



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 28

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Dates to Remember

Term 3

SEPTEMBER

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 - TOUCH GALA DAY FRIDAY

Donations of home baked goods are needed and volunteers to help out on the BBQ.

Principal's News

Welcome to Week 9

Just when I thought Iluka Public School could not get too much better, up comes last week. It began on Monday! Our office administration team arrived to a new software system and program. I explained to the students that it was like playing the Nintendo from the 90's to buying the brand new PlayStation Xbox Plus. The team were calm, professional and embraced the change. There is still much to do and learn but I am thankful for the wonderful team we have working hard behind the scenes.

Then on Tuesday the PSSA Cricket team travelled to Lennox Head. (Yes, it is a trendy town but I think Iluka is so much better) Our cricketers were beaten by the stronger and better team however, our sportsmanship, the way we worked as a team, our behaviour while being out in the public was just outstanding. Congratulations team for a wonderful effort on reaching Round 5. You did yourselves, your family and school, proud.

Again, on Wednesday I assisted at the Milo T20 cricket in Maclean. Here, I admired the students who for the first time were playing against other schools and were having such a wonderful time, sharing the responsibilities of bowling and batting and showing sportsmanship. In between games our students sat under the marquee and enjoyed each other's company.

Also on Wednesday students from Iluka Public School for the first time participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee. Although our three competitors were nervous their efforts were outstanding. Eddie, Olivia and Elena participated in thrilling contests deep into the competition. Again, sitting in the audience I was so thrilled and proud to be associated with the school.

Thursday was also another full on day. I attended Professional Learning in Goonellabah. When I am at these courses other school principals are always interested in Iluka. They have heard so much about the town. Of course I love bragging about how good our students are and how lucky I am to work here. On my return to school I saw our switched on Year 6 class working with Mr David Innes from the Maclean High School. He was working with the students on robotics. It was amazing to see students first build the machines, program and code them to do work and finally to see the robots in action. It was just amazing. I think the students would have had the best day.

Lastly on Friday, it was a sad day as we said good bye to Carol (our SLSO) who had been at the school working with the many hundreds of students over the past decade. Carol will now concentrate on helping her grandchildren and we wish her all the best. Carol will be remembered for her work on 'QuickSmart' and helping the many students learn their times tables.

This week sees the NAPLAN testing go from pen and paper to online, the dentist visit Kindy and Year 2 and on Friday students travelling over to Yamba to play Touch. This is an important day for Iluka as its our turn to run the tuckshop. If you can supply a cake or a slice it would be most appreciated.

Kind regards
Phil

Year 7 2018 - Chrome class

Information for parents and students interested in the Maclean High School 2018 Chrome Class, can be found on the attached link.

<http://www.maclean-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-7/google-chrome-class/chrome-class-application>

Tuck shop Friday

Please note-

Thank you so much to Sandy and Mark who will be opening up the school Tuck shop this Friday to cater for those students not attending the Gala Day in Yamba.

Kindy Class News

Class Reading-The students enjoy the daily practice of reading at school and are working very hard to improve their reading skills. Many students have already commenced reading Year 1 texts. Keep up the great work and continue to read at home each night.

Spelling-Good writers excel in being able to spell words correctly and attempt to spell unknown words by sounding out. Each day the Kindergarten students develop their spelling skills through DIPL activities and through writing tasks. We have also commenced a daily spelling test. Students are encouraged to practice at home, the words that are spelt incorrectly and any reversed letters.

Creative Arts Concert-Thursday 21st September at the Iluka Community Hall, commencing at 6:00pm. Cost \$2 per person. No additional costume items are required for Kinder.

Reminders:

*Hansel and Gretel on Monday 18th September. Please return permission note and \$4.50.

*Creative Arts Concert permission note for students to walk to the Iluka Community Hall for practice on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st need to be returned.
Lynne

Year 1 Class News

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

Tennis - This Thursday will be our final tennis lesson with Mr Jurd. This has been a wonderful opportunity for students to learn tennis skills and enjoy some physical activity.

Absentee Notes - Please ensure a note is sent in to explain any absences from school, including late arrivals. This is a requirement from the Department and rolls are frequently checked by the home school liaison officer to ensure absences are justified.

Reminders -

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

* Hansel and Gretel Opera note and \$4.50

* Permission note for concert rehearsals

Have a great week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Welcome to week 9. Many students in our class have been struck down with illness over the last few weeks and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Google Drive: All students have begun to type up their narratives in their google drive account. Many students have been accessing their accounts at home and this is fantastic. If you are a parent with a gmail account your child could also share their story with you. They simply just have to put in your email

address when they select the share button. This will give you access to view and comment on their work. You may even be viewing their work while they are working on it at school and they would get a real buzz out of seeing your comments as they work.

