three months) most children will make a strong case for self-sufficiency. They demand to do things their own way. This demand is soon backed by a strong voice – "NOOOO!" and the more articulate cries of "I can do it!" as their third birthday approaches.

This is the time to harness their push for independence and self-sufficiency. Their push for independence will see most children take incredible physical risks in the form of play, the exploration of their immediate environment and their wish to gain mastery over their environment. Concerned parents will naturally minimise risks by moving furniture around; keep doors closed and hiding sharp implements at home, to name a few protective measures. But parents can't eradicate all risks. They recognise that kids will fall and hurt themselves but they'll also get up and go again. In time, they'll learn to assess situations, stare down their fears and test themselves out in new situations. Falling down, brushing yourself off and trying again is part of the natural learning experience for most young children. Parents don't have to do much more than assess a situation for real dangers, stand back and allow kids to explore their environments and pull them up when their play and explorations transgresses the rights and peace of others.

So what's this got to do with resilience?

Well, everything really. Independence is the pursuit of mastery over one's self and one's environment and it rarely happens without mishaps and mistakes. It nearly always involves hurt, hardship, frustration and fear. That's where resilience comes in. Resilience is the art of bouncing forward after experiencing aforesaid hurts, hardships, frustrations and fears. Resilience is what comes from seeking out self-sufficiency and independence.

The language of Independence

The fact that there's a whole genre of language devoted to resilience (and it's mostly cloaked in cliché) is no accident. Terms such as "get back on the bike/horse when you fall off"; "come on, brush yourself off and get on with it"; "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" are built into the psyche of past generations. Many parents today will cringe at these terms as they appear a little callous and out of touch. Conversely the current relationship with risk and adventure (both required for independence-building), that many parents have is very tenuous at best, non-existent at worst.

Therein lies the challenge. I haven't met a parent, carer or teacher who doesn't want the children in their care to develop resilience that will last a lifetime. Yet, many of those same adults will block the pathway to children's resilience by over-indulging, solving their problems and not giving them real responsibility. In doing so they deny kids the sense of mastery that comes from sorting out their own problems, getting themselves out jams and getting up after a fall.

You can never love your children too much; but you can love them helplessly. That's what happens when we deny kids the opportunity to become truly independent and self-sufficient. Deny self-sufficiency and you block a child's resilience. Develop real independence and you open the pathway to resilience that will last a lifetime.

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 20th October.

1. Who of the following won the 2017 Bathurst 1000?
 - a. David Reynolds
 - b. Fabian Coulthard
 - c. Shane van Gisbergen
2. A woman and child have been found dehydrated but safe after going for a bush walk in the Hunter Valley. How long were they missing for?
 - a. ten days
 - b. four days
 - c. three and a half weeks
3. Which American city suffered a terrible shooting tragedy recently that has sparked another nationwide debate about gun controls in the US?
 - a. New York
 - b. Las Vegas
 - c. Los Angeles
4. In which sport did Australian Daria Gavrilova reach the final at the Hong Kong Open in the weekend?
 - a. golf
 - b. squash
 - c. tennis
5. Which beauty company has been in the news for an advertisement that has been accused of being "racist"?
 - a. L'Oreal
 - b. Dove
 - c. Max Factor
6. In which country will the next football World Cup be held?
 - a. Russia
 - b. Argentina
 - c. France
7. A suburban hotel an hour outside of Brisbane is spending \$250,000 in order to host a performance by ...?
 - a. Britney Spears
 - b. Mariah Carey
 - c. Celine Dion
8. Donald Trump has been criticised for his comments and actions while visiting the US territory devastated by Hurricane Maria. What is the name of the island he visited?
 - a. Guam
 - b. Puerto Rico
 - c. American Samoa
9. Australia recently won the Netball Constellation Cup. Which country do they compete against for the cup?
 - a. Britain
 - b. South Africa
 - c. New Zealand
10. Which of the following is NOT a new tenancy rule in Victoria?
 - a. landlords will be able to increase rents whenever they like as long as they give two months warning
 - b. every tenant will have the right to own a pet
 - c. for rents over \$760 per week, landlords can't ask for bonds worth more than a month's rent
11. Why has Taylor Swift been in the news?
 - a. she has announced she will be touring Australia in May
 - b. she is releasing a new social media app called The Swift Life
 - c. she will be playing the role of Captain Marvel in a new Marvel film
12. In which country have over 300,000 people demonstrated to express their opposition to the region of Catalonia becoming an independent nation?
 - a. France
 - b. Germany
 - c. Spain
13. What rights have Saudi Arabian women been granted recently?
 - a. they are allowed to attend the same schools as males (co-ed schools)
 - b. women are no longer required to have a male guardian's (wali) permission to travel
 - c. they are allowed to drive
14. What is the main language spoken in the city of Munich?
 - a. German
 - b. English
 - c. French
15. Why has the TV series Thomas & Friends (Thomas the Tank Engine), been in the news?
 - a. it has introduced a new Australian engine
 - b. it was announced that this latest series will be the last
 - c. it has introduced two new main characters which are female engines