



# Iluka Public School Newsletter 23

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

### Preschool Transition

The Iluka Preschool (Kindergarten class for 2016) will visit us on Thursday 30 July between 10am and 11 am. It will be the first step on the smooth transition path between the little school and 'big school'. Enrolment forms have been delivered to the Pre-school and may be returned when completed. Miss Essery and Carol are looking forward to meeting the children and making it a very special occasion.



### Small School Athletics Carnival

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival organisation is well underway thanks to Mrs Gardner. The carnival will take place on Friday 31 July and each eligible student has received their permission note and event details. Parents, grandparents and carers are invited to attend the carnival being held on Iluka Oval from 9.30am.

### Canteen Co-Ordinator

Sam Carlon has been volunteering at Iluka Public School in this role for the last eighteen months and last week welcomed a new baby boy into her family. I would like to thank Sam for all of her efforts in co-ordinating the canteen and wish her well.

Of course, the downside of this is that the school now requires a canteen co-ordinator to remain open. Please contact the school if you can help.

### Crunch and Sip

Each day around 10.15am, Iluka Public School students enjoy a crunch and sip break. They eat fresh fruit and vegies and sip some water. The food scraps are collected and fed to our chickens. This week students donated eggs made from these scraps to be used in the school canteen. Thanks to all parents who continue to support our Crunch and Sip morning routine by packing a lunch box with healthy options.

### Education Week

Education Week is usually held during Week 3 of this term. However, due to the running of the Small Schools Carnival, staff attendance at various professional development courses and student attendance at the Creative Arts Camp and Netball State Cup, our Open Day and special Whole School Assembly will be held on Friday 21 August commencing from 11am. Further details will be sent out closer to this date.

### Canberra Excursion

The Years 4, 5, and 6 Canberra excursion payments continue to be accepted. **All payments need to be finalised by the end of term.** The associated raffle tickets can also be returned to the office when they are sold.

### Schools Tree Day

Iluka Public School understands the importance of developing the whole child and enabling students to be active and responsible citizens. We instil in our students that they are part of a global team responsible for protecting and sustaining our earth's natural resources. Last Friday was Planet Ark's Schools Tree Day and we celebrated this by planting a number of trees kindly donated by the Clarence Valley Council and a Year 6 family. A number of Cypress pines were planted in the same location as the one that was

**Monday 27 July**

**Education Week Begins**

**Wednesday 29 July**

**State Netball Cup @ Casino**

**Thursday 30 July**

**Preschool Transition**

**Friday 31 July**

**Small School Athletics Carnival**

**Wednesday 5 August**

**Writer's Festival @ Maclean Public School**

**Wednesday 12 August**

**Year 6 transition day MHS**

**Thursday 13 August**

**P & C Meeting @ 7pm**

**Term 4 Events**

**18-22 October**

**Canberra Excursion**

**9-12 November**

**Cascade Excursion**

**16-27 November**

**Swimming School**

**Canteen Duty**

**Monday 3 August**

**Gladys , Danielle,  
Lorraine, Vicky**

felled earlier this year. As well, mandarin, macadamia and lilly pilli trees were planted on the western side of the school. Thanks to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Cunningham for organising collection of these trees.

### Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Last week an ABC interview was held with Professor Tony Vinson regarding the associated effects of low socio economic status on student learning. The professor specifically identified Iluka Public School as successful in defying the usual associated trends and acknowledged the efforts of our teachers in helping our students achieve their highest potential.

As a result, the Daily Examiner had a special front page feature of our school. I sincerely thank all staff, students and the community for their contributions towards making our school so successful and special.

### State Netball Cup

Finally, we wish our Netball team all the very best as they travel to Casino on Wednesday to compete in round five of the State Cup. Iluka has a tough draw playing a number of games against much larger independent and Catholic Schools. I know the girls are looking forward to the challenge and trust that their hard work in training will pay off.

### French Lessons Cancelled

Due to student participation in the State Netball Cup, French lessons will not take place this week. Lessons will resume Wednesday Week 4.



### Writers Festival

There are 8 tickets remaining for the Writers Festival being held at Maclean Public School on Wednesday 5 August. If you are interested please complete the permission note included in this newsletter and bring to the office with a payment of \$10 to secure your place.

