



Iluka Public School Newsletter 10

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers

Bus Safety Program

Iluka Public School is committed to the safety of all students in particular to the students who travel on the bus. A free bus safety program is being confirmed with Busways. Topics will cover safe behaviour while travelling on the bus, telling the bus driver about problems on the bus and rights and responsibilities of students. A tentative date of May 28 has been set aside for this program.

ANZAC Day Saturday

At the end of Week 1 in Term 2, Saturday April 25 – ANZAC Day – our school will proudly be part of the ANZAC Day march. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Gallipoli landing. Students wishing to march are to meet at the front entrance of the school around 10.45 am. After the ceremony students and parents are invited back to school for a cup of tea and biscuit. Students who march can get a fruit juice, water and an ice block. Students are to be in full school uniform.

To commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, the school will be selling some souvenirs. Items and prices are as follows:

- playing cards \$4
- LED light candles \$4
- rulers \$2

The decks of playing cards feature questions and answers about the Great War and are also a fantastic learning tool for playing maths games. The candles will be useful for the ANZAC camp out Mr Bradmore is conducting on the school oval and will provide a beautiful glow at the Dawn Service. The rulers are wooden and 30cm in length which are the preferred rulers for classroom use. Souvenirs will be on sale all this week and again in Week 1 next term in the lead up to ANZAC Day unless sold out sooner. See Mrs Gardner if you have any questions or would like to make a purchase.



Maclean Show Day – Gazetted Public Holiday

Similar to last year, the Clarence Valley Council has again decided that Maclean Show day, Wednesday 22 April, will be a half-day public holiday. This means Iluka Public School will be open until 12 noon. No buses will be available to transport students home when school closes at 12 pm. For full details please read attached information.

Cross Country

It will be a busy last day of term when our Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade are held this Thursday 2 April. What a fun day! Students will walk over to Ken Leeson oval for the Cross Country event at approximately 9.30 am. They will compete in groups according to the age they turn this year. We invite any family members to join us and cheer on the competitors as they run around the course.

Thursday 2 April

Cross Country

Easter Hat Parade @
2.15pm

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 20 April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April

First day of Term 2

Friday 24 April

ANZAC Day Campout

Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day march
leaving from school

Friday 1 May

Dance workshops and
dance-a-thon



**Wishing all families
a safe and relaxing
Easter break**

The Term That Was

All this running seems to sum up the speed of our term which started with a flyer! A new executive team, six classes, vegie gardens, chickens, then the PSSA swimming carnival, music, tennis, French, Flex and Point dance lessons, class meetings, Clean Up Australia, PSSA cricket and tennis, Monday canteens, Harmony and Anti-Bullying Days, Parent Workshops, market stalls, parent-teacher Interviews, Young Leaders Conference, cross country....PLUS....we taught Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, had some fun, laughed and also ensured all students were connected to P.E, Personal Development, Art and Computer/ICT. We also have been working with a number of students who are experiencing difficulties or who have required extension activities. So students and staff – thank you. Our school provides many opportunities – it is up to the students to make the most of these, with parent encouragement.

I hope you find time for reading, relaxation and reflection over the holidays. Enjoy the break – students return Tuesday 21 April.

Phil Bradmore

Kinder Class News

Parent-Teacher Meetings-Thank you to all the parents who attended a parent-teacher meeting last week. Today your child will take home their individual Best Start assessment information sheets in literacy and numeracy.

Road Safety-This term the students in Kindergarten have been learning about safe behaviours and rules when crossing the road, travelling in buses and cars, and when riding a bike. Each student will take home today a road safety pack.

Cross Country- Our annual cross country races will be held this Thursday 2nd April, at the oval near the Bowling Club. All classes will walk to the oval in the morning. Kindergarten students participate in their own race around the oval. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned before THURSDAY.

Easter Hat Parade-Just a reminder that the students need to make an Easter hat at home and bring it to school on Thursday, ready for the Easter hat parade at 2:15pm. Parents, relatives, friends and community members are most welcome to attend this exciting end of term event.

Maclean Show-The Maclean Show is on Wednesday 21st April and Thursday 22nd April, the first week of next term. Our class has entered several pieces of artwork to be exhibited at the Maclean Show.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter. Enjoy the break.

Lynne



1/2 Class News

Thank you parents for attending the interviews last week. Our art works are ready to be entered in the Maclean Show. Every student will have a piece exhibited in the show so it is worth checking out early next term (Wednesday 22nd April - First Wednesday back after the holidays).

Students should be reaching that target of 50 nights of home reading for Term 1. I will be handing out awards to those who reach this milestone this week. I am happy for students who may have got off to a slow start to continue to work towards this milestone over the holidays and provided they show me their journal in Week 1, I can still issue their 50 nights award.

