



Friday March 20

Harmony Day

Young Leaders
Conference @ Brisbane

Monday 23 March

Parent-Teacher
Interviews begin

Wednesday 25 March

Eat it to Beat It
Workshop @ 9.15 am

Flex and Point

Thursday 2 April

Cross Country

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 20 April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April

First day of Term 2

**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

**Canteen Duty
Monday 23 March**

**Danielle, Bec and
Lorraine**

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers

National Young Leaders Conference



On Friday 20 March, our six school leaders have been asked to take part in the National Young Leaders Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The event, which will attract over 2,500 students from across the state, is hosted by the Halogen Foundation whose mission is to inspire and empower young people to lead themselves and others well. Influential people to share their story and leadership insights in the program include Bindi Irwin. We are thrilled that Iluka Public School is a part of this event in 2015.

"Say No to Bullying Competition"

The school would like to congratulate Shalou Clarke on winning a Highly Commended Certificate in the 2015 "Say No to Bullying" poster competition. Shalou and her parents have been invited to attend a special awards ceremony hosted by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley in Sydney. Again, I remind all students about participating (having a go) in all school activities when they become available. Great news Shalou!



My School Website and 2014 NAPLAN Data

The "My School" website was updated this week with NAPLAN data from 2014 now available. Iluka Public School students should be congratulated on their outstanding 2014 results when compared with similar schools of socio-economic disadvantage. Too often it is easy to discuss and criticise isolated negative incidents. All teachers and staff at Iluka Public School work extremely hard in and out of the classroom. I am very proud of the hard work they do and I appreciate the extra effort they go to. The high quality of staff certainly does make a difference to the culture of the school.

Harmony Day

The school is celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20th March. Harmony Day involves learning about, acknowledging, respecting and cultivating the various cultures within our nation. Students are encouraged to wear **ORANGE** (or a similar colour) clothing to show their support as this is the colour to represent harmony (and is also the colour of World Vision). To wear orange, it will cost students a gold coin donation. Other activities happening within the school include lessons with classroom teachers.

The highlight of this annual event is always the multicultural feast at lunch time. Parents are asked to prepare and send along a dish with a multicultural theme to share (sweet or savoury). Some ideas include: spaghetti bolognese, pizza, tacos, nachos, hot dogs, laming-tons, pavlova, profiteroles etc. If all families are able to supply a tasty treat from another country to share, it would be much appreciated and enjoyed by the students. These will need to be dropped in at the tuckshop on the day.

To coordinate the heating of food, serving and cleaning up after the event we will require volunteers. **If you are able to assist on the day, please let Mrs Gardner know.** Don't forget to send a plate, knife and fork in a bag for your child. All funds raised through Harmony Day will be used to continue our sponsorship of Fredy, our World Vision child from Ecuador.

Spenser Street Parking

I remind all parents and carers that parking cars over the concrete footpath along Spenser Street is prohibited. Driving over a footpath can attract a large parking fine from Clarence Valley Council. Parking is available in Spenser Street at the bottom of the hill. Thank you.

Canteen

I have been asked by the canteen co-ordinator to advise they will gladly welcome volunteers who would like to assist in the canteen on Mondays. The canteen group has begun strongly this year and hope to continue. Please ring the school on 66 466 149 if you can assist. Without more volunteers, the canteen could again be forced to close. Please consider working one day a month to continue this valuable service for our students.



Maths Problem Solving Quiz

Included in this week's newsletter is a maths problem solving quiz. All entries need to be forwarded to myself by Thursday afternoon. Canteen vouchers will be awarded to winning entries.

Phil Bradmore

Kinder Class News

Sound of the Week-The focus letter and sound for this week is p.

Parent-Teacher Meeting-Just a reminder about parent-teacher meetings being held in week 9 (next week). Your child's results in Best Start will be discussed, as well as future learning directions. Thank you parents for your quick response in returning your interview time preference sheet.