Concert Item: The students are going really well with their concert item. We try to practice at least once a day.

Dancing with Mandy: Students will be performing their Eisteddfod dance item at the school concert and this week Mandy will be coming into the school to help them freshen up on their performance.

Fundamental Movement: We have been working on our overarm throwing and catching skills. If you have time in the afternoons or weekends to grab a ball and just practice throwing it backwards and forwards with them. It is a very simple activity, however the students love it.

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Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone,

There are a few students away from various illnesses. To minimise the risk of spreading germs we must remind ourselves of the simple things like, washing hands before eating and coughing into elbows. Could you please send a note in or send a message on Dojo for your child's absence.

Our concert is coming up and we are in full swing. Mandy will be in for dance rehearsals this week and the students are looking forward to the evening.

Trial Naplan testing for year 3 and 5 is tomorrow. Any students who have headphones or earphones at home are asked to bring them in for the trial. Please note that the testing is on the equipment and not the actual results of the students. It is an omnibus test; a sample of Literacy and Numeracy.

Touch Gala Day is on this Friday. I am really happy with the classes interest in participating and giving it a go. Permission notes and payment need to be returned as soon as possible.

Home work was sent home today and needs to be returned to school on Thursday this week.

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning,

Hansel and Gretel: Opera Queensland is visiting our school on **Monday 18th September** to present a performance of 'Hansel and Gretel'. Please return permission notes and \$4.50 by Friday 15th September.

Cafe on Thursday: The 4/5 and 5/6 will be walking to the **Boatshed Cafe** on Thursday for an **International Food Fair** to celebrate the culmination of their 'Continents and Countries Unit. Please ensure they have returned their permission notes.

Raffle Tickets for the hamper are due back to school, sold or unsold, by Wednesday. It will be drawn on Friday. Thank you for your effort.

Library and Computers are on Monday and **Sport** still on Friday this term. Please come prepared.

Year 3 and 5 will be completing their **NAPLAN Online** tomorrow and Wednesday. This is a trial run only to see if the system works.

I will be **taking Leave** from week 10 this term until at least the end of the year. I wish the class all the very best for the remainder of the year and beyond. I have enjoyed teaching them and know they will continue the good work. So to all the families - thank you.

Cheers John.

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

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 9.

Touch Gala Day- the students will be travelling to Yamba by ferry on Friday to participate in the Touch Gala Day. Permission notes and payment need to be returned to Mrs Cunningham as soon as possible. **Iluka Public School is running the canteen on this day. This is an excellent fundraiser for the P&C. We are asking all families to donate a cake, slice, biscuits etc that can be sold in the canteen. All donations can be dropped off at school and Miss Lisa will collect them.**

Raffle Tickets- All students are required to return their raffle tickets to school on Wednesday (sold or unsold). The raffle will be drawn on Friday. Thank you to the students who have already sold and returned their tickets.

Year 4/5/6 Lunch- On Thursday the students will be walking to the Boatshed Cafe for their end of term lunch. There are a couple of students who still need to return their permission note in order for to attend.

Home Reading Journals- I would like to see all journals next week. Certificates will be given to those students who have reached 150 nights.

Reminders- Hansel and Gretel permission notes and \$4.50 payment. Homework is due on Friday. Banking is on Friday.
Stacey



Fruit and Vege Month

Don't forget to enter the colouring competition for your chance to win a \$5 tuckshop voucher. 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.
Stacey

Hansel and Gretel Opera

We are very fortunate that Opera Queensland is visiting our school on Monday 18th September to present a performance of 'Hansel and Gretel'. Please return permission notes and \$4.50 to class teachers by Friday 15th September. Parents are welcome to attend, however, Opera Queensland will charge \$9 per adult, which is payable to the school office.

Yamba Touch Football Gala Day

Good luck to all the students competing at the Touch Football Gala Day. They will be playing at the Angourie Sports Field, Yamba on Friday 15th September with a cost of **\$5 for the ferry** (brought to school in provided envelope). The school is subsidising the cost of travel on the day. They will need to wear their sports uniform and have a hat. Please bring plenty of water, food, sunscreen and money (a canteen will be operating on the day). We will need to assemble at the ferry **at 8.45 am** and we will be returning at approximately **3.45 pm** (depart Yamba at 3:15pm) (Please collect your child from the ferry). Students from Woombah will need to ensure they can get to the ferry and home.

