



Iluka Public School - Newsletter 5

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Dates to Remember

2017

Term 1

Friday March 3

Clean Up
Australia Day

Friday March 10

Whole School Assembly
2.15pm

Wednesday March 15

Year 6 Transition Day
Maclean High School

Monday March 20

P&C Meeting
7pm Staff Room

Friday March 31

School Cross
Country

Friday April 7

Last day of term 1

Tuesday April 25

Anzac Day
10.45am all students in
school uniform

Wednesday April 26

School Returns
For Term 2

Wednesday June 21

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Principal's News

Good afternoon parents, carers and the wider community

Being sent home this week with the newsletter is a bright pink form. Please check these details on the form. Please change any details that are incorrect and return the form to the school ASAP.

Last week the school ordered some additional seating for our younger classes. This specially designed seating allows for the teacher and a small group of students to work closely and remained focussed on the set activities. It arrived late last week and has now been allocated to Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 / 4 rooms. Please take some time to take a look next time you are up at the school. We have also ordered classroom reading material for the Year 4 / 5 and Year 5 / 6 classes which will be utilised in the very near future.

General Knowledge Quiz

I have had a very pleasing response to the Newsletters General Knowledge Quiz. Many students worked well with either Mum, Dad and even alone to research the 15 current event questions. All students who answered all questions correctly and returned their quiz received prizes presented in front of the assembly. It is great to see families working as a team and learning a little bit along the way. Look out for this week's quiz.

Whole School Assembly.

On Friday we held our Whole School Assembly at the new time of 2.15pm. The assembly was led by our new student leaders for 2017. Congratulations to all these students, we are looking forward to a fantastic year with our new student leadership group. Thank you to all our community who were able to attend this assembly. Student Leadership is highly valued at our school, not only with the elected students but for all students as part of our RESPECT, PRIDE and SAFE values system. All of our leaders have the opportunity to develop their management, interpersonal and communication skills. With these roles come expectations which have been outlined clearly to all our Year 6 group. Thank you to Mrs Howard for organising this excellent assembly and leading the student leadership component of our school.

Thank you also to Mrs Gardner and her Year 1 students for providing a well rehearsed and important item / poem for us to hear at the assembly. It was so wonderful and the students did a great job remembering all their lines. We received very positive feedback from our community about how professionally this assembly was presented.

Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday our swimming squad participated in the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival. Our team tried their very best and represented our school in a very positive manner. We had a



fantastic day overall. Congratulations to Shahla Kane, Bella Duncombe, Joel Brittan and the Junior Boys relay team (James, Ky, Eddie and Malachy) who have made it on to the Regionals in Kempsey.

Before School Supervision / Breakfast Club.

Just another reminder that before 8.30 students need to be supervised by an adult to ensure their safety at school. Teachers do not begin morning duty until 8:30am. Therefore prior to 8:30am, unsupervised students need to be seated on the brown tables located in front of the office.

As well, the Breakfast Club is now open. Breakfast is being served from the canteen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am. For those students that may need a top up please see Miss Essery on the brown tables who will assist you with the cereal and milk.



After School

Parents Please Note: We have been notified by the Parking Ranger that anyone found parking across the concrete on the Spenser Street side of the school will be fined. Police have also been monitoring this area. Parents please remember for the safety of our students there are protocols put in place at the end of the school day to ensure all students are collected by their parent/carer or leave the school at the correct entrance and when let go by the teachers. Parents, I encourage your support of the school rules in this most important area.

Text Book Fees

Invoices have been sent home regarding the book fees for 2017. Currently, a 10% discount is being applied to all students who pay for their books before the end of Term 1. Again, for Kindy, Year 4 and Year 6 students the price is \$36. For the other classes, the costs are \$54. Currently, teachers are photocopying pages for those students who have not paid for their books. For those families who need assistance a payment plan can be organised. Please see me ASAP if this is the situation. Last year over \$500 was carried by the school in book fees. This is a large amount for a school of our size.

Tuckshop Monday and now Friday too!

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their child's recess and lunches from our tuckshop. It is just wonderful to see it being used. Kindergarten students are being let out two minutes earlier to ensure they have a little extra time to decide what to buy and to have their money ready. Thank you also to our volunteers. Please remember all of our volunteers need to apply for a Working with Children Check online at www.service.nsw.gov.au. There is no cost involved.

