



## Iluka Public School Newsletter 38

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### Term 4 Events

**November 16 - 27**

**Swimming School**

**December 14**

**Year 6 Farewell**

**December 15**

**Presentation Assembly**

**December 16**

**Iluka Carols**

**End of Term 4**

## 2016

### Term 1 Events

**January 27**

**Staff Development  
Day—no students**

**January 28**

**Start of Term 1**

**All students K-6**

**February 1**

**Iluka School**

**Swimming Carnival**

**February 9**

**Small Schools**

**Swimming Carnival**

### From the Principal's Desk

The sun shone on our swimmers last week. Again, a reminder that Years 1 - 4 swimming scheme continues this week. Please remain committed to attending all sessions. Parents, please ensure that your child has all they need packed in their plastic bags ie. swimmers, towel, \$3. This Friday is the last day and students will remain at the pool for an extra hour after their lesson.

Good luck to all Year 5 students as they start to prepare for their prefect speeches. The morning is set down for Thursday December 10, commencing at 9:15am.

A reminder that an announcement of the 2016 Captain, Vice Captain and two Prefects will be held on Friday December 11, at the Whole School Assembly.

A big thankyou to Mr Jones for his outstanding organisation of this year's 'Book Club'. Being in his first year, Matt was able to coordinate all takings and ensure all students received their orders. Much appreciated!

I was pleased to receive an invitation from the Primary School's Big River Film Festival that our 'Wakakiri' entry, completed earlier this year by Year 5/6 and Mandy had been shortlisted to receive an award. Therefore all Year 5 and Year 6 students have been invited to attend the red carpet opening on Wednesday December 2, at South Grafton High School. After all the films have been shown, Year 5 and 6 will take the opportunity to look in the Grafton Regional Art Gallery followed by a swim at the Ulmarra Swimming Pool. This will be their end of Term activity. Please look out for a permission note to come home later.

**Canteen will be CLOSED on  
Wednesday November 25.**



### From the Principal's Desk cont;

Next week our Kindergarten students will be participating in their version of the Intensive Swimming Scheme. My thanks to Miss Essery for organising this very important opportunity to develop an essential life skill. My thanks to our staff who are supporting this program as well.

Last Thursday I attended the last of this year's P&C Meeting. I want to pass on my sincere thanks to Trent and his team and to the parents and community who regularly attended the meetings.

Whilst the hot weather has been great for swimming, it also brings health alerts for all of us. School hats are mandatory and we thank you for your support in this area. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school as well. Teachers remind children to drink regularly during the day to help prevent dehydration and resultant headaches.

Teachers are busy completing Student Assessments and writing reports. Reports will go home on Monday December 7. Fifteen years ago the DOE changed its report writing format. At that point schools moved to an A - E process with a C indicating that students were achieving at grade appropriate standard. This was a big change in thinking. All of you would have gone through a system where an A or B was the acceptable grade and a 'C' meant problems. Not anymore. A 'C' on a report is good. The current DOE report shows an A as reflecting an outstanding result. The main point of assessing is for teachers to ensure that students are achieving to the best of their abilities. It will also inform the teacher and the child of what teaching and learning needs to happen next.

A reminder that students who **need** to arrive before morning supervision, are asked to remain on the brown seats under the COLA. Students do not need to go to bag rooms before 8:30.

Have a good week. Phil Bradmore

## Class News—Week 3 Term 4

### K Class News

**Swimming Scheme**-Kindergarten students begin their swimming lessons next Monday.

An information sheet and permission note has been sent home today. Please return the permission note as soon as possible. **There is no cost.**

**Home Reading**- Home reading will cease on Friday December 11. Students who have reached the school target of 200 nights reading will be given their reading certificate and a special treat on this day. A reminder that students who commenced school at Iluka Public School at the start of Term 2 and Term 3 have an adjusted amount of nights reading to achieve. Well done to all those students who have already reached the target!

**'Red Faces' Show**- Towards the end of this term, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to perform an item at the Iluka Public School 'Red Faces' show. The purpose of the 'Red Faces' show is to provide an opportunity for students to have some fun, for performers to gain confidence when performing in front of a crowd as well as to enhance interpersonal skills when working with others on a project. Students may perform a song, play an instrument, dance or perform a skit as individuals, with a partner or in a small group. Students create their own performance and are encouraged to practice at lunch time. Lynne

**Library** - A reminder that Kindergarten has library **on Friday** this term.



### 1/2 Class News

There's not long to go now! We have entered our final week of swim school. Well done to the students who are all trying very hard during our time in the classroom and giving their very best in the pool too. Don't forget swimming gear for the rest of this week. Also, on Friday we have our special **end of year activity** at the pool with extended play, waterslide and the opportunity to buy from the kiosk. You may wish to send some money along for this.

**Assessments** are coming to an end now and the final reports are being written. These will go home in Week 10. I am extremely impressed with the progress of all students and very proud of the way they approached assessments.

**Newspapers** - I have a special class subscription of newspapers for the next two weeks. Students are able to take a paper home each day if they wish. However, if you would prefer they don't, please let me know.

Have a great week.

Kristy

### 2/3 Class News

Hello everyone. Welcome to Week 8. In class we will be busy completing a variety of tasks over the next few weeks. These include, but are not limited to, Maths Mentals, Handwriting, DIPL activities, times tables revision, art activities and reading group tasks. We have now completed all of the necessary assessments in order for me to write the student's reports. The reports will be sent home in Week 10.

This Friday the students have their end of term activity at Maclean Pool. It will follow on from their final swimming lesson. During this time the students will be able to purchase items from the kiosk. They will also be able to use the waterslide. Please send money with your child if you would like them to use these facilities.

