



Iluka Public School Newsletter 14

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers

NAPLAN is currently underway for Year 3 and 5. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

P & C

Special thanks to the P & C for supporting the excursion to Canberra. The P & C passed a motion to heavily subsidise part of the costs of the coach transport. The P & C also donated a prize to be used for a raffle which will also be used to cover the costs of the bus. The result means that over \$100.00 has been taken off the cost of the trip for each student.

The next P & C meeting will take place on Thursday 11 June at 7.00pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend all P & C meetings and we hope to see you there.

Small Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who attended last Friday's Cross Country Carnival. Iluka Public School had five champions. Well done to Ned, Sam, Jesse, Isla and Gracie. Thank you to all students who represented themselves and the school to a high standard both on and off the field. Thank you to teachers in helping prepare the students through your daily fitness programs. The N.R.P.S.S.A. Cross Country Carnival is on at Corndale Public School, Friday 22 May.

Grafton and Maclean Eisteddfods

1. Grafton - Thank you to Mandy for the work you are completing with classes from K-6 in readiness for the Grafton Eisteddfod. The Grafton Eisteddfod is on Tuesday 26 May. A separate permission note will go out soon. Mandy and the class teachers are now calling on interested parents to help in assembling and making the costumes. Your assistance is vital if we are to attend.

2. Maclean - Thank you to Miss Essery from Kinder for the work you are completing with the choir and Year 2 class. The singing and verse speaking is coming along strongly and we are proud of your efforts.

Bike Riders

I have received a number of concerns from car drivers about children riding their bikes to and from school. Most of the concerns are in regard to children riding through stop signs and not checking or scanning behind before the rider moves to the other side of the road. Parents are asked to speak to their children about the dangers of the road and to ensure their child is capable of riding to and from school.

Canteen

The Canteen at Iluka is managed by Sam, Danielle and Kylie but relies upon voluntary assistance to ensure it operates effectively. I hope that you, as a parent, can offer your services when you are able to. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunties and uncles are more than welcome to join our band of helpers and there is always someone experienced to help. **Please indicate on the form attached if you can help and return ASAP.** Due to WHS no children will be allowed to come into the canteen.

Phil Bradmore

**Tuesday 12 to
Thursday 14 May
NAPLAN**

Yr 3 & 5

Tuesday 19 May

**PSSA Girls & Boys
Soccer @ Iluka**

Wednesday 20 May

**Year 6 Transition @
Maclean High School**

Friday 22 May

**NR PSSA Cross Country
@ Corndale**

Tuesday 26 May

Grafton Eisteddfod

Wednesday 10 June

School Photos

Canteen Duty

Monday 11 May

Bec, Tanya & Lorraine



Kinder Class News

Reading- Students have been introduced to a new reading skill. When students reach a word they do not know by sight, students are now being encouraged to say the first sound of the unknown word and to then look at the picture for clues.

CWA Projects- This year our country of study is Italy. The students have already commenced their project work and all projects will be fully completed in class, within the next two weeks.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)- Our school has been invited to participate in an early childhood development census involving only Kindergarten students. Today your child will take home a letter and an information sheet explaining the purpose of the Australian Early Development Census. It is important to note that your child will be included in the census, unless a written letter is received by Tuesday 26th May, 2015 stating that your child is not to participate in the census.

Lynne



1/2 Class News

Thank you Mrs Howard for taking the Year 1/2 class to the school gardens last week for a lesson. Students enjoyed learning about the fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers growing in the garden beds. It is certainly a great time of year to be outside in the sunshine. On that note, we have also

been heading out for daily PE activities to improve fundamental movement skills and increase fitness. Students also enjoy this opportunity to get out of the classroom and engage in a different type of learning. Home reading seems to be on track for most students and well done to those timing their reading each day for the 'Read More in May' challenge. Home reading journals and homework are due on Friday.

Have a great week.

Kristy

2/3 Class News

Welcome to Week 4. This is an important week for the Year 3 students in my class as they will be sitting for their NAPLAN tests this week. My best wishes go to these students. All they need to do is try their very best and have a positive attitude.

The **DIPL Spelling Rule** for this week is: **When 's' is on the end of a word, say the base word first, then pop the 's' on the end.** The **spelling words** this week are: shaves, stones, uses, smiles, takes, closes, tubes, brides, cures, skates, engraves, exposes. The **sight words** this week are: word, work, world.

Next week (Week 5) the students will be required to bring in their favourite book from home to talk about for news. In class we are focusing on the delivery of news items and also on being good audience members.

We are currently working on developing our fundamental movement skills during our daily PE sessions. It has been lovely going out into the sunshine every day to participate in various physical activities.

The Word of the Week is **exhilarate**.

The number of students who are remembering their **library bags** each Tuesday seems to be decreasing every week. Please as-

sist your child to remember their bag **every Tuesday**.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is essential that you provide me with a note explaining their absence upon their return. Alternatively, you could ring the school and let the office staff know of their absence. Accurate student records need to be maintained and absence notes are a requirement of this.

