



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 13

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Dates to Remember

Term 2

Tuesday May 16

Ear Health Lessons K-4

Wednesday May 17

PSSA Touch Knockout
& Soccer - Yamba

Friday May 19

Walk Safely to School Day

Tuesday May 23

Spelling Bee-Stage 3

ICAS Digital technology
Tests

Wednesday May 24

Spelling Bee-Stage 2

Kinder -Town Library for
Book Reading

Friday May 26

Zone Cross Country

Monday May 29

Spelling Bee-Stage 1

Wednesday May 31

Spelling Bee - Kinder

Thursday June 1

Responsible Pet
Program K-2

Friday June 2

Spelling Bee Finals
Stage 2 & 3-9.15am



SPECIAL EVENT

Walk Safely to School Day Friday May 19



Principal's News

NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the national NAPLAN testing program. For Year 3 it was their first of four NAPLAN tests they will sit in their educational journey. Mrs Cunningham told the staff that the students gave it their best efforts despite finding some of the questions quite challenging. For our Year 5 students, they had the opportunity to demonstrate growth as there is a correlation between the tests that is designed to demonstrate growth. Mrs Howard and Mr Melrose said that their students also gave it their best efforts.

Mothers' Day

Stall: Thank you to Lisa and her small team of workers for organising the Mother's day Stall. There were lots of little gifts that were suitably priced on the day. I hope all Mums, Carers and Grandparents were spoiled.

Afternoon Tea: Again, just a small thank you Mums and grandparents for coming along to our small get together prior to the Assembly. It was lovely catching up with you all in an informal setting. Thank you again to Lisa for all her hard work.

Year 5-6: Thank you Mrs Howard and her students for sharing with us your Mother's' Day poem and song. They were both very cute and amusing.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School day is on Friday 19 May 2017. All Iluka Public School

children and their parents and / or carers are encouraged to Walk Safely to School. The idea for parents is to explain to their children while they walk to school, the ideas of road safety, student health, well being and caring for the environment. Families in the township of Woombah may wish to walk to the bus stop and parents who drive their children to school may wish to park their car a short distance away from the school and spend the remainder of the time talking together about vital road crossing skills the children will need as they become older and more mature pedestrians.

Students who participate will receive a sticker and can use the facilities of the Breakfast Program as a thank you. Parents may come along also for a tea or coffee and join us for the morning assembly.



P and C Meeting

At last night's well attended P&C meeting discussions were held around fundraising ideas, uniforms and the school's current priorities. It was informative and knowledgeable.

Interested in having your say? The next meeting is on Monday 19 June 2017.

Sport News

PSSA Touch and PSSA Soccer are due to play in Yamba on Wednesday. A bus has been booked to transport all students on the day. Soccer will be played at the Yamba School while the Touch will be at the Angourie Playing Fields. Some students will be representing the school in both sports. We wish them well. Hopefully parents or carers can get over the river and watch them play.

PSSA Cross Country. Permission notes have for the Zone Cross Country have gone out to students. Students intending on going should return the notes to Mr Bradmore as soon as possible.



Healthy Ear Lessons

On Tuesday (today) Kindergarten students to Year 4 participated in the Healthy Ears Program. The unit looked at Otitis Media (OM) and Conductive Hearing loss. Apparently, 90% of children will have OM before they are five. Many students have recurring OM. Each episode can last between 5 - 6 weeks. That is half a term! Remember, 'Can't Hear - Can't Learn'. Please ask your child about what they learnt today during the program.

ICAS Tests

The first of the ICAS tests are about to start on Tuesday, May 23. If any student in Year 4 or Year 6 only, would like to sit the Digital Technologies test a spare paper has become available. The cost for this exam is \$9. See Mr Bradmore if interested.

Parent Information Night

Jackie from Maclean High School has asked me once again to please remind all Year 6 parents of an Information Evening on Tuesday 23rd May.

Where: Maclean High School in the School Hall

When: Tuesday 23rd May, 2017

Time: Tours available from 5pm Information. Evening starts at 5:30pm

Light refreshments will be available.

North Coast Creative Arts Camp 2017

This weeklong residential camp is designed to further enrich students in Years 4,5 and 6 who show exceptional abilities in any of the four creative art forms – Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts. The camp is held at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre (Lennox Head) from Sunday August 6 to Friday August 11 2017. Details are available from the office. Student applications are included in this information and must be submitted no later than Friday June 2.