Harmony Day-All classes will be

celebrating harmony day on Friday. Students are asked to wear something orange and to make a gold coin donation. At lunch students will be able to sample foods from around the world. Students will need to bring in a plate of food to share, as well as their own eating utensils - plastic plate, plastic fork and spoon. Please label items that you would like returned.

Spare Clothes-Parents could you please ensure that your child has in their school bag a change of clothing.
Home Reading Target-Students should have read for a **minimum of 34 nights**.

Friday Assembly-There will be **no whole school assembly** this Friday.

Lynne

1/2 Class News

Hello everyone,

Last week I sent home a note with the Year 1 students regarding parent teacher interviews, which will be conducted next week. Thank you parents who have returned this interview request. Miss Anderson will send notes home to the Year 2 students and I strongly suggest parents meet with Miss Anderson to discuss their child's progress in literacy and numeracy. However, I am happy to meet with you also if you wish. Please see me or send in a note if you wish to do so.

Head lice has been reported by a number of parents in our class. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treating when necessary.

Remember - library is on Thursday and homework (Year 2) and home reading journals are due on Friday.

Have a lovely week, Kristy

2/3 Class News

Hello Everyone

Parent-Teacher Interviews- Last week a note went home with your child regarding the parent-teacher interviews being held next week (Week 9). It is expected that one parent/carer from every family will attend these short interviews in order to discuss your child's progress. Please indicate what time you would prefer and

return the note to school as soon as possible. Thank you to those that have already done this.

Harmony Day- This Friday at school we will be celebrating Harmony Day. The students really look forward to this day. Please bring in a plate of food for your child to share with the school. Each child will also need to bring in their own plate and utensils. The students are able to wear orange clothes on Friday and they will each receive an orange balloon, sticker or ribbon when they make their gold coin donation.

Friday- Mr Bradmore will be away on Friday so I will be taking the class instead. I am very pleased that I get to participate in the Harmony Day celebrations with the students. There will also be no assembly this week.

Dancing- All of the students in my class have been thoroughly enjoying the dancing practices that we have been having with Mandy every Wednesday. They are learning a dance that will be performed at the Eisteddfod later this year. It is great to see all the students actively participate in this program.

Times Tables- Today was the last day that we will be working on the 11 times tables. As from tomorrow we will be concentrating on learning the 3 times tables.

Information Reports- We recently completed our work on Factual Recounts and have now started to explore a new text type, which is Information Reports. Today the students were presented with video stimulus on Kangaroos and were then instructed to write their own reports based on these interesting Australian animals.

Word of the Week- The word of the week is *biodegradable*. Have a great week, Stacey.

3/4 Class News

Hi everyone!

Thank you to the parents who have returned their interview prefer-

ences. I have sent home confirmation with your child of the date and time of your interview. There are plenty of time slots still available. Please return your notes as soon as possible.

I have noticed a big improvement with time tables. The students are really enjoying playing games with their tables both at school and at home.

Monday afternoons I will be taking the year 4/5 class for PDHPE and Mr Melrose will be taking my class for Literacy.

In class we have been learning about the First Fleet and talking about bullying. In writing we are looking at Expositions and the students are using persuasive language.

A reminder: Home readers need to be submitted on Wednesday. The students should have reached around 35 nights of Home Reading.

Cheers Bek

4/5 Class News

Hi all,

A reminder that students have taken a note home in relation to the **Parent/Teacher Meetings** next week. Please complete and return to the school.

The **School Cross Country** will take place on the last day of the term. More information to follow.

This Friday the school will be celebrating **Harmony Day**. Students are asked to wear something orange and bring a gold coin donation. They are also asked to bring a plate of food and to bring their own plate and utensils.

Beginning next Monday, Mrs Cunningham will be taking the 4/5 class for **PDHPE** whilst I teach **Literacy** to the 3/4 class.

I am pleased to say that there has been a marked improvement in the students **bookwork** and that several students have received their pen licence. Others are close. Keep up the good work.

Head Lice have been reported.

Check regularly and treat if required.