### Year 6 enrolling Maclean High School

If your child will be attending Maclean High School next year, please complete the enrolment forms and forward onto the high school as soon as possible.

*Phil Bradmore*

### Kinder Class News

**Spelling**-Congratulations to the students who spelt all their words correctly in our spelling test on Friday. A special spelling certificate was sent home yesterday with the students achieving this wonderful result. Due to the Athletics Carnival this week, our spelling test of our List 2 words - **baby, be, big, boy, but, by** - will be held on Monday. Keep up the extra practice at home.

**HSIE Project**-As a **home project**, Kindergarten students have been asked to **make a model of a human shelter**. Some of the types of shelters that we have looked at in class are: houses, huts, igloos, castles, house boats, caravans, tents, teepees, flats, apartments. The students have a free choice of the type of model they would like to make and the materials to be used. **The models are due at school on Thursday 13th August.**

### Kindergarten Transition

**Program**-This Thursday 30th July, the Pre-school students and teachers will be coming to 'big school' at 10:00am to participate in class activities and will be staying to have recess with us. We look forward to their visit.

### Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Several students from our Kindergarten class will be competing at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival this Friday. We wish Avalon, Taya, Jade, Kobe, Jeriqko, Zack, Shanoah, Emma, Emily, Phillip,

William, Tulloch and Zack well in their running events. **Go Iluka!**  
**Reminders:** Library day is **Thursday**.

Lynne

### 1/2 Class News

**Small Schools Carnival** - Good luck to all students participating in the carnival on Friday. Yellow permission notes need to be returned as soon as possible please.

**Head lice** - A number of cases have been reported recently. Please check your child's hair frequently and treat accordingly. It is becoming very frustrating for the those parents continually treating hair and it takes a team effort to get on top of head lice.

**Speaking topics** - Starting next week students will be required to prepare their news on a specific topic. They are encouraged to prepare (or at least think about) their speech before their news day. The topics are:

Week 3 (this week) - free choice  
Week 4 - favourite toy  
Week 5 - favourite photo  
Week 6 - favourite book  
Week 7 - favourite character  
Week 8 - favourite dinosaur  
Week 9 - favourite sport  
Week 10 - free choice

News days are as follows:  
Monday - Mia, Caitlyn, Cameron and Rhys  
Tuesday - Reef, Krystal, Jackson and Grace  
Wednesday - Malaki, Jaime-Lee, Ryan and Michaela  
Thursday - Tylah, Micah, Bradley and Mythias  
Friday - Amy-Leigh, Vinnie, Ramona, Casandra and Torna.

**Professional Learning** - This Friday I will be attending a course in Ballina. Miss Anderson is looking forward to teaching the class on this day.

**Homework** - The Year 1 homework book, spelling sheets and times tables were well received last week and almost everyone returned theirs on Friday. Thank you! A reminder

that Miss Anderson is also sending for spelling and tables for the Year 2 students. All homework is due on Fridays. Home readers are now due on Mondays.

**Library** - Year 1/2 will attend the library every Monday for the remainder of this term, unless something arises and a swap needs to be made.

**Concert** - The IPS School Concert will be held in Week 10 of this term. Students have commenced learning their item and you have probably already heard about it! It is hoped students will remember the words, so they are encouraged to practise at home in addition to our rehearsals in class.

Have a great week.

Kristy

## 2/3 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 3. I would first like to congratulate the four students who received merit awards last Friday. Xavier and Harmony-Roz were selected as they both tried hard all week to work towards achieving their personal goals. Shahla and Maxs were also selected, as both displayed maturity and responsibility throughout the week, which is what our whole class goals are focused on. This week I will be once again looking for those students who are working towards achieving personal or class goals.

I would like to wish Malachy and Dakota good luck for this Friday as they will be representing the school at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival in their various events.

The speaking topic for next week (Week 4) is "My Favourite Movie". Students are asked to plan what they are going to say in relation to their selected movie before their news day. I have now added 'StudyLadder' to the daily reading group rotations. Each student has a selected day on which they will complete various reading tasks that I have personally set for them. StudyLadder is a K-6 web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and does not allow students to access social networking.

