



Iluka Public School Newsletter 32

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back everyone to our first full week. I'd like to thank the students and staff for quickly settling back into class routines and getting on with a steady week of classroom work.

This week we have another busy week. Yesterday Year 2 travelled to Ballina for their major excursion. What a fabulous day it was and the behaviour of the students was, as always, very responsible. I was lucky enough to attend the excursion. Year 2 enjoyed their time looking over the Seabird Rescue Headquarters and work with local artist Kim Michelle Toft. Well done Mrs Gardner for your organisation of this excursion.

Yesterday also saw our choir perform at the local bowling club for the RSL Ladies Auxiliary. Thankyou to Miss Essery for organising this.

Today we see our Year 6 students attend a cyber-bullying workshop at Maclean High School. This will be extremely beneficial for those students involved.

On Thursday, the P & C meet for the first time this term. You are invited to attend; we meet in the staffroom, commencing at 7:00 pm.

At yesterday's staff meeting, teachers undertook their CPR training in readiness for the school's intensive swimming scheme, which begins on 16 November.

I have asked our Learning and Support teacher, Mrs Haupt, to assist K-6 class teachers in reviewing your child's progress in reading. There should be no surprises and as I have stated on a few occasions this year, there is a strong correlation between the completion of the Home Reading Journal and student achievement.

This term is very important as it provides students the opportunity to make enormous gains as they bring together all that they have learnt throughout the year, and practise using the skills and knowledge to achieve their goals. It is an important time for parents to have a conversation with their child about what he/she hopes to achieve this term, what the focus will be, and how he/she intends to work towards achieving it. With the help of parents/carers, children can achieve so much when parents teach them to maintain their focus on their goals in a positive way.

Have a good week.

Phil Bradmore

The Canteen is closed. Children should bring their lunches on Mondays please.

Term 4 Events

**Thursday 15 October -
P & C Meeting @ 7pm**

**18-22 October -
Canberra Excursion**

**22 October -
Kinder Orientation**

**29 October -
Kinder Orientation**

**5 November -
Kinder Orientation**

**9-12 November -
Cascade Excursion**

**16-27 November -
Swimming School**

**14 December -
Year 6 Farewell**

**15 December -
Presentation Assembly**

**16 December -
Iluka Carols
End of Term 4**

Did you know....

Surfing the Coldstream Festival—this Saturday 17 October

A reminder that the Surfing the Coldstream music festival is this Saturday, 17 October, and the children of Iluka Public School have been invited to sing! Ryan Enns has been teaching the students four fun and simple songs for them to sing along with children from four other schools, as part of the community showcase. There is no pressure; you don't need to be a great singer, or know all the songs really well, just have a go! Ryan can supply lyric sheets on the day so you don't even need to remember all the words. The festival will take place on Saturday at Flinders Park, above Main Beach in Yamba. Parents are asked to accompany their children to the festival from 3:00-4:15 pm. Please be near the Main Stage during the Coldstream Community Showcase so the children are ready to jump up in front of the stage when Ryan calls them to sing. Wear your school uniform if you are able to.

Kindy Orientation: The Kindergarten 2016 orientation sessions will be held on Thursdays: 22nd and 29th October and 5th November, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If you have a child or know of a relative or neighbour who has a child eligible to start Kinder in 2016, please contact the school to obtain enrolment information. We would love to welcome new families to our school community.

Class News—Week 2 Term 4

K Class News

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

Science - Our class unit of work this term is titled 'On the Move'. Students will be learning about the science concepts of movement and change. Movement and change are concepts that we need to understand to make sense of the world around us. They are linked to concepts of energy and force. Scientists and engineers apply these concepts to study the performance of athletes, when designing toys, cars and spacecrafts.

Music - Last week the Kindergarten students began learning to play a ukulele, with Ryan from the Music Academy. The students really enjoyed the lesson and in such a short time had shown great progress.

Concert - The shirts worn by your child at our Creative Arts concert, at the end of last term, now belong to your child and do not need to be returned to school.

Lost Property - I have a boy's school shirt that was left in our class, when we were practising our class concert item. Please let me know if it belongs to your child.
Lynne

1/2 Class News

Excursion - The Year 2 students had a fantastic day in Ballina yesterday. We learnt about turtles and sea birds before visiting two turtles recovering from illness in the turtle hospital. We were then met by local author and artist, Kim Michelle Toft, who shared some of her beautiful paintings and books with us. Students then went on to create an artwork for the school using dyes on silk. All students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and great listening. Thank you to Mr Bradmore for attending and Mrs Haupt for taking the Year 1 students.