Continue the great effort with **Home Readers** and **Times Tables**.

Have a great week. John

5/6 Class News

Interviews: are being held next week. A time schedule sheet will be sent home on Friday.

Transition to High School: went well last Wednesday. The children enjoyed their first day there and learnt something to prepare them for next year.

Young Leaders Conference: is on this Friday in Brisbane. Mr Bradmore will accompany the school captains and prefects up there.

Speaking : tasks occur this week. The children have been asked to construct a structure using recycled materials and explain what they used and how they went about it. They could work with a friend.

Congratulations: Shalou on receiving a special award with the creation of your anti-bullying poster. To be recognised out of 600 entries is a remarkable and commendable effort.

Miles: thank you so much for sharing your expertise and time with 5/6 last Friday. They enjoyed learning about the birds and their habits in our environment.

Louise: thank you for keeping an eye on the worm farm as well as planting mondo grass and peace lilies around the water feature.

See you next week. Di

Library/Technology News

I would just like to remind parents about parent teacher interviews that will be held in week 9. There was a note sent home last Friday with your child with the details on it. If you did not receive this note you can down-

load it off the school website in the library section which is found under classes in the top menu.

Some parents are concerned about the safety of the blogs and I can assure you they are as safe as simply using the internet for researching. The students blogs will not appear on google if you did a google search. The only way anyone could access the blogs is directly through our website. There are over 3 million students worldwide writing blogs on this same platform so this is not a new concept. Anyone can comment on a students blog, however the owner of the blog needs to read and approve this comment before it is published. Meaning that if it is an inappropriate comment they can delete it and report it to their teacher or parent. All the students know they must use these blogs safely and responsibly in order to have one and they are proving to be an enjoyable extension to their classroom learning.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 has commenced. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will read 30 books with their class teacher and Mr Jones when visiting the library. Years 3-6 are required to read 20 books individually, 15 of which must be on the PRC book-list and 5 can be own choice. We have a wide range of PRC books in the school library. Students have been given a copy of the reading log to keep track of the books read. Alternatively, they can use their school username and password and record their log online. The Challenge runs until 21st August. For more information visit the website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or see Mrs Gardner.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Iluka Public School says NO to bullying! This Friday 20th March is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say **Bullying. No Way!** and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Accompanying today's newsletter is a wrist band with the powerful message '**Bullying. No Way! Take a stand together**'. Unfortunately we don't have enough for everyone in the school, so we are providing one per family. Perhaps older students might be able to locate theirs from last year. There are a number of spares at the office for any parents who would like to collect an additional one. It would be great to see all the students taking a stand against bullying on Friday by wearing a wristband. For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/>

Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding an Easter Hat Parade this year on the last day of the term. It will commence after lunch, 2:15 on Thursday, 2nd April. Parents are invited to come along for the parade. Just a little bit of notice so you have some time with those wonderful creations!

ANZAC Day Campout

To assist in organisation, we will require final numbers for families participating in the ANZAC Day Campout by **WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL**. An expression of interest form is included in this newsletter and should be returned to Mr Bradmore as soon as possible. The proposed agenda for this school community event being held on Friday 24 April 2015 is:

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5pm - set up tents	5 am – rise and shine
6pm- barbecue dinner	5.45 am – Dawn service
6.30pm – a little entertainment	6.30 am – barbecue breakfast @ Memorial Park
7.30pm – guest speaker	7 am – pack up, home
8pm – hot chocolate	11 am – back to school to participate in ANZAC Day march
8.30pm - families settle down for the evening	

Easter Colouring In Competition

Home Timber and Hardware Maclean and Yamba have invited our students to be a part of their Easter colouring in competition. All students from Kinder to Year 4 have been given a copy of the colouring in sheet to complete in their own time at school or home. The school will arrange for the entries to be dropped off at Home Timber and Hardware if they are returned to Mrs Gardner by Friday 27th March.