ICAS returns to Iluka Public School

This year Iluka Public School will once again offer all students Years 2-6 the opportunity to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) organised by the University of NSW. The competitions cover English, Mathematics, Writing, Computers, Science and Spelling. All students are encouraged to enter however it is NOT compulsory. If financial constraints make it difficult for you to enter, please contact myself so that confidential arrangements can be made to assist. Costs vary from \$9 through to \$18 per competition. Entry forms with further details have been given to all students. Correct entry prices are : Science \$9-; Writing \$18-; Spelling \$12-; Maths \$9-; English \$9-; Digital Technologies \$9. See the attached sheet on this newsletter to enter.

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program

Although it seems early to some, Maclean High School will soon hold their first Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day on Wednesday 15 March. All Year 7 students in 2018 are invited to attend the day. Look out for more information and details soon.

Kindergarten Drop Off

Now that our younger students have become more familiar with "big school", we ask that parents consider a quicker drop-off in the mornings. By following a quicker "drop, kiss and go" routine in the morning you are helping to foster your child's independence and their social skills relating to their peers.

Kindy Class News

Mathematics-Kindergarten students have been learning about curved and straight lines, as well as 2D shapes-circles, rectangles, squares and triangles. We commence learning about long and short lengths this week.

Sight Words-This week we are learning the following sight words: **big, little, my**

Clean Up Australia Day For Schools-On Friday our class will be cleaning up the areas within the school fences and therefore do not need a permission note.

Reminders:

*Best Start parent-teacher meetings are this week.

*Home readers need to be read daily and returned to school the following day, along with your child's yellow record journal.

Lynne

Year 1 Class News

Assembly - Thank you to parents and carers for attending our assembly last Friday. No doubt you were impressed by the students reciting their poem. I was certainly very proud of the performance and also the effort they put in at home and in class to remember all of the lines. Well done girls and boys and thank you parents for your support.

Writing - We are currently writing recounts. Students have been sharing weekend activities with the class and then writing about it.

Dancing - The class has been very enthusiastic about dance lessons with Mandy. They show good listening and concentration. Thank you Mandy for your creative ideas and moves!

Reminders -

Clean Up Australia Day notes - need to be returned by Thursday please

Library bags and home reading journals - due Tuesday

Homework and banking - due Friday

Have an enjoyable week.

Kristy

Year 2 Class News

Hello Year 2 Families,

Home Reading and Homework: Well done Year 2 students for getting off to a great start with completing your homework weekly and developing home reading routines. Don't forget, homework is due in on Friday and new homework is sent home on Mondays.

Writing: This term, we are learning about Australian animals, linking with this theme students are learning to write information reports about Australian animals. Ask your child what they know about Emus!

Science: Our science unit is centred around living and non-living things. Learning about animals and their habitats is a key focus area. Students will have an opportunity to create and construct a diorama of an Australian animal and its habitat. I have talked to children about bringing in a shoe box for this task. If you have one at home could you kindly label with your child's name and send into school as soon as possible. If you have spares, these would be a wonderful help to us too!

Have a great week!

Warm wishes

Ms Jess Edwards

Year 3/4 Class News

Hi Everyone,

Writing: We are working hard in class writing Expositions. I am starting to see a real improvement in their persuasive language and their text structure.

Maths: This week we are focusing on mental and written strategies for addition.

Quick Smart: Carol and I have seen a big improvement. Keep up the revision at home.

Data Wall: I have created a data wall in the classroom so that the learning is visible to the students. They can see where they are in their learning journey.

Homework: I would like to see consistency for the remaining term with the children's Homework.

Home Readers: Need to be submitted on Tuesday.

Clean Up Australia Day This Friday please ensure your child has returned their note.

Have a great week

Bek

Year 4/5 Class News

Good Morning All,

The class is enjoying **weekly dance** with Mandy.

Students are remembering to bring in **homework** on Wednesdays and also their **home reading journals**. Keep up the good work.

Notes have gone home to all students in year 5 and 6 concerning the senior school excursion to **Canberra and the Snowy Mountains**. Please return the note and deposit as soon as possible. If there are any issues could you contact the office or myself. Thanks.

The year 3 and 4 excursion goes to **Cascade Environmental Education Centre** this year in mid term three. Information will be sent home in due course.

A reminder that **Scripture** is on Tuesdays at 2.30pm.

Clean Up Australia Day is on this Friday. Please return the notes as soon as possible.

Have a great, cooler week.

Cheers

John

Year 5/6 Class News

Hello all,

Lovely to see the dark clouds and rain.... Badly needed.

The class is settling into some good routines now.

Maths: is progressing well. Some children really do need to practise their tables that Carol is sending home with them. If they don't practise they won't improve. We are having our first number test for the year. Then we will be spending about a week on fractions (one of the most difficult areas in maths).