Please note and check ! Coming home with Touch players is the menu available for students and parents attending Friday's Gala Day.

Thank you so much to the parents who have baked extra cakes and slices for Friday's Touch Gala Day. Miss Lisa will collect all donations from the school tuckshop at 9.00 am Friday.

TUCK SHOP

Roster Term 3

Friday 15/09/17

Sandy & Mark

Monday 18/09/17

Sandy, Mark & Leonie H.

Friday 22/09/17

Karla & Erin

***This weeks
donations -Year 5***

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,
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Finalist Olivia, Elana & Eddie.





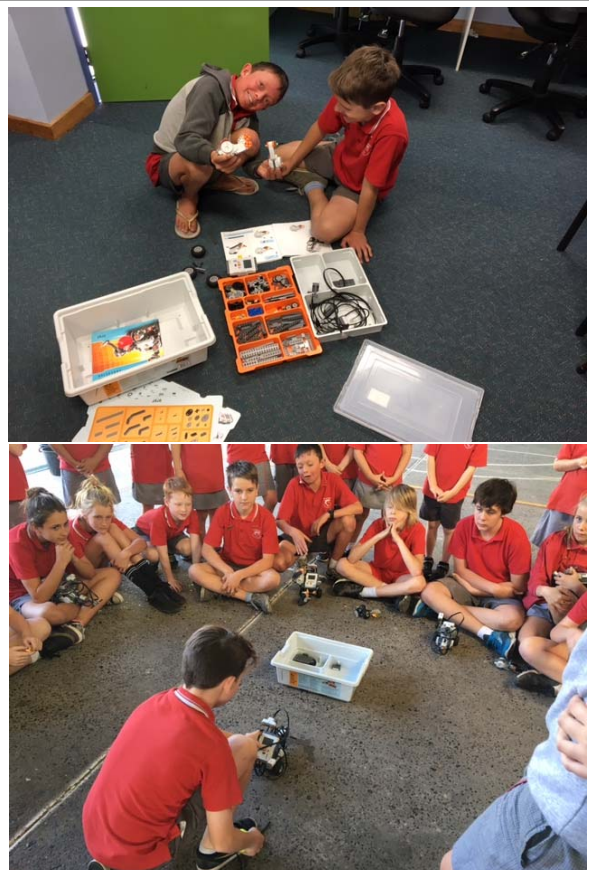
Some of our students at Milo Cricket last Wednesday



Well done to our PSSA Cricket Team who travelled to Lennox Head to compete in Round 5 last week.



Our Year 6 students enjoying their robotics lesson with Mr David Innes from Maclean High School



Parenting *ideas*

Failure! What a genius idea!

A leading Victorian independent school is actively encouraging its students to fail, which is an absolutely genius idea.

As reported in The Age (28th August 2017), Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School is holding Failure Week to teach students that making mistakes is a crucial part of learning.

Teachers are sharing their personal stories of failure and students from prep to Year 12 are learning challenging activities such as abstract painting, juggling, reciting poetry and dancing. At the end of the week they'll be displaying their new skills in front of each other with the emphasis being on stuff ups rather than perfection.

I suspect for many students making errors, stuffing up and struggling to get things right will feel uncomfortable. But that's the whole point.

Kids need to fail more if they are to succeed - Traditionally, schools and, in recent years, parents have excelled at celebrating student success. "Top marks", "Dux of the school" and "Perfect score!" are the types of aspirations that teachers and parents have for kids.

But to many students academic success means "Don't stuff it up!", "No mistakes please!" and "You've got to get it right!"

It's been widely reported that Australian kids are anxious, perfectionistic and risk averse. They just don't feel comfortable with failure. And who could blame them? We've hidden failure and disappointment from them for far too long. In recent years there's been a common perception that failure damages people. Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of young people's future success.

Failure is an integral part of learning anything significant, challenging or worthwhile. Resilient learners realise that they don't always get things right the first or even second time but with effort and practice they will master skills, find solutions and gain the knowledge they need to succeed.

As reported in The Age, failure, if handled properly, provides kids with the feedback they need to help them achieve excellence. Yes, kids need positive feedback too ... but only when it's deserved. When we tell a child everything is wonderful when, in fact, his work is mediocre at best, we give him a false sense of achievement.

Failure takes bravery - I've long been a fan of encouragement. What I mean by that is parents and teachers focusing their comments on the processes (effort, contribution, improvement) of what kids do rather than the outcomes. Encouragement places the locus of control onto the child, which is essential for resilience. That doesn't mean that we avoid giving a child feedback if their work or behaviour isn't up to scratch. By all means, we should inform kids when they need to lift their game, but this feedback needs to be provided respectfully and with sensitivity if we want it to be taken on board.