**This week**- Singing with Ryan continues on Wednesday afternoon. We are revising the nine times tables in our daily practice. Library day is on Thursday so please remember your library bag and books. Homework (spelling and times tables) is due on Friday for Year 2. Home reading journals will be collected, checked and recorded on Friday by Mr Bradmore. Keep up the great effort in this area! Book Club orders are due on Friday. Please return any orders along with payment to Mr Jones.

Have a great week.  
Stacey

## 3/4 Class News

Thank you to Mr Barrington for relieving me during my absence this week and particularly to my students who have displayed great maturity. It is great to hear that the students were settled and maintained their usual learning routines and habits.

Good luck to those students representing our school at this week's Small Schools Athletics Carnival. We are very proud of you and know you will do your best. The school netball team is competing in the State Cup at Casino tomorrow and I am sure all of your hard work and training will pay off. To all students competing at sporting events this week, remember to do your best and participate with the spirit of sportsmanship.

Just a reminder that Scripture is on Tuesdays and Library this term is on Friday. Please remember to bring in home reading journals and any completed homework on Friday for checking. Have a great week, Bek.

## 4/5 Class News

Good Morning/Afternoon all -

The class planted a tree for '**School Tree Day**' last Friday. This was a great opportunity to remind the children of the importance of trees to our very existence.

**Homework** will be given out again this week. I encourage all students to complete and bring back to school. It essentially reinforces current



spelling, dictation and tables.

Congratulations to all students who are completing **home readers** each night. Several students have finished 100 nights. Well done! Keep up the good effort.

Best luck to the **girls netball team** who play in Casino tomorrow. A reminder that the '**Small Schools Athletics Carnival**' will take place this Friday at the Iluka Oval. Good luck to all participants.

**Book Club orders** are due on Friday. Please return any orders along with any payment to Mr Jones.

Have a great week. Cheers John.

## 5/6 Class News

Last Friday was School Tree Day and year 5/6 got involved. After some research on Cypress pines (Australian native), we planted three seedlings that were kindly donated by Miles Holmes, thank you. The students planted the pines in the corner of the playground from where the old Cypress had to be removed last year. By planting three young trees we are confident at least one will grow to replace the old tree that a lot of people miss. Any other surviving seedlings can be transplanted in another location later.

Year 5/6 enjoyed participating in a science experiment last week and had some interesting results. The students are developing an understanding of the yeast micro-organism and how it functions.

Year 5/6 students are required to keep up their home reading with some students past 150 nights! Also students should complete some times tables practise each week. Now students can also access some DIPL (English) homework if desired, just



ask me for this weeks sheet.

Tomorrow the girls netball team will be going to Casino to play the Netball School Cup and we wish them all the best for the day.

On Friday many students are representing our school at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival and we know they will do us proud. Go Iluka!

Regards Jo.

## Library / Technology News

This is just a friendly reminder that Book Club is due in this Friday. I will be placing the order Friday afternoon as students can receive their orders by the end of next week. If your child did not receive a Book Club catalogue they can come down to the library and ask me for one as I have plenty of leftover copies.

Just a reminder to 2/3 students that your library day has changed to Thursday instead of tuesday. So parents of 2/3 students please remind them to bring their library books on Thursdays for the rest of this term. As far as technology goes students are beginning to take control of their google drive learning and I am super impressed with how they have all picked up the skills needed to navigate through and operate the use of this online resource. Have a good week, Matt.

## Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Good luck to all students participating in the Small Schools Carnival on Friday 31st July. Yellow permission notes need to be returned to Mrs Gardner as soon as possible please. Students will walk down to the oval from the school and the carnival will commence at 9.30am. Students will need to have the following:

- Appropriate running shoes and sports uniform
- Plenty of food and water - one bottle is not sufficient
- Sunscreen and hat
- Possibly a towel, rug or chair to sit on as there may be ants on the ground
- Plenty of warm clothing in case it's a windy day
- Optional – money for the canteen

If you wish to take your child after their event, please let one of the Iluka staff members know. Mr Bradmore, Mrs Haupt and Mrs Cunningham will be attending the carnival. Miss Essery will be attending for the morning session and will return to school with the minors (5, 6 and 7 year olds) after their ages races and the minor relay.