Book Fair

The book fair products are now in the school library. There are many books, posters and stationary items on display. Further information on the times students can purchase items is in the "Library News" section of this newsletter.

Dance Eisteddfod

We are now building and perfecting our Performing Arts dance groups as we draw closer to the Grafton Eisteddfod. This event allows our students to perform in front of a larger audience whilst also competing against other schools. As they say, 'it's all in the eye of the beholder', when judges make their final decisions, awards are presented to those who are judged to be best. I know we will be in the running for best in all of our events as we are practicing to be perfect.

Fathers Only Workshops

In conjunction with the CRANES organisation Iluka PS are looking at hosting a 'Father's only' workshop this term on Friday 1 September. The workshop will be called 'Strong Arms, Soft Hands. It will be the opportunity to learn or reinforce strategies to help teach resilience, self esteem and how to boost your child's confidence.

To make this course go ahead I need a minimum of five fathers or grandfathers who will commit to attending the course for the day.

Come on Dads.! I know you can do this.

Breakfast, morning tea and lunch will be made available.

If interested please complete the expression of interest attached to the newsletter. For more information please contact me at school.

School Photos

School photos will be on Wednesday, June 21.

Photo envelopes have been sent home today. Please make sure that the correct money is in the envelope and it is sealed.

Please note the school does not carry change so we will be unable change any notes.

All envelopes should be returned to school by Monday June 19.

If you would like your children to have a photo together, family envelopes are available from the office.



School Uniform

Teachers are now beginning to see a number of reports from parents and community members about incorrect uniforms being worn to the school. Please remind your child, when they are wearing their uniform, clothes must be plain red or grey. In particular black jumpers or track suits are not to be worn. Should your child for some reason (eg wet on the line) not be in correct uniform then a note must be brought to school with the child.

Major Excursions

Last week the school received many payments regarding the up and coming major excursions to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains and Cascade. Thank you. We have again attached the payment schedule to help you keep on track with your payments.

If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact me.

Kindy Class News

Assessments and Reports-Assessment tasks will be ongoing in our class for the remainder of this term. Results from these tasks will be used to determine your child's progress and future learning directions, as well as to assist in the compiling of your child's Semester One report. Therefore daily attendance at school is very important this term.

Spelling Bee-Kindergarten students are like busy bees, practicing their spelling words each day.

This week we are focusing on the words: **baby, be, big, boy, by, went, to, the, zoo, saw.**

Keep up the practicing at home.

Mother's' Day-A big thank you to Leah Speirs and her mother for working with the Kindergarten students

to make their candle holder presents. Hope you had a great day, full of hugs and kisses.

Music Alive Project - Kindergarten and Year 1 students involved in the Music Alive percussion group have been set an 'at home' project to create a musical instrument from recycled materials or general household items. Students are requested to bring in their instrument in Week 5 (next week) on **Thursday 25th May** to show to the class. If you are unsure of ideas, try googling 'home made musical instruments' for lots of creative ideas. The students who are currently involved in the percussion group are: Flynn, Claire, Isaiah, Ariya, Mikayla, Indigo, Jaylen and Navara. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Gardner.

Reminders:

*Kindergarten library day is now **Tuesday**.

*Please ensure that permission notes for the National Simultaneous Storytime event are returned before this Friday.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Mother's Day - I hope all mums, carers and nannas had a beautiful Mother's Day.

Library Day - Schools are very busy places with lots of extra activities going on. Due to staffing around a number of senior sporting events this week, Year 1 have swapped their library day to **Friday for this week only**. This ensures Year 1 students do not miss out on attending the library or their health lessons with Miss Anderson. Please ensure students have their library bag and home reader on Friday this week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Speaking Topics - This week's topic is 'My Favourite Animal' and next week will be 'My Favourite Toy'.

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Reminders -

- Library day is Friday this week only (usually Wednesday)
- Home reading journals are due on Friday this week only (usually Wednesday)
- Homework and banking on Friday - so just remember everything is due on Friday this week! ☺

Have a great week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

We are in week 4 and there is still no baby yet. I am on red alert now as we are within the last week or so of our due date. I have informed the students that I will be taking two weeks off when my baby arrives. Starting next week, baby or no baby, I will be going back to 4 days a week and Mr Speirs will be taking my class on Fridays.

This week I will be sending home a marking rubric for the students oral presentations they will be completing as their speaking task for this term. I already have one student keen to create a presentation to the class about volcanoes using a powerpoint that he will create at home. I am allowing students to create a presentation about something they are passionate about outside of school.

