



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 19

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Dates to Remember

Term 2

Wednesday June 28

NAIDOC/ Harmony Day
at Shark Bay

Thursday June 29

CWA Presentations
School Disco 5 - 6.30pm
Cost: \$5 (includes chips
and a drink)

Friday June 30

CWA Presentation
Athletics Practise
Discus Event
Last Day of Term 2

Tuesday July 18

Students Return

Thursday July 20

Colour Run
Athletics Carnival (Day 1)

Friday July 21

Athletics Carnival (Day 2)

Wednesday July 26

Kinder Orientation

Monday July 31–

Friday August 4

Canberra/ Snowy Moun-
tains Excursion

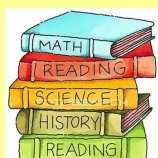
Wednesday August 9

Kinder Orientation

Tuesday August 22–

Friday August 25

Cascades Excursion



SPECIAL EVENTS

NAIDOC/Harmony Day - Wednesday 28th (wear red, black & yellow)

Disco-Thursday 5-6.30



The End of Term Activity - disco has now been confirmed. Disco Phil is booked and hopes to see many students attending. All we need is for you to come along and have a great time. Entry fee is \$5 per child and includes a popper or water and a packet of chips. Don't Forget!! The Disco, this time is located in the school library. It begins at 5.00pm and finishes at 6.30pm.

Principal's News

Lately in the media there has been a lot of talk about Gonski funding for schools. The Gonski money our school receives is used to employ specialist staff like Mr Speirs who runs our Learning Support Programs. We also fund the Sustainability Program and the QuickSmart Maths Programs employing Carol. Students also receive extra learning support through our School Learning Support Officers, Mandy, Miss Lisa and Mrs Speirs. The school purchases learning resources like maths equipment, sports equipment and computer apps. The funding is also used for professional learning for all our staff so that they are up to speed with the very best in educational programs. Without Gonski funding our school would be unable to provide the amazing learning opportunities it is currently able to provide.

A reminder our fabulous Preschool to Primary School Program is starting Week 2 next term, Wednesday 26th July. This program offers your child an excellent opportunity to transition from Preschool to Primary school smoothly. Please contact the office to register your child for this amazing orientation program.

Congratulations to all the students who performed in the Lower Clarence Music Eisteddfod last Tuesday. All the practice and the excellent tuition of Miss Essery and Mrs Commerford obviously paid off with both the Choir and Verse Speaking Group taking out first and second place.

If you would like to see the trophies close up and hear more of the details come up to school this week.

Congratulations also goes to our 'spellers' who attended the Clarence Valley Spelling Bee held at Iluka Community Hall last Thursday. We had representatives in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 competitions. Congratulations to

Cameron Collis, Eddie Cok, Olivia Hinde and Elana Smith who did a wonderful job performing on the stage. Our thanks to Mrs Cunningham and Mr Jones who organised the event.

On Wednesday this week our school celebrates Naidoc Day. This is an important day on the school calendar. This year it includes Harmony Day which was postponed due to wet weather in Term 1. Thanks to Ms Anderson for organising this activity. Students are encouraged to wear something warm as we are having a school day at Shark Bay. They are encouraged to dress up in red, yellow and black colours. Students are asked to bring a sweet or savoury plate of food to share at our lunch time picnic. For full details I ask you to read the permission note sent home on coloured paper earlier last week.

Congratulations to our first ever Iluka Public School Chess Team. Yesterday 10 members from the Year 4/5 class were selected in the team to play against the Gulmarrad Public School. This was a highly successful tournament with all students enjoying the 'strategic battles'. Miss Lisa and myself clearly noted your enjoyment, chess skills and sportsmanship. Next term a new team will be selected when Gulmarrad visit Iluka Public School to play round 2.



All students who completed a project on Nepal and who returned their permission note will be walking to the CWA Hall this Friday. All projects will be displayed with a guest speaker talking about the country. I believe some students from Year 3/4 are also putting on a small performance before we have something to eat for afternoon tea and enjoy looking around at the projects. The event is interesting, informative and fun. We hope to see many students at the hall.

