From the Principal...

ICT UPGRADE AT ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Department of Education have allocated approximately $50,000.00 to upgrade our IT operating environment. The upgrade will start on 29/2 and is estimated to be finished by 10/3. During this time we may have some disruption to IT services and for 2 days we will not have any network services available, including automatic messages for absent students. There will be very little disruption to classrooms during this time and you can still contact the school by email, although there may be a short delay in response depending on the current progress of the upgrade.

YOUR NEW P&C

Thank you to the parents who nominated for positions. Your P&C for 2016 is:-

President  Melodie Bedrich
Vice-President  Julie Hay
Treasurer  Jasmine Stone
Secretary  Kerris Radanovich

I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing office bearers for their marvellous efforts in 2015.

P&C Meetings are held week 3 & 8 of each term on Monday at 3pm after school. A crèche is provided.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the year is Monday 14 March and will be an “open” meeting. Anyone who wishes to see how the Board operates is welcome to attend.

INCURSIONS 2016 – PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 6

Our first incursion for 2016 will be held on Friday 4 March 2016. The incursion is titled Cyber Wiser. With a cast of over ten different characters (some human, some puppet) Cyber Wiser thoroughly entertains while getting students thinking and questioning their activities both online and in the playground.

The costs of all incursions for 2016 is $18 and is payable prior to the first incursion. If you are having financial difficulties payment can be made incursion by incursion with the cost of Cyber Wiser being $4.50 per student, payable prior to the incursion. If you haven't already made payment can you please do so ASAP via your child’s teacher or payment can be made by internet banking as follows:

EFT - Illawarra Primary School
BSB 016 353
Account Number 340890046
Please use your child's/family name as the reference.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During periods of ongoing hot weather can parents please ensure your child has a hat for school use. This is particularly important for Physical Education as this is held outdoors on most occasions (except during extremely hot or inclement weather). We also encourage students to bring a water bottle to school on their PE day to ensure they can stay hydrated and don't have to leave their lesson to return to drink fountains to get a drink.

FIRST AID COURSES

During the week our Year 5 & 6 students from Rooms 11 & 12 had the fantastic opportunity to undertake a course in First Aid. Jane from St John Ambulance came to run the children through their paces and issue them with their First Aid Certificates.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken by Fotek over 2 days on 8-9 March. Please ensure children are in full school uniform. Order envelopes have been sent home today with students. If you require sibling photos, the orders forms are available from the front office.

Pre-Primary: (08) 9249 1177
Kindergarten: (08) 9249 8599
Canteen: (08) 9249 8086
Department of Education Security: (08) 9264 4771
LAUNCH OF iSCHOOL APP FOR ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents can now access school information via our new ischool app. The app can be downloaded from the iTunes store and is suitable for Apple or Android devices

Families are strongly encouraged to download the app and subscribe to the lists available to receive timely and current school information.

At this stage we have basic information on the app but will add further information over the coming weeks, including the school Newsletter.

Michael King
Principal

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SHOPFRONT

We have received a letter from the Director of The Shopfront, Mr Brian Tierney, thanking the Illawarra Primary School community for our generous donation of non-perishable food. He went on to say “You are kind and community minded, to think of those homeless people and poor families who don’t have enough to eat over the Christmas season. I hope good things happen in your lives for your caring attitude” A job well done, Illawarra and thank you to Ms Liddelow for all her efforts each year!

SPEECH PATHOLOGY FORUM

Wednesday 2 March 2016
6pm – 8:45pm

Speech Pathology Australia is hosting a Consumer Forum for parents of children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI). This forum will be an important one for the WA SLIS community, to help establish the need for a parent support/advocacy group in WA. The forum will be held at the North East Metro LDC Conference room in Dianella. RSVP is essential to secure your place to pa.spawa@gmail.com.

From the P&C...

The first P&C Fundraiser will be the Easter Raffle. Parents are asked to please to keep this in mind as it is a major fundraiser for the P&C. Tickets will be sent home during Week 6 after the Labour Day Holiday and the raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Thursday 24 March.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SAFETY ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

Passenger safety is our number one priority, and this includes students travelling to and from school. With your support we want to make sure that all students are equipped with the information they need to have a safe and enjoyable journey using public transport.

What to do if you ever feel threatened or unsure on public transport:
• If available ask a Transit Officer or Transperth staff member for help or just stand near them for safety.
• Call 9220 9999 – save this number in your mobile.
• On a bus, speak to the bus driver.
• On a train, push the emergency button to speak to the driver.
• On a train station, push the emergency button on an information kiosk to speak to our Central Monitoring Room.
• On train stations, stay in well-lit areas in view of security cameras.

For more safety tips go to www.righttrack.wa.gov.au

Children's Book Warehouse sales

50% TO 90% OFF!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE

50-90% off – 2 days only

Fill a box for $40!
Open to the public:
Wed 2 & Thurs 4 March: 8am – 5pm
Scholastic Warehouse
Unit 1/70 Beringarra Ave, MALAGA

SCHOOL DIARY
TERM ONE 2016

MARCH
4 Cyber Wiser Incursion
4 Assembly Rm 9 – Yr 4
7 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
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10 Newsletter
14 School Board Meeting 3pm
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21 P&C Meeting 3pm
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24 Easter Assembly - Rms 1 (P/1) & 4 (1/2)
25 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
28 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
29 EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY

APRIL
7 Newsletter
8 Assembly Rm 10 – Yr 5
8 LAST DAY OF TERM 😊

CHILDREN START TERM 2 ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2016

Uniform Shop:
Open every MONDAY 8:15 – 9:00am
Order forms are available at the front office or on the school’s website. If the hours are not convenient, please leave your order form together with your payment at the office

Costume Shop:
Open on THURSDAYS between 2:30pm-3:15pm.
Lisa: 0412 950 462 Leave a message and I will return your call ASAP.
Email: illawarracostumes@gmail.com

School Banking:
Tuesday Mornings
8.15 – 8.45am in the Canteen.

Canteen:
Open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays

Relationships Australia are running the following courses:-
Parent-Child Connection – Wednesday 9 March x 4 weeks - 6.30-9pm $50 per person/$75 per couple
Successful Single Parenting - Wednesday 30 March – 6.30-9pm $25.
Understanding Stepfamily Relationships – a weekend course 1 2 3 April - $75 per person/$120 per couple.
For further information or to book please call them on 6164 0200.