Students will be given a carnival program of events and canteen price list prior to the day. Good luck and have a great day. Go Team Iluka!!

## P & C – Canberra Excursion

The cost of transportation for this trip is close to \$6,000. To ensure that this excursion is more affordable to families, the school and the P & C association are subsidising this cost.

The P & C has donated a 10kg bar of chocolate and the school has donated a bike for a raffle. All children attending the excursion have been issued raffle tickets to sell which need to be returned by 10 August. Your participation in selling raffle tickets assists the P & C to cover the transportation costs. Students who don't wish to participate may not be eligible for the subsidy on the cost of transportation. If you don't wish to sell your tickets, please make contact with Mr Bradmore as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation and to the children who have already returned their tickets and to those who have requested more.

### Canteen Roster

MONDAY 3 AUGUST	Gladys Hunt, Danielle Bryant, Lorraine Threlfall Vicki Van Kraay	Year 5/6 to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 10 AUGUST	Jess, Danielle, Jamie, Jasmin	Kinder to donate home made goodies
MONDAY 17 AUGUST	Kylie Kerr, Gladys Hunt, Josie Lloyd, Jen Brittain	Year 1/2 to donate home made goodies



## Iluka Boardriders

Next Club Contest – Sunday 9 August, Mens heats @ 7.30 am, a beach bbq breakfast is available and all are welcome

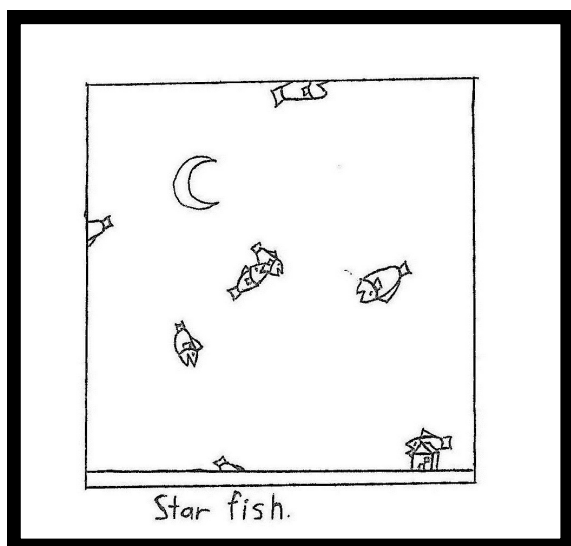
The leader board is tight and a noticeable improvement in surfing ability within the Club shows hard work is paying off. Well done!

A big thankyou to all who supported and helped at our June Fundraiser. We raised \$1300 and had a great afternoon of music, food, raffles and community spirit.

Don't forget to support our weekly raffles at Sedgers 5-7pm Saturdays. These raffles fund our monthly surf coaching and you could win a meat or seafood tray.





Check our Facebook page: Iluka Boardriders to stay up to date with contest location and club goings-on, including surf coaching dates.

Turn that frown upside down, go surfing!







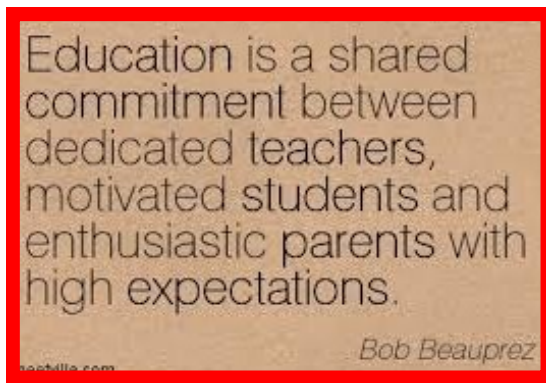
Cartoon provided by Ethan Starkey, Year 6



			
\$2.40/kg	OR	\$16.60/kg	\$3.50/kg OR \$42.50/kg

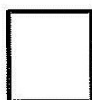
HOW MUCH COULD YOU SAVE  
BY MAKING HEALTHY SWAPS?

			
\$4.10/kg	OR	\$21.20/kg	\$10.70/kg OR \$46.60/kg



I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to attend the Byron Bay Writers Festival being held at Maclean Public School on Wednesday 5 August.

I have included \$10 for the event.



Special requirements for my child are:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_