



# ILLAWARRA

Primary School | Caring for People  
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# Newsletter

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## *From the Principal*

### Dear Parents/Guardians

Our year is now drawing to a close and it marks the end of my first year as Principal of Illawarra Primary School and also our first year of the new three-year Business Cycle. I have been privileged this year to be part of the tremendous Illawarra community. We have wonderful students, supportive parents and dedicated staff. The feel of the school is very buoyant and I am very proud to be Principal of such a dynamic school. Thank you to our hard working P & C who have worked tirelessly to fundraise and provide our students with wonderful events throughout the year. Thank you also to our dedicated School Board. To our parents, thank you for your ongoing support of your children and the school. And lastly, to our wonderful students, thank you for being the special individuals that help make our school the best school in Perth – have a well-earned break!

*Brian Davies*



### COMPOSITE (OR SPLIT GRADES) YEAR LEVELS

At the beginning of the new school year your child might be in a composite class. If your child is younger, you may query - will my child be able to keep up? If they are older - will my child be held up? The term "composite class," means putting two consecutive year groups together in one class. Some of the overseas literature refers to multiple ages in the one class, such as you would associate with small country schools where you may find a bigger range of ages in the same class. Over the years, composite classes have been a source of some controversy, with parents sometimes believing that their offspring will be disadvantaged in some way if they are placed in a composite class. The key to understanding composites is realising that growth is determined in stages and not magically by ages. If your child is placed in a composite class it may not necessarily mean they have been identified as either an under or over achiever. It doesn't mean that they will get classwork that is either too hard or not hard enough. In any classroom children will be chronologically older or younger - their maturity, social needs, academic needs and behaviour are uniquely their own. Some need stimulating, some need greater opportunity to mature. Some have needs in certain areas, but not in others. An obvious example is that although all 6 year olds may be the same age, it is unrealistic to expect that they are all at the same level of ability in reading or in PE, even if they are all placed together in one 'straight' class.

### CLASSES FOR 2019

Our leadership team and teachers have engaged in the process of forming class lists for 2019. The compilation of class groupings is a process involving many considerations. We deliberate on factors such as academic abilities, individual student needs, gender balance, social considerations, student relationships, friendship networks and previous class placements/teachers.

Forming class lists is a difficult task for all concerned, as occasionally, regardless of the care taken, someone may be disappointed. Parents are encouraged to have positive conversations with children in the lead up to 2019.

### 2019 CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be displayed on the noticeboard outside the school office from 12 o'clock, Thursday 31 January 2019. Lists will also be on the Illawarra website for a period of 2 days only. Please note that these lists can change and often do, due to new enrolments and students leaving.

## Continued From the Principal

### STAFF LEAVING ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE END OF 2018

At the end of every school year there are some staff who will not be joining us again for the following year. I would like to thank Mrs Tenielle Greer who will be leaving us. Mrs Greer has worked diligently in Kindy and has been greatly appreciated by staff, parents and students. We wish Tenielle every success next year. Farewell also to Mr Luxton. We thank Mr Luxton for his outstanding commitment throughout the year. We wish him every success next year. Well done to Mrs Renae Hough who has...wait for it...won a Principal's position in the country. Nungarin is a lovely school of 16 students. Congratulations and all the best to Mrs Hough. Finally, sadly, Mrs Kaye Liddelow is retiring! I would like to acknowledge her outstanding commitment to our school over the many years. Good luck with your future endeavours Mrs Liddelow.

Thank you to all staff and students who made our Graduation night on Tuesday evening such a big success. It was also fantastic to see all the parents who came along. A special thank you to Ms Ferrara, our year 6 teachers, Mrs Latter and Mrs Wells, the many staff members who worked behind the scenes and our wonderful Deputies, Mrs Briggs and Mr Kelly who put a lot of hard work into ensuring the night flowed smoothly. Congratulations to all our award winners and to our Year 6 graduating students who I would like to wish every success for the future.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has made 2018 such a successful year. Merry Christmas to those who celebrate this festive event. I hope everyone has a safe and well-earned break.

### GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

#### GRADUATION AWARDS

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Nawaal M</b>
	<b>Jacob C</b>
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Leighton B</b>
	<b>Krystal O</b>
<b>Ron Vincent Persistence Award</b>	<b>Leteasha P</b>
	<b>Vinnscnt</b>
<b>Quiet Achiever</b>	<b>Sajara B</b>
	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Ethan M</b>
<b>Rob Stewart Arts Award</b>	<b>Ella C</b>
<b>Endeavour Award</b>	<b>Tahlia T</b>
	<b>Blake W</b>
<b>BCC Medal</b>	<b>Ella C</b>
<b>North Metro Medal of Excellence</b>	<b>Elena C</b>
<b>Spirit of Illawarra PS</b>	<b>Kyle D</b>
<b>DUX</b>	<b>Lenah N</b>



### 2019 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

At our final assembly for 2018 we announced our student councillors for next year. Elections were held earlier this term with students presented with their badges at today's assembly.

Congratulations to: Emily N, Jada A, Summah M, Lily D, Owen C, Cayden Y, Aron M and Logan Y.

We look forward to working with this fine group of students in their leadership positions next year.

### 2019 FACTION CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students for being selected Factions Captains for 2019:

CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN
<b>ACACIA</b>	<b>ACACIA</b>
KAELIN B	MADDISON D
CALIAN P	ZACK F
<b>HOVEA</b>	<b>HOVEA</b>
HAYLEIGH H	AMBER D
BEN P	CHAYCE B
<b>STURT</b>	<b>STURT</b>
LINA AL M	ELLA G
JAYDEN C	ELIJAH D
<b>ZAMIA</b>	<b>ZAMIA</b>
CLAIRE S	YUKI N



#### UNIFORM SHOP

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### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING

To assist with the planning of teachers and classes for 2019, it would be greatly appreciated, if your child currently in Kindy to Year 5 is **not returning** to Illawarra Primary School, that you please notify the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

Illawarra Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to the Men's Shed for their generous donation of two friendship benches for our school.



