



# ILLAWARRA

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# Newsletter

Thursday 14 February 2019

TERM 1

NEWSLETTER No. 1 Week 2

## *From the Principal*

*Brian Davies*



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to the 2019 School Year. What a fabulous start to the school year. It has been a pleasure to see how smoothly and enthusiastically our Illawarra children have settled into their new classrooms. Our new school leaders have hit the ground running and have planned out some wonderful activities for term one.

I would like to also like to extend a very special welcome to all new families joining our Illawarra community for the first time. We warmly welcome our new staff, Mrs Reed, Mr Cameron Benness and Miss Tahryn Barnes who have joined our wonderful team.



My sincere thanks go to all of our staff who have done an outstanding job in being prepared for the first days of school. Their level of professionalism and commitment to our students is commendable and it will ensure that we are set for a brilliant 2019 school year. My thanks also go to our gardener and cleaning staff who have looked after our school campus over the summer break. Our outstanding office staff led by Mrs Lexi Diamond has also helped to ensure a smooth start to the year.

New parents, we have a vibrant P & C and active parent body who are interested in school life from helping in classrooms, attending excursions and involvement in a number of projects and committees. I look forward to a rewarding and productive year for students, parents and staff at Illawarra Primary. Vince Randazzo, our P&C President, would welcome your assistance this year with fundraising events.

Parents we have many wonderful activities planned for the year, with special lunchtime clubs and upgrades to our school grounds.

School Development Days this year commenced for teachers and education assistants with two School Development Days on 31 January and 1 February. Staff attended professional from a Literacy specialist, Margaret Menner, learning about Guided Reading. For further information please see the attachment to the Newsletter.

### **LOOSE PARTS SHED—ITEMS NEEDED**

What are Loose Parts? Loose parts are small, moveable objects such as sticks, rocks, log rounds, fabric, crates, ropes, etc. that can be used by children to build and create. Last year we created an area for our children to play and explore using recycled items during break times.

Do you have any old or recycled items that could be used by students to make obstacle courses with, play and balance on? Examples of items include: plastic crates, wood planks, cardboard boxes, ropes, small (old) bikes and pipes to crawl through. Any donations are much appreciated and can be made by arrangement with the front office.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Fotoworks will be coming to the school on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March to take school photos of the children. Further information and order envelopes about photos will be sent home in week 4.

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## COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is a key to success in building and maintaining a positive relationships between home and school. This relationship plays a vital role in the education of children at our school. Illawarra Primary School has many methods of communication including the school website, fortnightly newsletters, teacher connect/email circulars, class parent information sessions, parent interviews and specific purpose emails/notes and class dojo.

Along with this, all teachers extend an open invitation throughout the year for parents to make an appointment to meet and discuss any aspect of the student's development.

If you have a slight concern or you are unsure of a school process (miscommunication), I strongly encourage and recommend you approach your class teacher or the teacher responsible for that area **promptly** and do not wait for the slight concern/miscommunication to turn into a bigger issue. In the vast majority of cases a simple and effective resolution is reached if the miscommunication or concern is raised promptly. This is of course understandable since staff and parents have the same basic goal, to maximise the child's learning and development.

## LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is one of several clubs that will operate during lunchtime this term. Each Wednesday lunchtime students from Years 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to 'build lego'. Our first meeting yesterday proved very popular and no doubt some intricate pieces will be constructed throughout the term.



## INTERM SWIMMING

Interm swimming lessons will take place in week 7 and 8. Year 6 students will only attend 9 days.

**Dates: Monday 18 March to Friday 29 March 2019**

**Venue: Ballajura Aquatic Centre**

The cost per child will be **\$50.00**. As year six students are attending the Halogen Conference on Monday 25 March, which is during the swimming lessons, the cost for **year six students is \$45**. This covers transport and pool entry for all students. Information regarding times will be sent home in week 5.

If you do not wish your child to attend swimming lessons, please inform the school in writing.