Soccer - I will be taking the Soccer over to Yamba on Wednesday so I will be off class for this day.

Maths Focus - This week's maths focus is 'Money'. If you could provide your child with opportunities at home to handle real money or practice counting money that be highly beneficial to their learning in the classroom.

I hope everyone has a great week. Matt.

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi everyone! It was great to see the students having a go and trying their best during Naplan testing last week. I hope all the beautiful mothers had a wonderful day and enjoyed their gifts.

In writing this week we are looking at Information reports. This links well with our geography unit on “Neighbouring Countries” and helps with ideas for their CWA projects on Nepal.

I will be off class tomorrow as I am taking the touch football teams to Yamba. Mrs Howard will be taking the class and has organised a fun filled day that I am sure the students will love.

Please note: Home reading journals are to be submitted every Tuesday. It was disappointing that only nine students submitted their journals today. Hopefully that will improve next week. Have a great week, Bek.

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning all,

Naplan is over and I was very pleased with how the children went about their exams. They displayed a lot of maturity. Well done.

This week **sport** will be on Friday. Please come prepared.

Homework is due back on Friday and new homework will be handed out next week.

Home readers can also be brought back on Friday this week.

Have a great week.

Cheers John

Year 5/6 Class News

Best wishes: to our PSSA soccer and touch teams tomorrow.

Well done: to the girls and boys on a top job on their class item last Friday.

Hope all mums were pleased with their little pressies and thoughts on Sunday.

Very pleased with the work the children have been doing in the garden this week. They enjoy it and do beneficial work for our horticultural area.

Enjoy the May sunshine. Di

Library

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 4.

Colouring Competition- The colouring competition for the Book Fair ends this Thursday. Please ensure all entries are returned to Miss Anderson in the library before then. The prizes will be awarded to each class at the Friday morning assembly. Winners will receive a \$10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

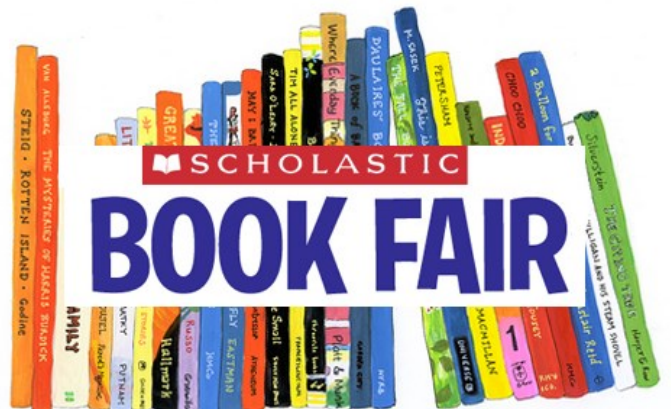
Book Club- I will place the book club order tomorrow afternoon so there is still time to bring orders in. You can also order through the LOOP payment system if you prefer.

Book Fair

It is a very exciting time here in the school library! The book fair products are now on display in the school library. There are many books, posters and stationary items available. The book fair will be open before school on Thursday morning, before and after school on Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Students can also come in at lunch time to purchase items if they would like too. Everyone is welcome- parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and siblings. Come along and help to support our fabulous school library by purchasing products from the book fair.

Thank you

Stacey.

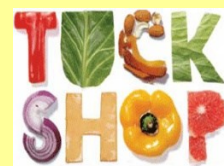


Breakfast Club

This week there will be a variation to routine for Breakfast Club. Instead of having breakfast on Thursday, Breakfast Club will be supporting the campaign of 'Walk Safely to School' on Friday 19th May. All students will have the opportunity to partake in a healthy breakfast snack on their arrival at school.
Lynne

Headlice

There have been several cases of headlice within our school recently. Headlice can be extremely contagious and we are asking parents to inspect their child's hair and treat as necessary. It is also a good idea to check all family members. Clothing, bed linen, towels, combs and brushes should be washed with detergent in very hot water. Items that cannot be washed, such as hats, stuffed toys and bicycle helmets can be placed in a sealed plastic bag for 8 to 10 days as lice cannot survive without a host.



Roster Term 2

Friday 19/05/17

Sandy, Mark, Deb T.

Monday 22/05/17

Karla, Vanessa L, Erin L

Friday 26/05/17

Sandy, Mark, Leah S.