### UNIFORM SHOP ADDITIONAL HOURS AND SERVICE

Prior to school resuming on Monday 4 February 2019 the Uniform Shop will open on the following days:

Thursday 31 January 2019	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Friday 1 February 2019	10:00am - 12:00pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm

To avoid long delays, in purchasing uniforms on the above days, we are offering the service to pre order uniforms and nominate day and time for collection.

If you have any further questions please contact Katerina on 9249 1296 or 0420 264 463

### ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BANKING CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

The winners of the colouring competition are:

K-Year 1	Sienna Rm 4
Year 2-3	Ryley Rm 6
Year 4-6	Summah Rm 11

Thank you to everyone who entered this competition.

#### VOUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for new volunteers to run the school banking program in 2019. If you are interested please come and see Julie or Donna, Tuesday during School Banking.

Thank you  
Julie



### FREE SUPPORT FOR APPLE DEVICES AND APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education has negotiated with Apple to provide support to staff, students and their families for Apple devices and applications through AppleCare Support as per the information below:

AppleCare Support is available at no cost to you and is provided through the Department's AppleCare Enterprise agreement.

Access to AppleCare Support is not based on the ownership of the device or application.

AppleCare Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide technical support for:

- Apple software and operating systems
- Apple applications (ie. Keynote)
- Personal Apple accounts or settings.

The Department's AppleCare Enterprise agreement does not provide any additional hardware coverage.

To contact AppleCare Support: phone 1300 760 237, when prompted enter access code 2961 follow the prompts to select your Apple device.

### ROSEWORTH DENTAL CLINIC

School Dental Therapy Emergency Care:

The Dental Therapy Clinic at Roseworth School (1 Stoke Crt, Girrawheen) will be closed from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December. It will re-open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

In case of a dental emergency during business hours contact  
Mt Henry Dental Therapy Clinic  
Tel: 93130555 8.15am – 4.30pm

After hours emergency please contact your local private dental practitioner or if eligible the emergency service on 1800 098 818.



A huge thank you to all the families who donated to our Christmas raffle. We had over 40 amazing prizes that were won.

We would especially like to say thank you to Roxy and Matt from Cutting Edge who generously donated a Viva Photo Shoot valued at \$795.00.

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P & C ASSOCIATION**



Has this year just flown past, or is it just me?

I would like to thank the P&C Committee, Executive and all volunteers for their tireless efforts, help and support throughout 2018. Our P&C has been actively involved, behind the scenes, for most of the year, with the sole aim of improving the quality of education, amenities and social wellbeing of our students. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and direction that will help improve this valuable service that we provide to benefit our children. Your P&C is committed to working very closely with the school, through various activities to ensure that we provide the very best for our kids.

I would also like to thank Mr Brian Davies, Mrs Wendy Briggs, Mr Paul Kelly, Mrs Lexi Diamond and all the teaching, support and administration staff for their incredible assistance throughout this year. They have been absolutely accommodating and ready to embrace suggestions with energy and enthusiasm and this has made my role somewhat easier.

As they say, you are only as good as the team you have around you, and I am very proud of the efforts of all our P&C members and volunteers. Following our Term 4 fundraising events I am very proud to announce the following results:

School Disco	\$1,500.00
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$2,200.00
School Christmas Concert	\$300.00
Christmas Raffle	\$ 854.00
Total	\$4854.00

I am especially proud and grateful for all the sponsors and volunteers who have donated prizes/goods and/or their time to ensure that we obtain the best possible result. To everyone who has contributed, (and even purchased goods/raffle tickets), we could not have achieved what we did this year without your valuable assistance. It is fantastic to see that our community spirit is alive and well and still burning strong within so many of you. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

I would also like to especially acknowledge Bunnings Malaga, Solver Paints Malaga and Paint Place Osborne Park for their terrific support of our P&C fundraising activities throughout 2018. **THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.**

I extend an invitation for 2019 to all to help with one or more P&C activities next year or become more involved and nominate for a position with the P & C. You may wish to nominate with a friend and share the role.

With around 360 students attending the school, if each parent was able to donate at least one hour PER YEAR, that would make our workload so much lighter! Come on and join the community spirit and volunteer for a shift at any of our P&C events. In addition to role modelling volunteering to your children, fund raising to provide resources for all students at the school, this is also a great opportunity to meet other parents.

Our Uniform Shop is always looking for donations of pre-loved uniforms. If your child has out grown their uniform and it is still in good condition, please consider recycling. Your donation will certainly assist in your P&C being able to provide a school uniform to those in need. This is most important at the beginning of the school year.

Don't forget our School Canteen can do with a hand as well! If you can volunteer some time during the school day on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, we would be very keen to hear from you. Please leave your contact details with our school administration. All volunteers receive a complimentary lunch order for their efforts, for their child, but more importantly would have contributed greatly to their child's school.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible next year and look forward to seeing you as a fellow volunteer at one (or more) event(s).

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Here's to an exciting 2019!

*Kind Regards*  
Vince Randazzo  
President

**GRADUATION NIGHT**



**Dux of the school - Lenah N**



**Guess who was sighted at Illawarra Primary School!**



**13 Last day of  
Term 4.**

**Students commence Term 1  
Monday 4 February 2019**

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