## 2019 Voluntary Contributions and Incursions Fees

We are currently working on an exciting program of incursions for students from Pre Primary to Year Six for 2019. The cost for all incursions for the year will be \$18.00. Our 2019 Voluntary Contributions and Charges Policy, as approved by the School Board, requires all families to pay the \$18.00 incursion charge in full by the end of week 4 (1 March 2019). Payment can be made by EFTPOS or cash at the school office or direct deposit to the schools bank account, using your child's name as the reference.

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DATES

Term 2: Monday 29 April  
Pupil Free Day

Term 3: Monday 22 July  
Pupil Free Day

Term 4: Monday 14 October  
Pupil Free Day



### UNIFORM SHOP:

Open every TUESDAY 8:15 – 8:45am and THURSDAY 2:45 – 3:15pm.

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:

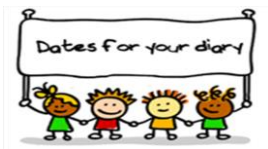
Open by appointment only. Please send an email and we will respond ASAP.

Email: illawarracostumes@gmail.com

### SCHOOL BANKING:

Monday Mornings 8.15 – 8.45am in the Canteen.

**CANTEEN:** Open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays



## CAN YOU HELP?

Illawarra Primary School are starting two new clubs in 2019 which will be held in the library during lunch time on separate days.

**Lego Club** will be held for Year 3-5 students and **Girls Club** for Year 3-6.

We are seeking donations of beads, arts and crafts for the Girls Club and Lego.

Bike Club will take place in Term 2 and 4. Any donations of bikes and helmets, in good condition would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring any donations to the front office.

Thank you.

## DISHES/PLATTERS

We have dishes/platters from 2018 end of year class parties. If you think you may be missing such items please collect from the front office.

## CLASS ROOM STRUCTURE 2019

Year	Teacher	Room No.
Kindergarten 1 & 2	Tracey Cook Tanya Maddalena	Kindy
PP	Justine Duncan Stephanie Stevens	19
PP	Tracey Reed Tanya Maddalena	18
Year 1/2	Sherridan Byrne	1
Year 1	Vicki Lamond Suzanne Sarich	4
Year 2	Shelley Ockelford Gil Lowden	7
Year 2	Geraldine Jones Tahryn Barnes	8
Year 3	Melinda Bowman	5
Year 3/4	Haajiri Sallie-Sanders	6
Year 4	Amanda Curley Suzanne Sarich	9
Year 5	Lyn Wells	10
Year 6	Trish Latter	11
Year 5/6	Cam Benness	12
Science	Gil Lowden	
Music	Silvana Ferrara	
Health	Suzanne Sarich	
Sport	Paul Kelly	

### February

- 18 On Entry Testing commences PP
- 19 Girls Club Yr 3-6  
Parent Meeting 3:00pm  
Rooms 10, 18, 19
- 20 Lego Club Yr 3-5  
Parent Meeting 3:00pm  
Rooms 7 & 8
- 21 Parent Meeting 3:00pm  
Rooms 1 & 4
- 25 P&C Annual General Meeting. 3:00pm
- 26 Girls Club Yr 3-6  
Parent Meetings 3:00pm  
Rooms 11 & 12
- 27 Lego Club Yr 3-4  
Parent Meetings 3:00pm  
Rooms 5 & 6
- 28 Newsletter

### March

- 1 Assembly Room 11 Yr 6
- 4 **Labour Day Holiday**

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS 3PM

Date	Teacher	Room No.
Thursday 14 February	Amanda Curley	9
Tuesday 19 February	Lyn Wells Justine Duncan Tracey Reed	10 18 19
Wednesday 20 February	Shelley Ockelford /Gil Lowden Geraldine Jones/ Tahryn Barnes	7 8
Thursday 21 February	Sherridan Byrne Vicki Lamond/ Suzanne Sarich	1 4
Tuesday 26 February	Trish Latter Cam Benness	11 12
Wednesday 27 February	Melinda Bowman Haajira Sallie-Saunders	5 6

## ILLWARRA BREAKFAST CLUB

**When?** Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:15-8:35am

Clean-up 8:40-9:00am

**Where?** Outside between the Canteen & Science Room (Undercover Area when it is cold or wet weather)

We encourage students to continue having a good breakfast at home with their family and to treat Breakfast Club like a top up.

Breakfast Club can fill any gaps in your tummy ready for a day of learning!