Writing: involves building up stronger sentence structure at the moment. We are looking at how to develop our ideas when presenting an argument or persuasive piece of writing.

Reading Groups: are continuing. The children like Bookweb and the associated activities.

CAPA: We have some nice art on our back wall now. It looks good. Pop in for a look some time.

Positive Mindset: has been discussed with the class. Having a positive approach to learning is so important. The children are thinking about what goals they are going to set for this year.

Autumn is finally here!

Di

Library

Borrowing: Please ensure your child has a library bag in order to borrow.

Library days are-

- MONDAY: Year 2 and Kindergarten
- TUESDAY: Year 3/4 and Year 1
- WEDNESDAY: Year 4/5 and Year 5/6

Book Club: I am expecting the book club orders to arrive on Friday. Therefore, orders will be sorted and distributed to students on Monday, if all goes according to plan.

Personal Development Lessons: Over the next few weeks all classes will be working on units of work that focus on '*Building Values Across the Whole School*'. The nine values we will be concentrating on are: *care and compassion, respect, responsibility, honesty and trustworthiness, doing your best, fair go, freedom, integrity and understanding, tolerance and inclusion*. These values underpin all of the tasks and activities that will be completed over the following weeks in the personal development lessons.

"Values education can help our students to understand and cherish the shared values that bring us

together, to understand and respect people whose perspective is different from their own and to develop clarity about their own beliefs and understandings of the world”.

Have a great week!
Stacey

Shrove Tuesday

This week is Shrove Tuesday, a cornerstone of tradition in the UK as well as a time to feast. Shrove Tuesday is a call to arms to gorge on delicious - and unfortunately unhealthy - pancakes. Here are some pancake themed maths activities for you to try.

Activity 1

Ingestion Investigations

Read the following information to help you answer question 1:

A pancake house made 264 pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Jack's family ate 2.5 times as many pancakes as Lara's family. Ali's family ate 1 of the total number of pancakes made. Lara's family ate 2 of the amount that Ali's family ate.

Use these clues to work out how to answer question 2:

- Person 1 ate three times as many pancakes as person 3.
- Person 2 ate the same number of pancakes as person 1.
- Person 3 ate 2 fewer pancakes than person 5.
- Person 4 ate 2 more pancakes than person 5.
- Person 5 ate 5 pancakes.

Questions:

How many pancakes did Jack's family eat?

How many pancakes did each of the five people in Ali's family eat?

Activity 2

Billy wants to have 2 sauces on his pancakes. Use the information below to investigate the different combinations of 2 sauces he could have:

A Pancake House offers 6 pancake sauces:

- Vanilla
- Strawberry
- Chocolate
- Toffee
- Lemon
- Maple



SHROVE TUESDAY



Roster Term 1

Friday - 03/03/17

**Sandy, Mark,
Sarah Johnson**

Monday - 06/03/17

Kylie K, Trudy D, Jona M

Friday - 10/03/17

Sandy, Mark, Leah S

Monday - 13/03/17

Karla, Vanessa D, Aleisha

Friday - 17/03/17

Sandy, Mark, Jodie Page

Monday - 20/03/17

Cass, Peter J, Nikki K

Friday - 24/03/17

Sandy, Mark, Sonia D

Monday - 27/03/17

**Kylie, Vicki Van Kray
Trudy D**

Friday - 31/03/17

Sany, Mark, Jess E

Monday - 03/04/17

Cass, Leah S, Leonie H

Friday 07/04/17

Sandy, Mark, Karla

***This weeks donations
Year 3***

Karla: 0405 638 768

Cassandra: 0413 044 405

Mr Bradmore's General Knowledge Quiz

All correct entries will receive a prize. Please hand your completed quiz to Mr Bradmore by Monday 6 March 2017.