All teachers have been very busy over recent weeks writing student reports. The reports address each Key Learning Area as well as including a general comment. Reports were sent home on Friday, 23rd June. Parent interviews to discuss your child's progress this semester will take place during week 10. Parents may want to book a time through the office to discuss the reports with their child's teacher.

Thanks to Mrs Cunningham and teachers our school has once again been involved in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. As a part of this Challenge, the school receives some extra funding which allows us to purchase new sporting equipment for the students to use. The new equipment is always a wonderful addition to our sporting resources.

Stewart House is a not for profit organisation provides respite care for children in public schools at no cost to parents. Children are able to receive dental, optical, hearing and medical treatment as well as be involved in educational programs during their visit. Again this year Iluka Public School will have two students from Year 6 attend Stewart House. To support Stewart House we are selling rubber handballs that students may use at recess and lunch times to play games with. The cost of one handball is \$3.00. Please see Mrs Gardner should you wish to purchase.

Two important dates early next term to put in your calendar are The Colour Run -Thursday, 20th July and Athletics Days' Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st July.



Term 2 has been an extremely busy and highly successful term for our school. Congratulations to our staff and students on their excellent efforts so far this year in many different and diverse areas. I feel very grateful that we not only have great class teachers but teachers prepared to organise a range of engaging activities for our students. Thanks to our P&C Community for their excellent support which is truly outstanding. Have a wonderful holiday. Students return Tuesday, 18 July 2017.

Kindy Class News

Parent-Teacher Meetings-The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss how your child is academically and socially progressing, as well as future learning directions. Once again a fantastic response to our Kindergarten parent-teacher meetings being held this week.

NAIDOC Day-This Wednesday, 28th June, our class will be travelling by bus to Shark Bay to participate in an array of activities related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Education. Students are asked to bring a sweet or savoury plate of food to share. Mufti day clothing depicting the colours red, yellow and black may be worn. Please ensure that the clothing is sun safe and that enclosed shoes are worn. We would like to thank Miss Anderson for organising this wonderful school event.

Reminders:

*Disco this Thursday 29th June in the school library. Disco commences at 5:00pm and finishes at 6:30pm. Entry cost is \$5 per student. This includes entry, as well as a packet of chips and a drink of water.

*CWA presentations and afternoon tea this Friday.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Welcome to Week 10! The holidays are just around the corner.

NAIDOC Day - Our NAIDOC celebrations will be held at Shark Bay on Wednesday. Please send along a plate of food for students to share in a picnic lunch. All students will need to bring a plate or bowl and a fork and spoon. Students are allowed to wear casual clothes with the theme of Aboriginal colours.

Library - Due to NAIDOC Day on Wednesday, Year 1 will attend the library on Friday. Please ensure students have their library bag. I also check home readers on this day and hope to issue awards for 100 nights of home reading. Anyone who has not yet reached this milestone can use the holidays to catch up. Show me your journal in the first week back and I will still issue the 100 nights award.

Reports - Reports went home last Friday and reflect the hard work students have put in this semester. Should you wish to discuss the report with me, please make an appointment.

Reminders -

* NAIDOC Note, \$2 and a plate a food to share for Wednesday.

* Disco on Thursday at the school library from 5pm-6.30pm.

* CWA Presentation on Friday (only for students who completed a Nepal project).

Have a safe and enjoyable break and recharge ready for another big term after the holidays.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Welcome to week 10. We have made it halfway through the year and the students still have some fuel in the tank...only a little bit though. Very exciting day tomorrow, NAIDOC day. This is one of my favourite days of the year down at Shark Bay. Again this year my activity will be making an Aboriginal shelter known as a Gunyah.

I hope everyone was happy with their child's report and if you had any concerns or questions please contact me through class dojo and we can arrange a time to meet before Friday.

If you missed our class item last Friday you can now view the video on our YouTube channel. The student's excitement was evident when creating the video so I am hoping to create more next term.

I hope everyone has a great holiday and the students come back ready to attack their learning with more ambition and enthusiasm than ever. Mr Jones.

Year 3/4 Class News

Well done and thank you to all the students and families for your efforts in completing a very busy and successful semester.