Maclean Show Whip Cracking Competition

This year Maclean Show will be hosting a Whip Cracking Demonstration hosted by Ryley Bennett then followed by a Cracking Competition for a bit of fun.

Ryley who is 16 has been cracking whips since he was 5 years old, he has competed in the Camden Show and come 1st in under 16s and 3rd in Open Men.

We will be holding two divisions, under 12's and under 18's categories, which will be sponsored by Tyndale Sheds & Garages.

So get practicing or just come along and give it a crack for a bit of fun!

Whoever wins in each category will win themselves a beautiful Aussie made red hide leather whip! Event time will be 6pm down in the arena so please come along for some fun and watch a great demo of a very talented young man!

President Mr Brian Ferrie

Maclean Show Society LTD

Canteen Roster

A huge thankyou to all the families who donated home-made goodies this week!!

MARCH CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY 23 MARCH	DANIELLE BRYANT, BEC DUNN, LORRAINE THRELFALL	Kinder to donate home- made goodies
MONDAY 30 MARCH	KYLIE KERR, DOM HORNE, KELLY CLARK	Year 1/2 to donate home- made goodies

School Banking

A great banking week this week with 42 bankers – well done.

Congratulations Cadynce Hunt -Student Banker of the Week

Remember banking is FRIDAY

Jess Edie, Phone 66457573

Iluka Football Club -**Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's**

Training will be held at **4pm** each Wednesday for all of these teams at the Iluka Soccer Fields – **starting next Wednesday 25 March 2015.**

**Under 12's**

Training is held at **4.30 pm** each Wednesday.

Players will need covered shoes/soccer boots, shin pads and water.

The first game of the season is scheduled for Saturday 28 March – times and venues are yet to be confirmed. The U16's side will be playing a trial game this Friday @ 6.30 pm at the Iluka Soccer Fields—come along and cheer them on!

For the most current information and updates, check out our Facebook page: Iluka FC or contact Secretary Ken on 0416 553 125.

BCU YAMBA HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP**2015**

The 2015 BCU Yamba Holiday Sports Camp is on this April. Sports to be played will include: tennis, (racquets available), basketball, futsal, volleyball, netball, table tennis, and finishing with swim & Sausage sizzle on Thursday & of course the mini gymnastics with Clarence Coastal Gymnastics. Canteen facilities available at pool & indoor centre. Venues to be used: Yamba Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. Lots of prizes including BCU bank accounts to be won!!!

When: Tues 14th, Wed 15th, Thurs 16th APRIL**Where: Pool Tennis Courts Angourie Road, Yamba****Time: 9:30am-1:30 pm****Cost: \$100 (Day rate \$40)**

Organised pick-up from 8:45am Iluka ferry, returning 2:30pm ferry Yamba. Any further inquiries please phone Alan on 0416016775.

Return Form**Easter Holiday Camp 2015 BCU**

Please circle one of the following categories and if swimming:

K – Grade 2 2. Grade 3 - 5 3. Grade 6 - 8

Swimming YES or NO Photographs YES or NO
Please note: pool fully supervised with lifeguard.

Complete and return permission slip with payment by Sat 11th April.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Email: _____

Mob: _____

All cheques and monies payable to Alan Jurd Coaching.
Bank details: NAB Bsb: 084 730 A/C 83 489 1700 Po Box 270 Yamba NSW 2464

Email form back to alan.jurd@bigpond.com / mb: 0416 016 775

ILUKA PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER NIGHT*"The Bodyshop at Home"*

The Iluka Preschool will be hosting a "Bodyshop Party".

Where: Iluka Preschool**Date:** Friday 20 March**Time:** 6 pm

All Welcome

Please come along and bring friends and family. It will be fun night out for the ladies. BYO drinks and please bring a plate of nibbles to share. Lucky door prizes and hundreds club drawn on the night.

Phone Jasmin for more information: 66 464 057.

ANZAC DAY**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

My child and I are interested in sleeping overnight in our tent to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the landing of Gallipoli. We will attend the dawn service and participate in the RSL barbeque before also walking the school's traditional ANZAC ceremony at 11.00 am

Name: _____

What bullying isn't and what to do when it happens

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is a word that's wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It's been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past. Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses children's natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.