Students, parents and staff please feel welcome to come along to Breakfast Club, a space where we can get to know others within our school community.

Foodbank supply most of the food items we use for free, such as weetbix, spaghetti, baked beans, milk and fruit. However **milo donations would be very much appreciated** as we are low on milo supply and it is quite popular!

If you are interested in volunteering your time to serve or help wash dishes, please email [Jaylene.Tweedie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jaylene.Tweedie@education.wa.edu.au) or speak to the office.



Jaylene Tweedie  
School Chaplain

## ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

A warm welcome to all parents, children and teaching staff of 2019.

Your P&C has started the year flying with a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 3 February 2019. Yes, the last day of school holidays BEFORE school commenced for this year.

As well as our usual helpers, Katerina and Gabriella, I would especially like to thank the services of three "new" parents for their assistance with this event. To Trevor, Raul and Krystyna a sincere thank you. (To Vanessa for nominating her husband Raul THANKYOU VERY MUCH). I would also like to thank Ms Byrne, Mrs Lamond and Ms Ferrara for donating their time and spending several hours each at our stand! It was a great effort by all volunteers on the day, and we managed to raise \$602.00 for our kids!

I am extremely proud of the efforts of all our volunteers. I wish to extend a personal thank you for your tremendous support.

We have a range of activities planned for the rest of this year and we will be advising you as we draw closer to the event dates.

I encourage all new parents (and every parent) to consider becoming more involved with our P&C. If you can assist with any event, or have special skills in any specific area, we would be very keen to hear from you. Remember, many hands make light work. The more volunteers the lighter the workload!

We would like to set up year group representatives to act as co-ordinators for P&C activities in specific year groups. If you can spare some time and wish to become more involved with our school activities, I would encourage you to register with our front office at the school, and we will contact you directly. Our next P&C meeting has been postponed to Monday 25 February 2019. Our P&C normally meet on the 3rd and 8th Monday of each term, at 3.00pm in the staff room.

Our P&C are responsible for a range of activities, including School Banking, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Costume Shop, Fundraising, Busy Bees etc.

If you can spare some time to assist with any of these activities, please register with the front office. Our Canteen and Uniform Shops are always looking for helpers.

If your children have left the school or outgrown their school uniform(s), and the uniform tops or dresses are still in good condition, please consider donating them to the Uniform Shop. In this way we may be able to assist other children with their uniform requirements.

### STOP PRESS

**We have just been advised from our suppliers, that all orders of school uniforms will be subject to price rises. It is anticipated that this price rise will take effect on 1 March 2019. We will endeavour to accommodate as many orders as possible before the price rise. Once current stocks run out, we will have no flexibility in relation to pricing. Please ensure that you avail yourselves of this opportunity if you are able to. It may be a good opportunity to look at your winter school uniform requirements at this time, as well!**

Our driving motivation is to improve the quality of education, amenities and social wellbeing of our students. We welcome and are always open to new ideas, suggestions and direction that will improve this valuable service that we provide our kids. Your P&C is committed to working very closely with the school to ensure that we provide the very best for our children. Help us, help our students!

I look forward to working you this year. Here's to a fantastic 2019.

Thank you

Vince Randazzo

President.

## P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting and Committee election for 2019 will be held on **Monday 25 February** commencing promptly at **3.00pm** in the staffroom.

Please come and support this highly energetic and enthusiastic committee.

**FREE!**  
**COME ALONG FOR A DAY OF FUN**

**Friendship Day**  
by Camp Australia  
WED 20<sup>th</sup> FEB  
Starting after school hours



Term 1 is all about making new friends

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate their friendships.

You will get to know your friends better and even make new ones!

**Book now so you don't miss out**

Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and book your session now. You must register to attend. Registration is free.



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## HAPPY VALENTINE DAY



### FREE CONCERT

Saturday 16 February 2019. 5:00 – 9:15pm.  
Samantha Jade is performing at this free event. There is a great line up and we are sure all families will love enjoy. For more information visit [murdoch.edu.au/musicatmurdoch](http://murdoch.edu.au/musicatmurdoch)

Music at Murdoch returns in 2019



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