Monday 29/05/17

Cass M, Jona M, Vicki

Friday 2/06/17

Sandy, Mark, Sonia D

Monday 5/06/17

Karla, Jess E, Trudie O

Friday 9/06/17

Sandy, Mark, Sarah J

Monday 12/06/17

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 16/06/17

Sandy, Mark, Vicki

Monday 19/06/17

Aleisha, Jess E, Peter J

Friday 23/06/17

Sandy, Mark, Leah S

Monday 26/06/17

Cass M, Deb T, Christine D

Friday 30/06/17

Sandy, Mark, Karla

This weeks donations Year 5

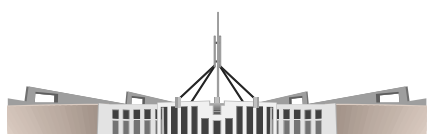
**Karla: 0405 638 768
Cassandra: 0413 044 405**

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





Toolbox: A Parenting Festival - 2017

Ever struggled with the day to day pressures of parenthood?

Ever wish you had a little help?

This year Clarence Valley Council are excited to offer 10 days of informative networking, talks, workshops, as well as both local and nationally recognised keynote speakers. This is a not to be missed chance to access industry and expert knowledge across the Clarence Valley.

And it's all **FREE!** but spaces are limited so please book to ensure you don't miss out!

With over 25 free events being held, there is something for every parent, or parent to be, at this years Toolbox: A Parenting Festival!

Event details:

Workshops will run June 19th-30th 2017 for a full schedule please contact:

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Iluka Golf Club FREE Golf Day

How good is Golf?

Come and find out for FREE.

Sunday 21st May 2017 between 8am and 4pm.

Or just dust off the clubs and come along for a FREE hit of golf.

Don't miss out.

Bring a mate, bring the family, everyone is welcome.

For further enquiries or bookings PH. 66465262 or 66466408



STRONG ARMS SOFT HANDS

Joanna from CRANES (Lower Clarence Community & Family Support) has asked if Iluka Public School would be interested in holding a Dad's/ Grandfather's workshop. It would be based on the Strong Arms Soft Hands program and would be a free, full day program held on Friday September 1 commencing at 9am till 3pm.

The workshop would cover building confidence, self esteem and resilience.

The school would need a minimum of 5 Father's/Grandfathers for the course to run. Lunch and morning tea would be provided.

Please complete the form below and return it to the school if you are interested in taking part in the course.

CRANES - STRONG ARMS ,SOFT HANDS PROGRAM

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I _____ would be interested in attending the Father's/Grandfathers program that is to be run by CRANES on Friday September 1.

Signature _____

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Friday 19th May 2017.

1. What position did Australia's contestant, Isaiah Firebrace, get in the Eurovision Song Contest?
 - a. fifth
 - b. ninth
 - c. thirteenth
2. The Federal Budget was released last week. True or false, under the new budget most tax payers will pay more tax?
3. Who won the French Presidential election?
 - a. Marine Le Pen
 - b. Emmanuel Macron
 - c. Justin Trudeau
4. Which of the following was NOT found in Egypt's newest tomb excavation?
 - a. a pharaoh (Egyptian king)
 - b. over 17 mummies
 - c. animal coffins
5. True or false, under the 2017 Federal Budget unemployed people will be immediately cut off from welfare payments if they do not accept "suitable work"?
6. What is the name of the computer virus that is affecting up to 100 countries around the world?
 - a. WannaCry
 - b. Cryptoworm
 - c. TechVirus
7. What did Australian quarantine authorities find in an Indonesian passenger's shoe when he arrived in Cairns?
 - a. a baby mouse
 - b. a toad
 - c. a millipede
8. In which ocean would you find the state of Hawaii?
 - a. Indian Ocean
 - b. Pacific Ocean
 - c. Atlantic Ocean
9. A tent in the backyard of a Sydney home has been put up for rent online for ...?
 - a. \$130 per week plus cleaning duties
 - b. \$75 per week plus babysitting duties
 - c. \$250 per week plus lawn mowing duties
10. The former captain of the Costa Concordia has been sentenced to 16 years in prison. What is the Costa Concordia?
 - a. a plane
 - b. a ship
 - c. a train
11. Which famous chef has been in the news for underpaying more than 160 staff?
 - a. Neil Perry
 - b. George Calombaris
 - c. Pete Evans
12. How much rubbish was collected in the first five days of a clean up operation of Mount Everest?
 - a. 300kg
 - b. 4 tonnes (4000kg)
 - c. 50 tonnes (50,000kg)
13. The Western Australia RSPCA is asking for each resident in the state to donate \$20 so it can hire 20 inspectors. What does the RSPCA stand for?
 - a. Respected Society for the Proper Care of Animals
 - b. Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 - c. Royal Society for the Peace and Care of Animals
14. What is the capital city of Brazil?
 - a. Rio De Janeiro
 - b. Sao Paulo
 - c. Brasilia
15. Why did US police officers make an emergency announcement to California paddle boarders to evacuate the water last week?
 - a. a mini tsunami was on its way
 - b. a large swarm of toxic jellyfish was heading their way
 - c. they were surrounded by great white sharks

