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Dates to Remember

Term 4

DECEMBER

Monday 4th

P&C Meeting - 7pm

Tuesday 5th

Boating excursion K & 1
11.30-2.30

Wednesday 6th

Yr 5 Prefect Speeches -
9.15am

Thursday 7th

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday 8th

Reports go home

Tuesday 12th

Presentation Day 11.30am

Disco Bowling Club

Wednesday 13th

Carols in the Park

Thursday 14th

X Factor

Friday 15th

Last day of Term 4

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**



JANUARY 2018

Tuesday 30th

Students return

PLEASE NOTE

Year 5 Prefect Speeches - Wednesday, 6th December at 9.15am.

Congratulations Yr 5/6

Winners of the 'Best Comedy Award' for their short film, Iluka's Got Talent at the Big River Public Schools Film Festival.



Principal's News

Dear parents and carers,

This time of year at Iluka Public School is an exceptionally busy time as teachers complete report cards, classes are formed for 2018, and students ensure that the last of the curriculum outcomes are met before year's end.

Two very successful swimming schools finished on Friday. Students in Years 1-4 attended the Maclean Pool for a 45 minute swimming lesson every day. I believe their bus behaviour was outstanding. Students from Kindergarten had lessons every day except Wednesdays. The program was very successful with many students showing great improvement. I was very proud and very thankful to the teachers who assisted with lessons during the past fortnight. With Australia's alarming, escalating rates of people who do not swim confidently, it is important that we teach our children this important skill. This is especially the case in Iluka as we live near a river and the beach that have high levels of recreational use.

Tomorrow we have a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer, Mr Andrew Tarrant. He always believes that students who attend school every day have greater success in their learning. Students who miss school regularly have gaps

in their learning and have a poorer sense of belonging. Missing one day of school will take you three days to catch up. Let us finish off what we started and come until the last day.

The next meeting of the P&C Association will be on Monday 4 December, commencing at 7.00 pm. We are looking forward to Year 5 presenting their nomination speech for school prefect. These will be held under the COLA on Wednesday 6 December, commencing from 9.15 am. School captain, vice-captain and prefects for 2018 are announced at the hall during Presentation Day.

Our annual Presentation Day is taking place on Tuesday 12 December. This is a day when the school community comes together to celebrate our students' successes.

What you need to know

- All our students will be attending the assembly which will be held at Iluka Community Hall. The presentation will begin at 11.30 am
- All students will walk to the venue. Students may leave from the hall under the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
- Students will have eaten their recess before we leave for the hall. Students may need extra food as they will be expected to sit still and attentive during the presentations.
- Due to space restrictions at the front of the hall, please note that younger brothers and sisters should stay under the responsibility of the parent or carer at all times..

About some of our awards

- At our Presentation Day assemblies we present a number of class awards.
- Each class awards 3 framed certificates. One of these awards may cover Academic Excellence, one maybe for Personal Development and the final certificate is the teacher's choice.

Could all outstanding school accounts (text books and excursions) please be paid. You can pay online using your credit card or pay by cash at the school office.

The tragic events at Banksia Road Public School in Sydney last month are a further reminder that when driving around our school you must exercise extreme caution and obey all the road and parking rules. The Iluka school community extends our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Banksia Road community at this difficult time.

The school provides playground teacher supervision before school from 8:30am with one teacher on the playground. Students arriving before 8.30 am are expected to read a book quietly at the brown tables and to wait patiently for the teacher to come on duty.

Kindy Class News

Spelling-Our focus words this week are: **as, you, next, he, she, come, mum, down, had, is, love, me, are, get, here, too, does, and, when, day.**

Library Books-All library books borrowed by Kindergarten students through out the year are now safely back on the shelves, ready for borrowing next year. Great team work!

Physical Education-Today Kindergarten students received their Premiers Sporting Certificate for daily participation and consistent efforts, in fitness and sporting activities during Term 2.

Kindergarten Intensive Swimming Program-We would like to thank Mr Bradmore for his support and assistance in this vital Kindergarten program.

Reminders:

*Students need to have a piece of fruit/some vegetables to eat at 'Crunch and Sip' time.
Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Homework - students have now completed homework for 2017. Thank you to students and parents who supported homework throughout the year.

Home reading - please continue to read and share books with your child every day. There is still an opportunity to reach 200 nights in order to receive a special certificate and to be involved in the fun activities Mr Bradmore has planned for those reaching this milestone.

Library - due to a number of staff members being involved in professional learning throughout this week,

Year 1 students have switched their library day. Year 1 will attend the library on Thursday for this week only. Please ensure all books are returned as borrowing has now concluded for the year.