Times table homework is due on Friday.

Have a great week.

Stacey.

3/4 Class News

Hi every one! Congratulations to all the students in the class that competed in the X - Country last Friday. You represented the school very well.

Compliments also to the class, for their behaviour last Wednesday and Thursday for Mr Barrington.

Due to my absence last week the speaking topic will be carried over.

Best of luck to the Year 3 students that will be completing their NAPLAN tests this week. Tuesday morning is Language and Writing. Wednesday morning is Reading and Thursday is Numeracy. I am encouraging them to eat and sleep well. Mr Melrose is currently seeking expressions of interest from our year 4 students for the Canberra excursion. Home Readers need to be submitted on Thursday. Have a good week.

Bek

4/5 Class News

Good Morning all!

Well done to all the students who competed so well in the **cross country** and **netball**

last week.

NAPLAN is on this week for years 3 and 5. Relax and do your best. Best wishes.

Waterwise initiatives were explored last week with Ryan from **Cascade**. This was in line with our study of '**Environment**' in Science.

The major primary **excursion to Canberra** was announced last week for years 4 - 6. It sounds great. Currently seeking expressions of interest. Further information to follow. A big thank you to the **P&C** for their donation to pay for the bus. A wonderful thing for the students.

The excursion for year 3 was also announced. They will travel to the **Environmental Education Centre at Cascade** via Dorrigo in Term 4. Information will be distributed in due course. Remember **Home Readers and Tables** please.

Enjoy the weather.

Regards John



5/6 Class News

Well done to all the girls and boys in the class that ran in the X - Country last Friday. You represented the school very well. Wakakirri: filming will be starting this Friday out at the bluff. The children have been given a note with dates and times we will be leaving the school to film our performance. Could this permission note come back to school asap.

Writing activities have involved developing good structure for narratives.

Waterwise initiatives were looked at with Ryan last week

and we will be incorporating these ideas and activities into our sustainability science work. We wish our 4 Year 5 children best wishes in the completion of their NAPLAN.

Speaking tasks this week will revolve around the presentation of a poem.

Hope all you mothers out there were looked after on Sunday! Enjoy the glorious days of mel-low sunshine.

Di

Library/Technology News

I received a large amount of book club orders this term and I thank everyone who has ordered through book club this term as you have earned our school some very valuable book club rewards points which will allow us to purchase news books for our library and new teacher resources for lessons.

I will be putting up all of the relevant information regarding the school camp to Canberra on the website soon so be sure to keep an eye on our website as we update it. Also I will be the boys PSSA soccer coach this year and we will have our first knock out comp this Friday up against Chatsworth Island. For the players that made the team they must return their permission slip and money back to me before Friday. Thank you and have a good week.
Mr Jones.



Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. **It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 22 May 2015.**

If students live too far from the school, then perhaps they could walk a part of the way or walk to the bus stop.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

THINKING SPACE

What is hidden the hidden phrase in the following ?

look be be be be u leap

Answer to be presented in writing no later than 9.00am Friday 15 May.

And don't forget to write your name on the answer sheet !!!

Small Schools Cross Country

Well done to all the girls and boys that represented our school at last Friday's cross country. We had many children that came within the top 6 in each division. These children came first in their age division: Ned Haddrell, Sam Knopke, Jesse Coks, Isla Brittain and Grace Donsworth. Children that have qualified for the next carnival will receive their notes shortly. Thank you to Jasmin and Louise for being on a checkpoint. Di and Bek.



Iluka Boardriders Club

Competition was held in clean 2ft waves at Frasers no wind and a beautiful day.

Men's 1. Grant Davies, 2. Dylan Smith 3. Andy Black

Cadet Boys 1. JyAI Bransby 2. Zephyr Skipper
Jnr Boys 1. Ned Haddrell 2. Harrison Earle 3. Cody Lamberth

Wave of the Day — Dylan Smith

Big Kahuna — Jyai Bransby

Cookie — Jack Shaw

Grommet — James Lobb

Special mention — Teki Davies

Thank you to all the families who worked tirelessly to make our meets a success and to Mums who refused to sleep in . Hats off to you.

Next coaching Wednesday 27 May Contact Mulan if you would like to be included.

Next competition Sunday 14 June



GRAFTON EISTEDDFOD

The Grafton Eisteddfod is on Tuesday 26 May at the South Grafton High School Hall.

All students in Kinder through to Year 4/5 class will be performing.

Costumes for each class group

Mandy (with the help from students) have designed the costumes for minimal cost to families. In some cases Mandy is kindly allowing the school to borrow from her vast costume supply with NO cost to the school. Given this, students and families must take note that if the costume is not returned in the same condition it was given to the students; families will be charged for the cost of replacing the costume.

All costume payments must be paid to the school with bus cost.