We have Cross Country this Thursday morning. However, I am still waiting on many permission notes to be returned. There will be no supervision at school so all students are expected to participate. We have been training for the event but students are welcome to walk if necessary. Don't forget the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm.

I wish all families a safe and relaxing break and Happy Easter.

Kristy

2/3 Class News

Hello Everyone

Parent-teacher interviews- Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended my parent-teacher interviews last week. I found the interviews to be very beneficial and informative.

Maclean Show- All of my budding artists' have entered a piece of their fabulous artwork into the Maclean Show. They will all be exhibited for the duration of the show, so don't forget to go and have a look at them if you attend.

Easter Hat Parade- We are all looking forward to this special event on Thursday. It will be a great way to finish the term off. I look forward to seeing all of the fantastic creations that I have been hearing about.

Cross Country- Our annual Cross Country event is being held at the town oval on Thursday. I am still waiting for a few students to return their permission notes in order for them to be able to attend. Please ensure you send your child's note back to school tomorrow.

Home Reading Journal- I will be handing out certificates to those students who have reached the target of 50 nights reading for this term. If your child has reached this target, could you please remind them to bring their journal in tomorrow in order for them to receive their certificate. I also encourage every student to continue reading and filling in their journals over the holiday period.

Stationery- I would be very grateful if all parents and carers could ensure that their child is fully equipped with the necessary stationery items to commence Term 2. It saves a lot of time in class if every student has their own things.

Gardening- All of the students in my class were very lucky to have the opportunity to work in the school garden with Mrs Howard last week. We all got to plant our very own bean and pea seeds. Thank you to Mrs Howard for

sharing her gardening knowledge and enthusiasm with us.

Happy Easter everyone! I hope you all have a happy and safe Easter break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school in Term 2.

Stacey.

3/4 Class News

Hi everyone!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended my parent-teacher interviews last week. I am confident that the students will work hard next term, to achieve their academic and social goals.

A very BIG thank you, to Captain Steve Wesener for organising our Fleet. The Marines, Sailors and Convicts are very eager to set sail.



NAPLAN dates for next term: May 12th, 13th and 14th

Home Reading Journals will be collected tomorrow. 50 nights reading certificates will be handed out to those students who have reached the target of 50 nights reading for this term.

Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country are on this Thursday. I am still waiting for a few students to return their permission notes in order for them to be able to attend. Please ensure you send your child's note back to school tomorrow.

I hope you all enjoy your time together, playing maths games, reading and most importantly relaxing. Have a safe and happy Easter, Bek.

4/5 Class News

Hi all,

Thanks to everyone who attended the **parent/teacher interviews** - it was great to see you here.

The 50 nights award for the **home readers** will be organised in week 1 of term 2.

This Thursday is the **School X-Country**, so please bring in the permission notes. The **Easter Hat Parade** will be held this Thursday afternoon following the X-Country.

Continue to learn the **times tables** as positive results are beginning to bloom.

The **Maclean Show** is on the 22nd April.

I wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Safe Easter.

John

5/6 Class News

Interviews: went well. Thank you for your contribution. Team work is the best approach.

Show art: has been collected and each child will have at least one entry in the exhibition.

Stalls: were created and organised with great enthusiasm and entrepreneurial skills. I'm sure the children will have had a great day today. The money will go back into the horticultural area.

HSIE: projects are being finished in class this week. Life in the Goldfields was the topic.

Home Reading Journals: Well done to all class members that reached 50 nights of home reading. Enjoy the time to read over the holiday period.

Classroom Stationery: please check to see if some items need replacing for next term.

Have a safe Easter and a relaxing holiday break. I'm sure we will all be looking forward to the end of day-light saving for a few months! Di

Library/Technology News

First of all thank you to all the parents that attended my parent teacher interviews. It allowed me to get more of an insight into my students lives outside of school in order to relate their learning with the experiences that are involved outside the school grounds. Library borrowing is continuing as normal so please remind your child not to lose the book over the holidays.

Students projects have come together well and this week we have been peer assessing each others work and the students have been deciding on who has created the most effective video. They have had a variety of criterias to mark their peers against and so far students have been enjoying having the power of marking. Majority of the movies will be uploaded to our YouTube channel so watch our facebook page in order to be updated on when a video is up. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Easter Hat Parade

EASTER HAT PARADE IS THIS THURSDAY AFTERNOON COMMENCING AROUND 2:15PM. SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!

Harmony Day

Thank you to all the families who supported Harmony Day. Together we raised \$155 to put towards our sponsorship of our World Vision child, Fredy. Thank you for your generosity.



School Banking

Due to the public holiday on Friday I will collect school banking this **WEDNESDAY – TOMORROW** and hand books back on Thursday.