The real strength of encouragement is hidden in its French derivative, the verb *courager*: 'to give heart'. Encouraging teachers and parents to somehow find a way to give their kids the courage to be imperfect. It takes a brave soul to make a mistake sometimes, particularly when others may be watching.

Failure needs a supportive environment - It's all very well to encourage kids to have a go but they won't stretch themselves unless mistakes are truly accepted by the people that matter to them. A child won't speak up in class when he's unsure of the answer if he knows his classmates will laugh at his errors. Similarly, if kids are to take more learning and social risks they need to know that mistakes and stuff ups won't be thrown back in their faces at home by parents or siblings.

Five simple ways to encourage kids to fail and celebrate errors

1. Model failure: Next time you break a plate when emptying the dishwasher, avoid negative language ("What a klutz!") or catastrophising ("This is the worst thing ever!"). It's a plate. Stuff happens.
2. Tell stories of failure: We tend to be nostalgic of the past and tell kids of the good stuff when we talk about our childhoods. But kids love to hear the warts'n'all stories of the difficulties you faced and stuff-ups you made as a kid. It makes you more human and also gives them permission to do the same.
3. Encourage them: Develop a vocabulary around effort, improvement, contribution and enjoyment. Be your child's cheerleader but don't avoid giving feedback when necessary.
4. Tell and show kids how to improve: Feedback is always best when it has a teaching focus. So next time you pick up a child on their poor schoolwork or untidy bedroom, make sure you remind them how to do it right.
5. Provide the time to fail and get it right: Modern teachers and parents are time poor. Crowded curricula and busy lifestyles make us less tolerant of failure. But as anyone who has taught a young child to do up his or her shoelaces will know, some things can't be rushed. Time and patience can be your best assets when helping kids to handle learning challenges.

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 15th September.

1. What is the name of the massive category 5 hurricane that has devastated parts of the Caribbean?
 - a. Hurricane Ingrid
 - b. Hurricane Ivan
 - c. Hurricane Irma
2. What is being given away in a treasure hunt being held during the Brisbane Festival?
 - a. diamond rings
 - b. iPods
 - c. petrol vouchers
3. What did the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge announce last week?
 - a. they are expecting their third child
 - b. they are coming to Australia again
 - c. they will be appearing with comedian Rove McManus in a series of mental health awareness television advertisements
4. What magnitude was the earthquake that hit Mexico last week, taking the lives of over sixty people?
 - a. 9.7 b. 8.2 c. 5.6
5. Why are consumers being warned to return packets of Kettle chips?
 - a. they have been contaminated with shards of glass
 - b. they have been contaminated with mouse droppings
 - c. they have been contaminated with rubber pieces
6. True or false, Donald Trump has decided to keep a program that was in place to protect young people who entered the US illegally as children?
7. A recent bid to re-open four-wheel drive tracks in the Tarkine region has angered local Aboriginal groups. Where is the Tarkine region located?
 - a. Queensland
 - b. New South Wales
 - c. Tasmania
8. In which city would you find the headquarters of the United Nations?
 - a. New York, United States
 - b. Zurich, Switzerland
 - c. London, United Kingdom
9. Why were the Logie Awards a topic in the news last week?
 - a. the awards will be moving to the Gold Coast
 - b. they are changing their name to the Goldie Awards
 - c. the award show is being cancelled
10. A young Brisbane man has become the first person in the world to have a 3D-printed ...?
 - a. ear
 - b. tibia (shinbone)
 - c. liver
11. A letter that Barack Obama wrote to Donald Trump when he won the election has become public. Which of the following was NOT written in the letter?
 - a. take time, in the rush of events and responsibilities, for friends and family
 - b. millions have placed their hopes in you, and all of us, regardless of party, should hope for expanded prosperity and security during your tenure
 - c. always consider the safety of your citizens and don't upset the Russians
12. Approximately how many guns have been handed in since July as part of the national firearms amnesty?
 - a. 5000
 - b. 26,000
 - c. 116,000
13. A group of asylum seekers and refugees who were detained on Manus Island have negotiated a compensation deal with the Australian government worth ...?
 - a. \$2.8 million
 - b. \$10.2 million
 - c. \$70 million
14. In which country would you be most likely to hear the language Hindi?
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Kenya
 - c. India
15. How much does it cost to attend the school that Prince George has just started?
 - a. nothing as it is a state-funded school
 - b. \$32,000 per year
 - c. \$120,000 per year