Bullying takes many forms and guises including, physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion. It now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviors they may have experienced by being at home. Cyberbullying now means that kids can't escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or verbal sarcasm to assert themselves. Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is about lack of power as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group. If you think your child is being bullied then handle with care as children often don't want to admit that they are on the receiving end of bullying. Some kids keep it close to their chests so it helps to be on the lookout for warning signs such as: items being stolen, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

If your child is being bullied

Listen to their story

Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Take them seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as tell-tale. Use common sense to differentiate between bullying and more random, non-selective antisocial acts. Kids can be nasty to each other, yet this doesn't constitute bullying.

Deal with their feelings

A child who is bullied probably feels scared, angry and sad. Boys are more likely to display anger and girls claim they feel sad. The degree of emotional intensity is an indicator of the amount of bullying. Recognise and validate their emotions. Let them talk about how they think (remember boys respond better to 'think' language) and feel. It's normal to feel sad, scared or just plain confused.

Get the facts

Get a clear picture of what happens, including who is involved, the frequency and what happens prior to any bullying. Get your child to be as specific as possible by asking good questions. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action.

Give them coping skills

With a clear picture you can start giving your child some help about how he or she may deal with bullying including using avoidance strategies, being more assertive and changing poor body language.

Get the school involved

Bullying is best handled when parents and teachers are involved. Approach your school through the appropriate channels, make yourself aware of your schools' anti-bullying procedures and programs, and be willing to work within these guidelines.

Help build your child's support networks

Kids need a group of friends to support them when they experience bullying so look for practical ways to broaden friendship groups.

Build their self-confidence

Provide children with systematic encouragement. Let them know through your words and treatment of them that they will get through this period. It's worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defeat them.



CYBER SAFETY CHECKLIST

When you are playing games, blogging, chatting or searching on the Internet you should always follow these simple rules:

- ✓ Never share your personal details (addresses, phone numbers and other family info).
- ✓ Never be rude or write attacking comments and language online.
- ✓ Only post and comment using your first name or a nickname – no surnames.
- ✓ Never share names or information of other people in your school or community.
- ✓ Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- ✓ Never post or share photos of yourself or others.
- ✓ Never give out your login details or passwords.

Maths Quiz

On the TV show “Family Feud”, the question asked was, “What do you find in the kitchen?” From an audience of 100 people, a quarter of them said “plates”. How many people did NOT say “plates”?

A Pet Shop had 3 kittens for sale. One kitten was priced at \$28.50, a second kitten cost \$33.80 and the third kitten cost \$58.30. How much did the pet shop owner get when she sold all 3 kittens?

Billy the pet goat eats 5 carrots each day. How many carrots will he eat in 3 weeks?

A maker of chocolate blocks has reduced the size of the blocks by 30 grams. If the weight used to be 220 grams, what is the weight now?

Most teenagers need 9 hours of sleep each night, but only get 7 hours sleep because they play too many computer games. How many hours of sleep are they missing over a period of one month (4 weeks)?

Joanna reads 3 pages of her book each night for 4 nights in a row. If each page contains 230 words, how many words does she read altogether in those 4 nights?

Mick started playing a computer game at 2.45 pm. He played it for 50 minutes. At what time did he finish?

There are usually 178 sesame seeds on a typical hamburger bun. If a family buys 5 hamburgers, how many sesame seeds are they likely to have bought?

Fifi has 15 more swap cards than Emma. Emma has 20 swap cards. How many cards do they have altogether?

Food prices at the Melbourne Cricket Ground are cheaper in 2015 than they were in 2014. A pie in 2014 cost \$4.80, but in 2015 it will cost \$4. Chips in 2014 cost \$6.60, but in 2015 will cost \$5.60. If each person in a family of 4 buys a pie and chips, how much altogether will they save over the 2014 prices?