Reminders -

- * Boat cruise note and \$5

- * Library books to be returned

Have a lovely week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Welcome all to week 8. The next 3 weeks are crazy busy with many events occurring in and outside of the classroom. Homework for the term has ceased. If you would like your child to do some extra work they can always log into their spelling city accounts or studyladder accounts and do activities that interests them. In class this week we will begin doing some Christmas craft so that should be fun seeing though we are on the home stretch till the big guy arrives. Students can still make the 200 nights reading goal if they push hard over the next 3 weeks.

The houseboat was huge success today and the kids absolutely loved having the opportunity to cruise down the Clarence river with the wind in their hair. Students assessments have been completed and reports are being written based on these and ongoing assessments throughout the year. I hope everyone has a great week.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone,

The students have just finished their intensive swimming program. I am so proud of their efforts and behaviour. I was lucky enough to see the progress and how far they have all come from their initial assessment.

We are off on our boat cruise and the students are so excited. A big thank you to sister Lynne and her colleagues for making this event possible. The students have really enjoyed having you in our class this year.

I am trying to organise Secret Santa. Each student will be required to buy and wrap a gift to the value of \$5 for another student. Students will randomly select a student to buy for and they need to keep the information confidential.

I am really happy with the journals, keep them going. I have found it to be beneficial in many areas and they are taking ownership of their learning.

All Home Readers need to be submitted on Thursday so I can acknowledge the students who have reached the target of 200 nights.

Have a great week Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 8.

Homework and home reading journals are due on Friday.

Year 5 speeches will be held next Wednesday morning.

Secret Santa- The students have all agreed that they would like to participate in Secret Santa. Each student will be responsible for buying and wrapping a gift for another student. Students will randomly select a student to buy for.

Have a great week

Stacey

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello Everyone,

Homework: as normal this week.

Home Reading Journals: will be collected this week and 200 night awards handed out next week.

Year 5 Speeches: are on Wednesday of next week.

Year 6 Student/Staff Dinner: is next Thursday at Maraccas commencing at 6:30pm.

Library Books: need to be returned.

Secret Santa: is always a popular end of year activity and the students would like to do it once again. Names will be drawn out of a hat and a gift secretly purchased for that person.

Reports: will come home on Friday of next week.

Have a great week. Di

Library/Technology News

Borrowing and Overdues: Library borrowing has officially concluded for 2017 so please ensure all books are returned as promptly as possible. The first round of overdue notices will be handed out soon. If your child is certain they have returned their books please let me know and I will go hunting for them in the library. We have a few classes who are very close to returning all of their library books already so keep them coming in.


Bookclub: All bookclub orders have now been collected and ordered. Items should arrive back at school at the end of Week 9. Thank you for support for the last edition of the year.

Have a lovely week,
Melaney.

Iluka Community Carols

Iluka Public School students have been invited to sing at this event and have begun practising the songs 'Aussie Jingle Bells' and 'Santa Claus Is Coming To Town'.

Lynne



NEWS

Our volunteers for Monday are:-

Karla, Trudy and Erin.

Class donations are Year 5.

Thank you

Healthy Finger Food Ideas

With the end of year fast approaching , focus on healthy celebrations.




For more ideas check out—Let's Look at Lunches /Healthy North Coast




School Banking

Term 4 is almost at an end with only a few banking weeks left for the year – The Future Savers competition has now closed with winners to be announced soon.

This **Friday 1st December** will be your **last chance** to order rewards for the year - To redeem a reward you need 10 tokens. Rewards available;

- 3D Chalk Set
- Colour Change Markers
- Epic Earphones
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Pencil Tech Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Tablet Case
- Volt Handball

Congratulations to the following bankers for earning their Certificates;

Bronze Certificate; for 10 deposits throughout the year – Emjay McElligott, Jai Kazda, Jazmyn Adey, Noah Adey

Silver Certificate; for 20 deposits throughout the year – Shayla Thwaites, Nikirri Thwaites, Reef Speirs, Tulloch Spiers, Kiani Thwaites, Cameron Collis and Kirra Leigh Zomer

Gold Certificate- for 30 deposits throughout the year – Flynn Cowen, Olivia Collis, Millie Speirs, Tessah Speirs, Jaylen Townsend, Riley Swan, Amyleigh Morrison, Decode O'Dell, Paige Morrison, Mikayla O'Dell, Taylor Edie and Xavier Edie.

Next **Friday 8th December** will be the **LAST** banking day for the year – I would like to thank you all for your great effort in banking and learning to save this year. Have a wonderful Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

Thank you - Jess Edie



Cooling off after the Film Festival.



Cruising the Clarence

Thank you to Sister Lynne and her colleagues for giving Iluka Public School this great opportunity.

Parenting *ideas*

Preparing your child for high school

Entering high school can be just as daunting for parents as it is for a child. It is a huge time of change, and coupled with the fact that starting secondary school often coincides with the onset of puberty, it can be quite a roller-coaster ride!