Our class will be participating in 'Secret Santa' this year. We have done it in the past and the students love to receive a surprise gift from one of their classmates. All gifts should be between \$5-\$10 in value. The gifts also need to be wrapped and the receiving child's name needs to be attached. Each student will randomly select a name from the box next week and take it home. Gifts are to be returned to school by the 11th December. If you would prefer that your child does not participate for whatever reason, please let me know as soon as possible.

Year 2 were given their homework yesterday. This week it consists of two pages from their DIPL workbooks. In order to get the workbooks completed before the end of the year, I will be doing the same next week. Please ensure that your child completes the worksheets and returns them by Friday.

Have a great week.

Stacey

### 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone! It is great to see the students have been very committed and organised for their swimming lessons. This Friday is their end of term activity. The students will have an opportunity for extended play. The waterslide and canteen will be operating.

All Home Reading Journals need to be sighted next week. The students that have reached the school target of 200 nights reading will be given their reading certificate and a special treat on Friday December 11. Well done to all those students who have already reached the target! Also all library books need to be returned to Mr Jones next Monday.

There is no spelling homework this week. The students are to prepare a short report on a news article that they have read or seen. It could be locally or globally. They are to present the facts and also their opinion.

Have a great week, Bek.

## **4/5 Class News**

The excursions are over and Christmas approaching rapidly.

Swimming will finish on Friday with extended play at the pool. The waterslide and canteen will be operating. The year 5 and 6 students will be attending the 'Big River Film Festival' next Wednesday. They will also visit the Grafton Regional Art Gallery and Ulmarra Swimming Pool. Please return permission notes to Mrs Howard. Projects will be returned soon. Reports will be sent home in Week 10. Prefect speeches will be held on Thursday, December 10.

The students who have reached 200 nights reading will be given a certificate and a treat at an assembly on Friday 11th December. Have a great week. John

## **5/6 Class News**

Week 8 already! I hope this newsletter finds all well in your households.

We continue to knuckle down and work on completing textbook exercises and activities.

The class even had some carol singing with Anne last week. (Christmas creeps up so suddenly). They also spent time with Ryan and they really impress me with their effort on the ukulele.

We did some 'sustainability' work as well whereby the identification of unwanted bugs/insects have been located on some of our fruit trees in the orchard. The class did some research on the internet to see what information they could locate in regards to natural means of deterring these harmful bugs. They found some interesting things out.

Thank you to Reminy and Melissa for coordinating a lovely farewell for Cassi. She will miss all the special things that happen at the end of the year for the Year 6 children but was given her own memorable little send off.

Reports are being worked on and assessment tasks finalised with the collation of scores and tasks. A very busy time for teachers.

There's lots of good positive behaviours and attitudes being seen. Keep it up girls and boys and see the year through well.

Stay cool and calm, Di.

## **Library / Technology News**

Hello everyone. There is not much to report technology wise as I have been on swimming all last week and will be all of this week. I am hoping by now that the students in 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 are accessing their Google Drive account at home to improve their skills in this area as the use of Google Drive and Apps are becoming more prevalent in high schools across Australia and even worldwide.

**IMPORTANT:** All library books are to be returned by the end of next week. Library borrowing will finish at the end of this week. Overdue notices will be sent home early next week, so if you wish to avoid any overdue notices please get your child to return their books.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS:** I am giving parents and carers the option to place another order of Bookclub before the school holidays. This is Issue 8 for the year and may just be a perfect way to get some Christmas presents organised before the mad rush. I will NOT be handing out a Bookclub brochure to every student in the school, only to the students who request it with permission from their parents or carers. So if you would like to order Bookclub before the end of term please send your child down to the library and I can give them a brochure to take home. I will be placing the orders at the end of Week 9 so they will arrive at the end of Week 10 or the start of Week 11 just in time for the holidays.

Have a great week Matt

## **END OF TERM, LAST DAY OF SWIMMING ACTIVITY**

This Friday November 27, is the last day of swimming lessons for Years 1 - 4. We will go to Maclean for our swimming lesson at 12 noon as usual, after our lessons we will stay at the pool for our end of Term activity.

**Lunch** can be packed (from home) or brought at the pool canteen Hot Chips \$3 per serve, cold drinks and ice creams are also available.

**Water Slide** cost is \$3.

This end of Term activity is to reward our students for their behaviour and attitude at swimming lessons which has been of high standard and a credit to them and our school.

Have a great day Jo

## **Student Banking**

This Friday is the last day for ordering rewards. Any unused tokens can be carried over to 2016.  
Jess Edie

### **Iluka Netball Club**

General Meeting on Tuesday November 24 at 7.30pm at the Iluka Bowls Club - all welcome.

Agenda items include: \*Carols BBQ (helpers required), \*Expressions of interest for coaches next year (at least 4 required at this stage), and \*Online registrations (for those who would like a run down on how this will operate).

If anyone would like to submit agenda items, have any questions or ideas or would like to volunteer to help at the Carols BBQ on 16th Dec please don't hesitate to contact myself, Nicola Donsworth ph:0412106045 or any of our wonderful committee members Danielle Bryant, Erin Leeson, Jodie Page, Lisa Waters or Kylie Kerr



### **Photographer**



Do You Need A Updated Family Photo Or Just A Great Photo To Send Family For Xmas, Well We are having two Family Day Photos.

The first one on the 28th of November,2015

And the 5th December2015

Times are 9am to 3pm.

\$50 package entitles you to Twenty minutes of photos. All photographs are handed to you on a USB or SD Card.( availability)

This will be held at the ILUKA BOWLS CLUB out in the grassed area. (We will have chairs and props if you do not want the formal sitting.)

When all bookings are made one lucky family will receive their sitting free.

You must book an appointment & pay a deposit of \$20.This is non refundable.

**PLEASE CONTACT: Kylie Kerr 0429466151**

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