Reports- All student reports were sent home last Friday. Should you wish to discuss the report with me, please make an appointment.

Naidoc Day- Please ensure your child has returned their permission note and \$2 payment so they can attend Naidoc Day/Harmony Day tomorrow. Each family is asked to provide a plate of food to share with the other students at lunch time. All students will need to bring a plate or bowl and a fork and spoon. Students will still need to bring their own recess. Casual clothing can be worn in red, yellow and black.

CWA Project Presentation Day- Some students still need to return their permission note to attend the

afternoon tea and presentation on Friday afternoon. This is only for the students who completed a project. Those who did not, will remain at school with a teacher.

Home Reading- The journals are being collected today and students who have recorded 200 nights of reading will receive their 100 night certificate on Friday. Students are encouraged to continue reading throughout the holidays.

Disco- The disco is in the school library on Thursday at 5.00 until 6.30pm.
Have safe and happy break. Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 10. As Mr Melrose is away this week, I will be on class. We have a busy week ahead to end the term.

Naidoc Day- Please ensure your child has returned their permission note and \$2 payment so they can attend Naidoc Day/Harmony Day tomorrow. Each family is asked to provide a plate of food to share with the other students at lunch time. All students will need to bring a plate or bowl and a fork and spoon. Students will still need to bring their own recess. Casual clothing can be worn in red, yellow and black.

CWA Project Presentation Day- Some students still need to return their permission note to attend the afternoon tea and presentation on Friday afternoon. This is only for the students who completed a project. Those who did not, will remain at school with a teacher.

Library Day- Due to NAIDOC Day, Year 4/5 will have library on Friday. Please ensure students return any overdue books on this day.

Disco- The disco is in the school library on Thursday at 5.00 until 6.30pm.

Home Reading- Students are encouraged to continue reading throughout the holidays.
I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Stacey

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello everyone,

Well here we are in the 1st week of term 2.

Reports: have arrived home. If you would like to discuss anything about reports please arrange a suitable time with me.

NAIDOC Day: is tomorrow. We always have a lovely day at Shark Bay. Please bring some food to share. Students may wear traditional indigenous colours on the day.

History: field trip for Year 6 students is on Thursday. They are going out to main wall for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque for a local shipwreck.

Disco: is in our room. It will be a rockin' on Thursday evening. A time for some relaxation and social interaction and lots of fun.

Home Reading: should continue throughout the holidays. Keep those journals going.
Have a lovely 2 week break. Enjoy the coolness of winter. Time to recharge the batteries after an extremely busy term 2. Enjoy. Di

NAIDOC Day / Harmony Day

Tomorrow is NAIDOC Day/Harmony Day. All staff and students will be travelling to Shark Bay by bus. As Harmony Day was postponed earlier in the year, we will be having our annual multicultural lunch tomorrow in honour of Harmony Day. Therefore, each family is asked to supply a savoury or sweet plate of food for the students to share at lunch time. Some popular ideas from past years have included: croissants, rice paper rolls, sandwiches and wraps, rice and pasta dishes, mini quiches, chicken wings, crepes, cookies, fruit, lamingtons, cakes and tarts. Students will still need to bring their own recess. As we will be out at Shark Bay, we will not be able to heat any food so please only send food items that can be eaten cold. There will be large eskies with ice provided in order to keep all food cold until lunch time. Each student will also need to bring a plate or bowl and a fork and spoon in a plastic bag. There is no water supply at Shark Bay so please ensure your child has enough water for the entire day. **Students are able to wear casual clothing in red, yellow and black. School hats and school shoes are still required to be worn.**

Stacey



Stewart House Fundraiser

Every year a number of senior students from IPS visit Stewart House in Sydney. To assist in raising funds for Stewart House to provide their wonderful service, I am selling high bounce handballs. They are available at a cost \$3. Please see Mrs Gardner if you would like to purchase one. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.



Chess



G'Day Asia



School Banking

Term 2 was a great term for School Banking with consistent bankers each week – and a few new students to the banking program.