Well done to the 34 bankers from last week and congratulations to Student Banker of the Week - Will Wesener.

Thank you to all students to a great Term 1 of Banking –

Jess Edie, Phone 66457573

Iluka Boardriders Club

Iluka Boardriders Club would like to thank everyone for a positive and super supportive start to our 2015 season.

OUR NEXT CLUB CONTEST

12/4/2015

Please let us know if you shall not be attending this coaching & competition day, as we do not want to waste food. Food available for purchase on the day.....

Bacon & Egg Roll \$4

Sausage & onion \$2

Vego \$3

Water \$1

Our Youth Development Program is up & successfully running. We are happy to have made some extra spots in these monthly lessons available. Please see Mulan at Siberia Iluka for further info.

This month of April we are working on Duck Diving & Eskimo rolling. At our Club Contest surf mentors shall be working with small groups helping kids with this task. Please have a go at Duck Diving & Eskimo Rolling when you have a surf this holidays. If you need any help ask an older club member for some tips :) Have a Happy Safe Holiday & see you in the surf soon.

Flute and Clarinet Tuition

Private Lessons: 1/2 hour lesson @ \$25

Enquiries and bookings please phone Kim Sanders on 0427912426



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Sacramental Program

During 2014, children from Catholic schools and Public schools in the district came together to take part in the St Mary's Catholic Parish Sacramental Programmes. This programme will be offered again for children from both schools in 2015. This is a parish-based family centred programme, and you are invited to attend the sessions (out of school hours).

Our focus is to assist you in the preparation of your children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in this programme, as we recognize you as the first educators of your children.

If you and your children are interested in participating in the 2015 programme, please complete an application form (available at IPS school office) and return it to the parish office by **24th**

April 2015.

Dates for these sacraments are outlined below:

Confirmation : 2nd June 2015 – St Mary's Church Maclean

Reconciliation [Confession] : August 2015 – date to be confirmed

First Eucharist: 5th September 2015 – St James Church Yamba

13th September 2015 - St Mary's Maclean

Please note that all preparation sessions will take place at the Parish Office Meeting Room, McIntyres Lane Maclean, and will last for one hour. Please contact Joy de Roos on 66452821 or 0429040356 should you have any enquiries or concerns.

“ Aqua Splash”, Aqua Challenge”

“Slip n Splash” And “Water Slide”

All for \$8.00 plus pool entry

Maclean Pool Saturday 11/4/15

12 – 4pm

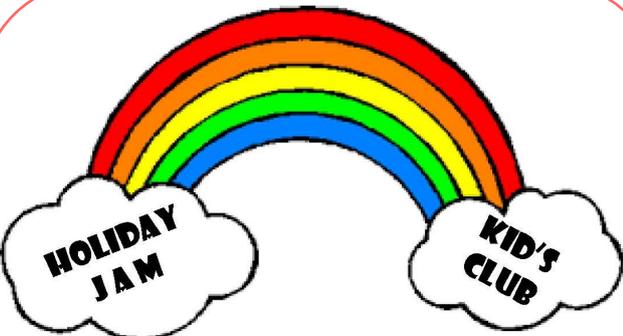


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● Incorporated ●
 ● ● Performance & Visual Art ● ●
 ● for the Young & the Young at Heart ●

Mandy will be offering a dance and art fused workshop in the second week of the school holidays for Primary school students in Years 3-6 and also High school students.

- Dances learnt over the three days will be performed at the Making Connections Dance-a-thon (Friday 1 May) and also at the Polka Dots Mid-Year Concert (Friday 19 & Sunday 21 June)
- Art pieces created will also be featured at Polka Dots Mid-Year Concert

“Dance as Art – Art as Dance”
 Holiday Workshop
 Tues 14 April – Thursday 16 April 2015
 Year 3-6 Students 9 am – 12 noon
 High School Students 1pm – 4pm
 Cost - \$30 (for the three days)
BOOK NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED
 Phone – Mandy 0405603947



HOLIDAY JAM **KID'S CLUB**

GAMES COMPETITIONS SNACKS
CRAFT STORIES PRIZES

AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

Where: St Peter's Anglican Church Iluka
When: 7th & 8th April
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am
Who: 5 to 12 year olds
Cost: \$1 per day

More information ???
 please phone Sister Lyn on 66454038
 Or mobile: 0412 966458



Making Connections
Dance-a-thon

Celebrating World Dance Day

DANCE WORKSHOP

Friday 1 May 2015
9am – 3pm
Primary School Students
Year K – 6
Raymond Laurie Sports Centre, Yamba
Cost - \$30

Register Now
Email – Amanda.Pashen@det.nsw.edu.au

Making Connections Dance-a-thon is a Creative Arts Program supported by the Department of Education & Communities Public Schools NSW. The Program is to coincide and celebrate World Dance Day (International Dance Day) which is held on 29 April each year. The program aims to promote, connect and enhance dance in education and increase the awareness of the importance of dance among the community.