Library - Year 1/2 attend the library every Tuesday this term. Please ensure they have their library bags and return any overdue books. Thank you to those students who consistently bring their library bags and make full use of our wonderful library.

Leotards - I am still waiting on a number of red leotards to be returned from our concert night. These costumes were borrowed from Mandy and need to be returned as soon as possible please.

Music - Students are now learning the ukulele with Ryan during music every second Wednesday (odd weeks only). They showed good listening and progress last week.

Absences - Please send in a note to explain any absence your child has from school. This is a department requirement and rolls are checked regularly to ensure all absences are explained.

Have a lovely week.

Kristy

2/3 Class News

The Year 2 students had a fantastic day in Ballina yesterday for our class excursion. They learnt about turtles and sea birds before visiting two turtles recovering from illness in the turtle hospital. They were then met by local author and artist, Kim Michelle Toft who shared some of her beautiful paintings and books. Students then went on to create an artwork for the school using dyes on silk. All students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and great listening. Thank you to Mrs Gardner for organising the excursion. Thank you to Mrs Haupt for taking the Year 3 students.

Last Wednesday we started ukulele lessons with Ryan. These students really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to our next lesson which will be next Wednesday (Week 3).

Notes are required when your child is absent from school. There are quite a few students who do not bring notes in upon their return to school. Please ensure you provide a note explaining the reason your child was absent. Phil

3/4 Class News

Canberra Excursion: Tomorrow the students will have a meeting to go over the necessary information regarding the Canberra excursion. I hope you all have a fantastic time in Canberra.

Cascade Excursion: is coming up in week 6 and I encourage all students to finalise payments and permission notes as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties please contact the school.

Absentee notes: If your child is absent, please send a note to school explaining why they did not attend school.

Concert costumes: The costumes for the concert last term were borrowed from Mandy and need to be returned to the school as soon as possible please.

Music: This Wednesday the students begin their music lessons with Ryan. This term they will learn how to play the ukulele.

Homework: Spelling and timetable sheets are to be completed and returned on Fridays. A random act of kindness can be achieved once a week. The students will be speaking about their random act. I am really happy with positive feedback from both the students and parents.

Home Readers and Library books are to be submitted and returned on Mondays.

Have a great week . Bek

4/5 Class News

Concert Costumes: Costumes borrowed from Mandy for our concert last term need to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Canberra Excursion: Tomorrow the students will have a meeting to go over the necessary information regarding the Canberra excursion. I hope you all have a fabulous time in Canberra. John

5/6 Class News

Hello all,

We had a great start to Term 4. Today the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to visit Maclean High School and attend a workshop on cyberbullying. I'm very confident they will take away valuable information that will help them to make more informed choices in regards to technology.

Tomorrow we will have a meeting regarding our Canberra excursion, to go over necessary information. It should be a wonderful experience for all attending.

We have started our follow up lessons in relation to the visit from the Life Education van. The workbooks have some very interesting lessons that connect to issues discussed whilst participating in the Life Education sessions.

If your child is absent, please send a note to school explaining why they did not attend school. (department regulations we need to abide by).

Have a happy week, Di.

Library / Technology News

Following are the class library days for term 4:

Kindergarten - Fridays

Class 1/2 - Tuesdays

Class 2/3 - Thursdays

Class 3/4 - Mondays

Class 4/5 - Wednesdays

Class 5/6 - Thursdays

Book Club order sheets will be handed out this week and orders need to be returned promptly please. Throughout this term I will be sending home overdue book notices for library books that have not been returned throughout the year. If you know that you have overdue books at home could you please give them to your child to return on any day. Have a great week. Mr Jones

AQUAFITNESS

At the ANCHORAGE - Iluka

1.45 - 2.45 pm Wednesdays

Commencing 21st October

Exercises in 1m depth of water

No need to be a good swimmer

**Especially good for arthritis, joint and muscle pain, injuries,
heart conditions and pregnancy or just for some fun exercise!**

BYO - swimmers, towel, sun protection & water bottle.

\$10 per class

Further details: Jo Haupt - 66466189

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Dear Mrs Howard, Mr Melrose, Mrs Cunningham, Mr Bradmore/Ms Anderson,
Mrs Gardner, Miss Essery (please circle)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

Year: _____

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