Congratulations to the following bankers on receiving their Bronze awards for 10 deposits throughout the year – Shayla Thwaites, Kiani Thwaites, Nikirri Thwaites, Makenna Farragher, Cameron Collis and Kirra Leigh Zomer.

Please note there will **NOT** be banking this **Friday 30th** due to last day of term and working commitments. Banking will start again next Term first week back at school.

Enjoy your holidays

Jess



CANBERRA/SNOWY MOUNTAINS EXCURSION PAYMENT PLAN

31st July - 4th August

COST \$495 PER STUDENT

STAGE	COMPONENT	DATE DUE
Deposit	\$50 (confirmation)	08/03/2017
Payment 1	\$100	19/05/2017
Payment 2	\$100	02/06/2017
Payment 3	\$100	16/06/2017
Payment 4	\$100	30/06/2017
Payment 5	\$45	21/07/2017



CASCADE EXCURSION PAYMENT PLAN

22nd August –25th August

COST \$130 PER STUDENT

STAGE	COMPONENT	DATE DUE
Deposit	\$50 (confirmation)	07/04/2017
Payment 1	\$50	26/05/2017
Payment 2	\$30	23/06/2017



I.P.S. Chess Team



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club



Roster Term 2

Friday 30/06/17
Sandy, Mark, Karla

This weeks donations
Year 3

Karla: 0405 638 768
Cassandra: 0413 044 405

Nippers

Yamba Nippers AGM is being held at Yamba Surf Life Saving Clubhouse on Sunday 9 July at 10am.
All positions are open.

Our 2016/2017 Committee and Age Managers and Parent Helpers have done a terrific job this season. Thank you to those parents who did put their hand up and helped out all summer. Your time is always appreciated.

You don't have to have qualifications to become an Age Manager or a Committee member, you just have to have a passion for kids, and a passion for having fun. You will be guided in your role and help will always be on hand when needed.

Sadly, we have some previous Age Manager's who have reached the end of their Nipper years and will not be taking on a role this season. Please consider taking on an Age group or a committee position as Nippers will not function without the help of it's volunteers.

And lastly, like the good old saying goes "many hands make light work".

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to take on a role next season or have something you would like added to the agenda please email Danielle at (yambanippers@gmail.com) or Kerri Wunderlich (yambanippers@live.com.au)

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 28th June.

1. An Australian man who escaped from a Bali prison by tunnelling out had ...?
 - a. 10 weeks left to serve of his sentence
 - b. 6 months left to serve of his sentence
 - c. 9 months left to serve of his sentence
2. Where is the 35th America's Cup sailing event being held?
 - a. Bermuda
 - b. San Francisco
 - c. Auckland
3. Why was Queensland senator Pauline Hanson facing criticism last week?
 - a. she suggested that all single parent benefit recipients attend regular parenting courses
 - b. she suggested that children with autism and disabilities should be removed from mainstream classrooms
 - c. she suggested travellers coming from asian countries should get have to get a medical check before entering Australia
4. Last week the Western Australian Government implemented a ban on ...?
 - a. coal mining
 - b. uranium mining
 - c. gold mining
5. In which country did a raging bushfire take the lives of over 61 people last week?
 - a. Italy
 - b. Portugal
 - c. United States
6. An investigation has found street vendors on Bali beaches selling tourists ...?
 - a. rat meat
 - b. turtle meat
 - c. dog meat
7. Why has the proposed site of a massive waterpark development in Darwin received criticism?
 - a. it is an Aboriginal sacred site
 - b. the land is not public land and will be very expensive to purchase
 - c. it is an area with high risk of tsunami
8. Which country's Parliament has been recently hit by a cyberattack which is affecting email?
 - a. New Zealand
 - b. United States
 - c. United Kingdom
9. How many high-rise buildings in England may contain cladding similar to that used on the London tower block that caught fire on June 14?
 - a. 6 b. 56 c. 600
10. The ACT Government has announced it will ban ...?
 - a. fast food outlets from operating within a 1.2 km radius of any school
 - b. greyhound racing
 - c. gaming (gambling) machines
11. What has Donald Trump said he will include on his proposed Mexico border wall?
 - a. solar panels
 - b. wind turbines
 - c. artwork by American citizens
12. True or false, Prince Harry admitted during an interview last week that his brother was really excited about eventually becoming the King of England?
13. Why was China in the news last week?
 - a. over 100 people were buried in a massive landslide
 - b. they elected a new leader
 - c. they celebrated their Lantern Festival
14. On which bank note does Australia's Parliament House feature?
 - a. \$5 b. \$10 c. \$20 d. \$50
15. Why has Michael Phelps, the most successful Olympian of all time, been in the news recently?
 - a. he is going to race against a great white shark
 - b. he has announced he is coming out of retirement
 - c. he is moving to Australia