Lost in concentration

Electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones are ever present. They are heaps of fun, the source of so much knowledge and a great way to stay in touch with others. The flip side is that their hypnotic effect is powerful so that frequently all our concentration is directed at them rather than our kids.

There are five BIG opportunities available to you as a parent if you choose to be in the moment when you have children.



1. Build their language

Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn't have happened if this mother was on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2. Teach your children about their world

Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. “*Why do dogs bark?*” “*Why is the sun round?*” “*Where do babies come from?*” Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just not ready for. But it's through these simple interactions that you become your child's first and most important teacher.

3. Impact their thinking

Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child's thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it's through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

4. Build relationships

Relationships are built through common interest, good intent and respectful behaviour. I can think of no better reason for being in the moment with your child than the opportunity it presents to build some common interest and rapport. It's reassuring to know that you've made plenty of deposits of goodwill to draw on, particularly in the tricky teenage years.

5. Build memories for you

As a parent of adult children I now treasure the memories of times I was fortunate to have spent with them as young children. It's strange how these memories resurface at the most unexpected time. Recently, I was in a supermarket and I remembered the time when I enthusiastically asked my youngest, who was three at the time, to get the box of cereal with the big red K. Off she went feeling all important and returned with a triumphant smile armed a box of dog food. “Thanks darling. Nearly!” was my reply desperate not to quell the enthusiasm to help that only a three year old can have.

Iluka Football Club -

Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's

Training will be held at 4pm each Wednesday (except for the holidays) for all of these teams at the Iluka Soccer Fields



The first game of the season for these players will be Saturday 18 April.

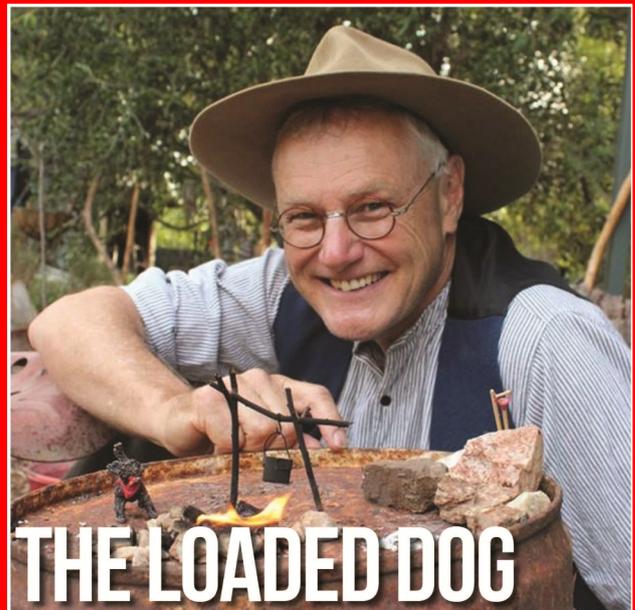
Under 12's

Training is held at 4.30 pm each Wednesday.

The first game of the season for these players will be Saturday 11 April.

Players will need covered shoes/soccer boots, shin pads and water.

For the most current information and updates, check out our Facebook page: Iluka FC or contact Secretary Ken on 0416 553 125.



A storytelling performance of Henry Lawson's most popular comic story The Loaded Dog. With plenty of action and humour to engage and entertain audiences of all ages. It is a uniquely Australian story that features characters and situations from Australia's past that will inspire.

WHEN: 10.30am, Tuesday 14th April
WHERE: Yamba Library, 45 Woolli Street, Yamba

WHEN: 10.30am, Wednesday 15th April
WHERE: Grafton Library, 126-144 Pound St, Grafton

WHEN: 2pm, Wednesday 15th April
WHERE: Iluka Library, Stanley Street, Maclean

BOOKINGS & INFO: www.crl.nsw.gov.au or Phone Grafton Library 6641 0100



EASTER THEMED WEEKLY MATHS QUIZ

The Easter Bunny can hop one hundred and seventy-two times in 1 hour and 26 minutes. How many times can the Easter bunny hop in 45 minutes?

Nicholas, Samuel and Aaron found a total of ninety-four eggs. Nicholas found nine fewer eggs than Samuel. Samuel found twenty-nine more eggs than Aaron. How many eggs did Aaron find?

An art class is decorating eggs. There are fifteen children in the class and they want to decorate six eggs for each child. So far they have finished a third of the eggs. How many more do they need to decorate?