We are not expecting parents to go and purchase costumes brand new. Please source the op shop or friends and family.

If you have any issues with costumes please contact Mandy Pashen directly on 0405 603 947.

Kinder – Students will need their own black shorts. Top which has been purchased cost \$3.

Monkey tail and ears are to be made. HELPERS REQUIRED THIS FRIDAY 15 MAY 3PM – 5PM AT SCHOOL.

Year 1/2 – Boys will need their red school shorts. Tops which have been purchased cost \$3.

Girls will be borrowing leotard and skirt off Mandy. Girls will need their own black/navy blue netball nicker shorts.

Year 2/3 – Students will need their own blue denim overalls, jeans or denim shorts. Black shoes would be preferable. Yellow Skivvy which has been purchased cost \$5. Students will be borrowing black gloves. (If students have their own black gloves please let Mandy know ASAP)

Year 3/4 – Students (with help from parents) are to organise own costume. The Addams Family students should try and find something similar to what their character wears. Other students are to keep to Monster/Zombie theme. This group will need to bring in their costume by next Tuesday 19 May.

Year 4/5 – Boys will need their own black shorts/pants. Girls will need their own black shorts/skirt.

(Mandy does have a few, but not enough for all girls). Students will be borrowing white collared shirt and tie. White long socks have been purchased and will cost \$1.50.

HELPERS REQUIRED ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 3PM – 5PM AT SCHOOL WITH COSTUMES.

Please inform Mandy on 0405603947 if you can help.

A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 25 MAY AT 2PM

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All students in Kinder through to Year 4/5 class will be performing.

Travel will be by bus. We will leave the school at 9.00. The bus departs 9.15 and will return in time for the 3pm school bus.

Cost

For Bus - \$5 (\$2.50 each way), (Bus cost for students is subsidised by the school).

Costume Cost - PLEASE READ SECTION ABOVE IN REGARDS TO COSTUME.

NEED

- They will need food and drink for the day.
 - All students will need to wear their costume, but have something over the top to cover/protect.
- Shoes are to be worn for the travel to and from Grafton.

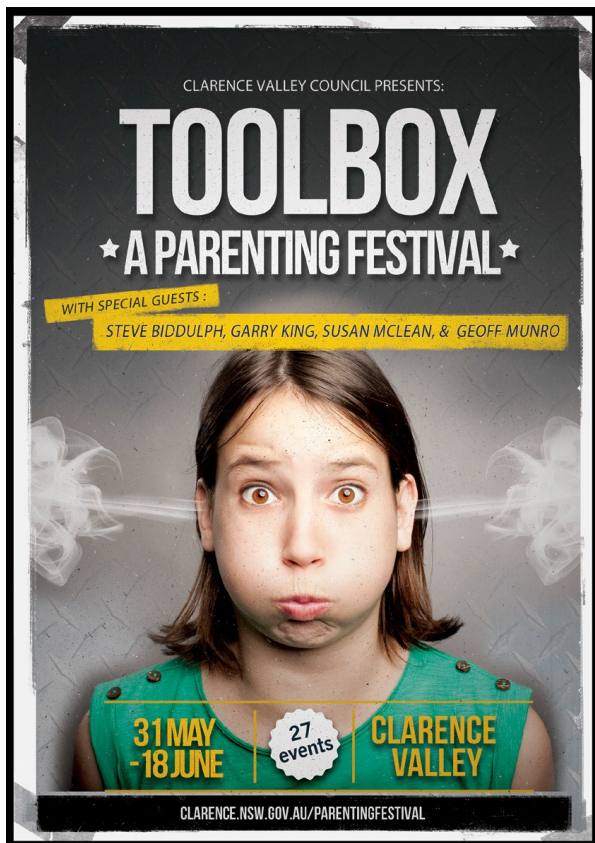
DANCE EISTEDDFOD PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Schools Dance Eisteddfod at South Grafton High School Hall on Tuesday 26 August 2015.

I understand travel to and from the Eisteddfod will be by Bus and the cost of the bus is \$5.

Special Requirement for my child are:

Signed _____ Date _____



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WED MAY 27 @ 6.00PM**



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AND THE GAME (On a large screen)

St Peters Iluka

Cost: Gold coin entry - per head

More info: Lyn 0412966458

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY 18 MAY	BEC DUNN, TANYA WILLIAMS & LORRAINE THRELFALL	Year 4/5 to donate homemade goodies
MONDAY 25 MAY	KYLIE KERR, KELLY CLARK & DOM HORNE	Year 5/6 to donate homemade goodies
MONDAY 1st JUNE	SAM CAR- LON, GLADYS HUNT & TANYA WILLIAMS	Kindergarten to donate homemade goodies



Maclean High School

Presents

The Adams Family

7pm Maclean Civic Hall

29th & 30 May

4th, 5th & 6th June

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Kids under 12 \$4

See you all soon.

Tracy Hobbs.