Parenting ideas

Fathering daughters By Michael Grose:

A father's influence lasts a lifetime, and it is an important compliment to the mothering role. More and more research is confirming that a female's sense of worth as a woman, is commonly rooted in her experience with her father. Fathers affect the lives of their daughters in intriguing ways. Including her academic and vocational path, her career success and financial well-being. The well-fathered daughter is also the most likely to have relationships with men that are emotionally intimate and fulfilling, and have better emotional and mental health.

Here are five tips to help you be a great father to your daughter.

1. Make the connection One of the most natural ways a father can make a connection with his daughter is through purposeful physical affection. A hug, shoulder squeeze or a kiss on the cheek helps to create an emotional bond with daughters who desperately crave these displays of affection. This is great news for fathers, because if you can't find the words to say it then you have a second opportunity to show it through physical gestures.

Studies have proven that physical touch makes us feel better both physiologically and psychologically. But children — especially daughters — need more than just everyday gestures given in passing. When a girl's need for affection is met by her father it has a protective measure on her future sexual relationships.

When fathers can have a purposeful physical relationship with their daughters, which is done in a way that supports her feelings of safety and connection, it can also help to stress-proof them. When girls are given opportunities to be involved in physical play outside the house and in outdoor activities, they begin to understand the skill of risk-taking. Girls who are treated too softly and are not provided with opportunities to experience risk, are left in a vulnerable position.

2. Invest in her As a father, you can appreciate your daughter for who she truly is. Help her to identify her unique qualities and value them.

Avoid investing in who you think she should be. This can happen when fathers feel like they don't understand their daughters. Remember, this can happen easily as girls tend to morph into what is expected of them rather than excel towards who they truly are. Instead, do whatever it takes to try to understand her. Spend time together, share stories and experiences. Give her opportunities to show her true self, and this will strengthen the relationship.

Be there and be engaged. Get off the bench and into the game, be enormously present and don't let anyone dull her spark.

3. Listen without fixing Dads wishing to fix things can make us lousy listeners. Your important job is to listen out for the feelings and the emotions; your daughter just wants to be heard. Listening is essential for every father, even though it sometimes goes against their instincts.

The father who has worked on being a sensitive listener will reap the benefits of his daughter's trust; he'll be the natural person to go to when she has questions about boys or men. She needs to hear your ideas and feelings about relationships. Promoting open verbal interaction with your daughter will enable you to give her a male perspective on her questions or problems.

You do not need to agree with everything she says or does, but when you listen, you build the emotional connection that will help her listen to you when it really counts.

3. Watch your language The language you use when talking to girls matters. Everything that is said can be taken very seriously and to heart by your daughter. Thoughts and comments are easily internalised, amplified and exaggerated.

Differentiate being pretty from being beautiful. Prettiness is not a good thing to stay to a girl, even if she is. Being told she is pretty teaches her to start to trade on her looks and she will expect people to say that. Beauty and attractiveness are not pretty, and it is really important to differentiate those when talking with your daughter. Praise her for the values and characteristics she has which make her beautiful.

4. Provide warmth Fathers need to find their softer side when dealing with their daughters, to help them open up and share and provide an emotionally safe place for them. When fathers are called upon to give corrections or direction, they can do this in a warm and loving manner that she will positively respond to. Offer your strength to your daughter in a different way than you would to a son.

5. Be a positive male role model As a girl tries to figure out what men are like, the first one she watches is her father. He can be one very significant example of a man who is consistent, trustworthy, and sensitive to feelings, who places his family at a high priority in his schedule, who keeps his promises, and who invests his energies in the lives of those around him. As her father, you play a large role in showing your daughter what a proper, respectful male response sounds and feels like.

Treat her mother and her sisters with the same respect. As a father, you have many choices about how to use your influence in a positive and empowering way.

One of the most important factors that determines a woman's confidence in life is the relationship she had with her father. You are in a privileged position to make a remarkable difference to a future woman's life.