1. NASA recently announced its discovery of a new solar system and how many Earth-sized planets?
a. two b. seven c. twelve
2. The UN has declared the first official famine in the world for six years. In which African country is the famine occurring?
a. Zimbabwe
b. Egypt
c. South Sudan
3. How many people were on board a plane that crashed near Essendon Airport last week?
a. three b. five c. nine
4. What is the name of the process that can cause coral to turn white and sometimes die?
a. coral silvering
b. coral fading
c. coral bleaching
5. Which federal department has confirmed it will be cutting around 250 jobs?
a. Department of Defence
b. Department of Health
c. Department of Social Services
6. What type of animal did a waitress remove by its tail after it ran into a winery restaurant last week?
a. a large goanna
b. a wallaby
c. a piglet
7. What disease have researchers predicted will be eradicated in Australia by 2026?
a. alzheimer's
b. hepatitis C
c. whooping cough
8. Who will become the first rapper ever inducted into the prestigious Songwriters Hall of Fame in June?
a. Kanye West
b. Jay Z
c. Eminem
9. True or false, all Sunday penalty rates will be removed from part-time work in the hospitality, retail and fast-food industries?
10. Australia has suspended the importation of which type of sea food?
a. prawns
b. mussels
c. squid
11. Why did a reserve goalkeeper for Sutton United in the UK lose his place on the team?
a. he yelled abusive comments at a member of the crowd
b. he ate a pie during a game
c. he pushed the referee to the ground
12. Which soft-drink company has announced it will be closing its Adelaide factory which currently employs 150 people?
a. Schweppes
b. Bundaberg
c. Coca-Cola
13. Why has singer Rihanna been in the news recently?
a. she has announced she will be moving to Australia in protest of Donald Trump's presidency
b. she has been given a humanitarian award
c. she has just released a documentary on the poverty in Barbados
14. Which country would you land on if you sailed directly west from Perth?
a. South Africa
b. Chile
c. New Zealand
15. Iceland's president was in the news last week for suggesting a ban on ...?
a. puffer jackets
b. country music
c. pineapple as a pizza topping

Parenting ideas

How to get kids off to school on time without yelling, whining or constantly reminding!

By Michael Grose

If you struggle with peace, harmony and getting kids focused on school these 4 suggestions will help your mornings run a littler smoother.

1. Prepare as much as you can the night before

It may be stating the obvious but the less that children have to do in the morning the better. So putting clothes out, preparing lunches and snacks and having school bags packed and ready the night before will mean there is less decision-making and less for everyone to worry about in the morning.

2. Identify and overcome distractions

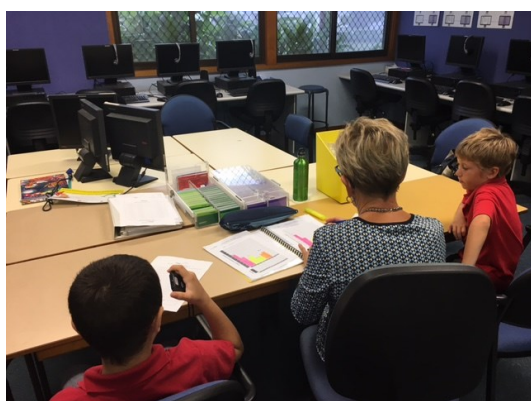
As mentioned above, children can easily be distracted before school. If possible remove distractors such as televisions and digital devices. Allow them when everyone is ready for school. Minimise the impact of other distractions such as managing argumentative siblings. Stay out of these arguments as your attention usually just inflames sibling disputes. Be liberal with encouragement, affection and once-only reminders in the morning and minimise conflict resolution, arguments and angry words.

3. Make your morning routine visual

If, for whatever reason, your child randomly and dreamily wanders from one activity to another then consider placing a sequenced photo chart of 4 or 5 main activities (e.g. wake up, breakfast, get dressed, chores, pack bags) in a prominent place that he or she can refer to each morning. This visual prompt will help put some routine into your child's morning, as well as reduce their dependence on you.

4. Delegate some responsibility

Consider delegating the job of keeping a wayward child on track to a capable, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed sibling. Let me explain. If you come from a family of four or more children then there is a reasonable chance that either you or a sibling took charge of many aspects of the family routine, including getting kids up each morning and off to school. This is not so much a case of parents neglecting their responsibilities but rather letting go of the minutiae of management. When this happens a capable and caring child will generally fill the parental void. Alternatively, a parent may purposefully give that job to a child. Either way, delegation is a great way of instilling parenting skills into the next generation as well as keeping children from being dependent on their parents.



Carol working on the Quicksmart Maths Program with some of our Year 3 students.



Mrs Gardner making use of one of our new desks during Year 1 Reading Groups.



Some 'Little Sprout House' the Year 2 students are working on with Miss Edwards



Our Kindy class enjoying a story read by Miss Essery

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

My child _____ would like to complete the ICAS Papers for the following subjects;
(Please circle) Dates indicate when test is conducted.

Digital Technologies \$9.00 - Tuesday 23 May
Science \$9.00 - Tuesday 30 May
Writing \$18.00 - Monday 12 June
Spelling \$12.00 - Wed 14 June
English \$9.00 - Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics \$9.00 Friday 23 June.

I have enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Signature _____