Parenting ideas

Developing independence when it feels positively risky

By Michael Grose

Most parents I meet love the notion of promoting self-sufficiency in their children. However there are a number of barriers to overcome when it comes to putting the concept into practice.

Time is a common barrier. Let's face it, when time is at a premium it can be simpler to make their lunch/get them out of bed/sort out their friendship problem than leaving these things for them to do. Somehow we need to strike a balance between doing things for them and allowing them the time and space to do things for themselves.

Another common barrier to independence-building is a negative parental attitude to risk. Our natural protective instinct to keep our kids safe can at times switch to overdrive, particularly when events such as the recent Manchester terrorist attacks occur. While we all feel vulnerable at these times, we need to be careful that we don't smother or restrict our children's natural need to take positive risks in their pursuit of self-sufficiency.

We need to allow kids to take positive risks and extend their horizons, their capabilities and their range of social and physical experiences.

Create cut-down versions

If you feel decidedly nervous about letting go and allowing your kids to experience the positive risks associated with expanding their horizons, then I suggest you borrow a strategy that all major sporting codes are using to hook kids of all ages to their code. Namely, create a 'junior' version of the game, skill or experience that you want them to have.

Most modern sports have developed modified versions of their games allowing children from very young ages to participate. Australian Rules, for instance, has removed tackling, reduced the number of players in a team and made grounds smaller so that boys and girls as young as six can participate. This gives younger children the chance to experience Aussie Rules in bite-sized, manageable chunks.

There are countless opportunities to create cut-down versions of routine activities to bring them into the reach of children. For instance, a cut-down version of making a bed for a three-year-old could be smoothing the doona and arranging teddies and a pillow. As a child gains in competence you can add some complexity to the bed-making. (This doesn't involve risks but it's a great skill to learn.)

Similarly, a six-year-old can learn to walk to school on his or her own by being accompanied half way by an adult until they feel comfortable and become competent enough to go the full journey on their own.

A teenager who begins to go out at night can cut her teeth on sleepovers and other supervised gatherings before going to parties and activities without adult supervision.

When kids ask, assist their independence

As a general rule, when a child or young person asks if they can do something new or something that extends their boundaries, then a parent who works from a independence-building mindset should look to put steps in place to assist them to achieve their goal. Often the easiest step is to create a cut-down version of the real thing to help kids develop the confidence and competence they need.

Anxious and low risk-taking kids

Creating a cut-down version is a fantastic strategy to enable anxious, nervous and low risk-takers to gain the skills and confidence they need to overcome their fears and anxieties. Kids who are overly anxious or fearful about approaching new social situations need to face their fears rather than avoid the situation altogether. If they continually avoid situations that bring on anxiety then they'll always struggle.

If it's a birthday party that's causing intense worry then use a cut-down version so your child only needs to go for the first hour rather than the whole party. You can scaffold their way to independence by arranging for them to go with a friend beforehand, and to stay with that friend until they feel comfortable moving away. You can also create a cut-down version of a party at home with just siblings, rehearsing how they can introduce themselves and play with others. This may sound contrived but these types of activities are invaluable for helping anxious kids gain mastery over unfamiliar social situations.

Parents have always found ways to make skill acquisition and self-sufficiency easy for kids to master. When the reach for independence involves risk then we can all feel a little edgy. Creating junior versions of the real thing is one way we can help kids become more independent while reducing (rather than totally eliminating) the element of risk.

*You'll find hundreds of great parenting ideas to promote real independence in kids at every stage of development in my book *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent kids*.*