Spend as much time as you can reassuring your child that they do not have to face this change alone and that it will be, for the most part, a positive experience. Avoid sharing any horror stories you may have experienced as a teenager in high school – these will not help your child. Rather, recall any positive experiences you had, especially if you made life-long friends at high school.

Organisation is crucial to helping your child cope well with entering high school. Those students that are well organised have a much better chance of settling in those first few weeks of secondary school.

Here are 6 tips for preparing your child for high school:

1. Ensure your child has everything they need for high school well before school starts for the year

Having items missing at the beginning of the year will frustrate not only your child but the teachers. Ensure they have enough books to write in for each subject and always have spares on hand at home.

2. Practise using public transport if your child is using it for the first time

For many students, changing schools means they may now have to travel on buses or trains for the first time. Help them to familiarise themselves with the bus/train timetable and offer a contingency if they miss their transport. If possible, practise the trip during the holidays.

3. Set up a designated study space in the home

This tip is so important as so many children don't have a specific area set up to allow them to quietly complete their homework. The bedroom is not recommended as this is purely a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.

4. Set up a high school parent folder

This will be a place to file all correspondence so that you can know exactly what is happening for your child at high school, including important dates. If you know what is going on at school, you will be able to help your child feel in control and stay organised. I cannot recommend this highly enough. As a parent you really need to stay on top of school information, at least until your child has established their own routine and systems for staying organised at school.

5. Encourage healthy sleeping patterns at least one week before starting high school

If your child has got into a holiday habit of staying up late and waking up at lunch time, they will get a rude shock come first day of school when their sleeping patterns are all out of whack! Get your child into 'school routine' for sleeping during the final week of the holidays.

6. Keep your child's high school in the loop

Inform your child's new school if they have special needs or learning difficulties. Teachers will benefit from being made aware of any particular needs or special circumstances that will help them in working with your child. If there are any specific family issues that might affect your child's ability to settle into high school, communicate these to your child's class or home-room teacher as soon as you know who they are. Never underestimate the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your child's school.

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 1st December.

1. Tesla has completed construction of a giant lithium ion battery to provide energy for which area of Australia?
 - a. South Australia
 - b. New South Wales
 - c. Queensland
2. A Korean soldier is recovering in hospital after he was shot at by fellow border guards when trying to cross the border without permission. Which way did the man run across the border?
 - a. From North Korea to South Korea
 - b. From South Korea to North Korea
3. Which country has been unable to form a working Government, even though elections were held back in September?
 - a. United Kingdom
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Germany
4. Which company has admitted to covering up a massive hack of 57 million users' data?
 - a. Centrlink
 - b. Uber
 - c. AGL Energy
5. True or false, Robert Mugabe has stood down as president of Zimbabwe?
6. Which of the following is a new initiative launched by Coles supermarkets last week?
 - a. braille on all price labels for vision impaired people
 - b. between 10-11am the confectionary aisle will be closed off so parents shopping with children can shop without being pressured
 - c. a "quiet hour" to make shopping easier for those with Autism Spectrum
7. What did China remove from its app stores last week?
 - a. Skype
 - b. Instagram
 - c. Twitter
8. Victoria's Mornington Peninsula is planning on introducing bylaws which will ban tourists who are staying in short-term rentals from ...?
 - a. listening to music outside
 - b. bringing pets
 - c. swimming in pools after 10pm
9. How many days were two men stranded in their bogged vehicle in a remote part of WA recently?
 - a. two days
 - b. five days
 - c. three weeks
10. What has the NSW Government offered motorists who spend more than \$25 per week on toll roads?
 - a. a discount on car insurance
 - b. free car registration
 - c. a \$50 fuel discount voucher
11. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary last week. How many years have they been married?
 - a. forty
 - b. fifty
 - c. seventy
12. What is Darwin introducing to combat youth crime over the Christmas period?
 - a. they are introducing free virtual reality gaming centres aimed at keeping youth occupied
 - b. they are sending a unit of camouflaged, specialised police with military-grade assault weapons to patrol at night
 - c. they are setting up a junior Australian ninja warrior style competition with \$20,000 dollars worth of prizes
13. Why have International airlines including Jetstar and Qantas cancelled flights to and from Bali?
 - a. there has been a recent increase in terrorist threats
 - b. severe electrical storms have been affecting the area
 - c. a volcano erupted
14. Who has been named the highest paid woman in music?
 - a. Adele
 - b. Beyonce
 - c. Taylor Swift
15. Why was a Melbourne Aldi store in the news last week?
 - a. they asked a man to leave the store because he refused to take off his sunglasses
 - b. the store has introduced a policy that allows them to kick out anyone who is wearing a loose top or jacket
 - c. they removed a student from the store because he attended the same school that past shoplifters had attended