



ILLAWARRA

Primary School | Caring for People
An Independent Public School

Newsletter

Thursday 14 March 2019

TERM 1

NEWSLETTER No. 3 Week 6

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

HARMONY DAY

Illawarra Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 15 March.

Students are invited to wear their national dress as we celebrate the universal message that 'Everyone Belongs'. If students do not wish to participate in wearing their national costumes they are encouraged to wear orange, as this is the chosen colour to represent Harmony Day. The day will commence with an assembly hosted by Room 12. At the conclusion of the assembly, students will participate in a parade, showcasing the diversity of cultures within our school.

NAPLAN ONLINE

This year all Year 3 and 5 students at our school will sit NAPLAN online.

There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Year 3 Writing will be paper based. NAPLAN test dates are 15 to 25 May.

To understand more about how NAPLAN online works, I encourage all parents in Year 3 and 5 to watch an 8 minute video. To view the video, click on the following link that takes you to the public demonstration site. Scroll down to the bottom of the page until you get to the heading NAPLAN Online User Guide <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

A brochure with further information is going home with Year 3 and 5 students today.

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 session times was sent home this week.

Students will be allowed to wear thongs to and from the pool only. Normal shoes will be worn after swimming lesson.

Please remember to label all clothing items including bathers, towel and goggles (if your child uses them);

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



P & C ASSOCIATION AGM

The newly elected P&C Officer Bearers for 2019 are:

President:	Vince Randazzo
Vice President:	Katerina Dimitriou
Secretary:	Nat Madaffari
Treasurer:	Shaun Macdonald
Uniform Shop:	Katerina Dimitriou
Costume Shop:	Rebecca Dikes
P&C Reps on School Board:	
	Vince Randazzo
	Katerina Dimitriou
Executive:	Connie Simonides
	Sherri Byrne



HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY

Room 12 will be hosting Harmony Day Assembly tomorrow Friday 15 March 2019. Commencing at 8:40 – 9:40am.

All parents, guardians and friends are welcome to attend.

FREMANTLE PRESS COMPETITION.

Last year our Year 5 and 6 students sent photos of lighthouses they had made to the West Australian newspaper. The lighthouses were inspired by a book titled "To The Lighthouse" which was published by Fremantle Press. The West Australian forwarded the photos to the author of the book, Cristy Burne, who in turn passed on some of the photos to Fremantle Press.

Fremantle Press were running a competition for the most creative project by a school, inspired by one of their books.

We won! As a result, the school received a copy of each book on the children's book list from 2018, worth approximately \$500.00.

Well done Year 5 and 6 students from 2018

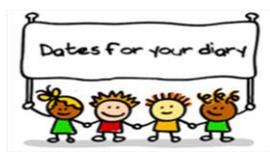


CAMP AUSTRALIA Come and Try First Day Free

Families are encouraged to register with Camp Australia this term to receive a free first day during term 1.

Visit: pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree.

Please see flyer that has been emailed home today with the Newsletter for further information.



March

- 14 School Photographs
Newsletter
- 15 Assembly – Room 12
Harmony Day celebrations
and Dress Up.
- 18-22 Swimming Lessons
- 25-29 Swimming Lessons
- 29 Yr 6 Halogen Conference
- 28 Newsletter
- 29 Swimming Lessons finish

April

- 1 Kindy 1 Health Screening
- 2 Kindy 2 Health Screening
Girls Club
- 3 Kindy 1 Health Screening
Lego Club
- 4 Kindy 2 Health Screening
PP, Yr 3 & 6 Dental
Checkups
- 9 Girls Club
- 10 Lego Club
- 11 Easter raffle draw
Newsletter
- 12 Anzac Service
P&C sausage sizzle
Last day of Term

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

Last Friday, the year 6 students ran a car wash as a fundraiser for camp.

They raised \$700. With around 60 cars washed, we definitely got saturated. No one was leaving dry. We had a total blast. Thank you to all the people who had their cars washed and to the parents who helped.
Lily

There were soap suds everywhere, dripping towels and smiling faces. Children swarmed over the cars, rubbing in soap, drying the vehicles to the point that they glimmer in the sunlight, quite literally creating a new meaning to the word "clean". The dull task of washing a car has never been so enjoyable! Never been met with such wide smiles and with \$700 raised, I'd say it was most successful.
Christine



Camp Australia

Before and after school care on the school grounds.

Before School Care
7.00am – 8.40am

After School Care
2.45pm – 6.00pm

Further information is available from the school office or at:

www.campaustralia.com.au
ph: 1300 105 343

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

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Merit Certificates at the assembly in Week 4.

Year	Room	Students	
PP	18	Tyler O	Abigail W
1/2	1	Maddison M Takaiyah N	Hudson S Marcus N
1	4	Mariah T	James H
2	7	Alexia C	Zachary D
2	8	Skye B	Sonya G
3	5	Sara N	Brooke D
3/4	6	Tayne C	Christian F
4	9	Jack O	Silias B
5	10	Eli N	Alisha C
5/6	12	Jordan S	Alariah P

ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF!

This Newsletter we meet:

Cameron Benness
Year 5/6 Teacher



NEW TO
NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Illawarra! Can you tell us a little about your teaching journey?
I taught at Craigie Heights PS and 4 other schools before joining Illawarra PS.

Can you share a special memory from your teaching career so far?
I helped over 100 students learn the Mexican Hat Dance 😊

Was there a staff member who particularly inspired you to do your best when you were at school?

My Year 6 teacher Mr Khoo always took the time to improve my understanding of Maths problems.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I like going to the movies with my family.

Can you tell us a little about your family?

Wife Mel, daughter Sasha (Yr 6), son Jamie (Yr 4), Dog Bailey (105 years old!), Budgies Gron, Yoda & Tweak, Chickens Leia, Nugget, Midnight and Hazel

What was the best piece of parenting advice you were given?
Time flies, so enjoy every moment.

What has been a standout holiday for you or where would you like to visit?
My family loves going to Legoland.

Do you have any talents some of us may not know about?
I'm an advanced SCUBA diver. 2 Dojos for the first student to tell me what that acronym stands for!

What do you love about your role as a teacher?
The funny things students tell me, especially jokes!

Finally, and importantly which AFL team do you support?
Team Marvel.

Thank you for being willing to share Mr Benness, it is great to get to know you a little more!

2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCURSIONS FEES

Reminder that all voluntary contributions and incursions fees are now due.

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 Week 4. 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.



FREE SEMINAR
ILLAWARRA PS
PARENTS

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

When: Tuesday 26 March 2019
Time: 9am – 10.30am
Venue: Illawarra Primary School –Staff Room
Cost: Free – however bookings are essential

Please book your place online by visiting www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa (click FIND A SESSION to search for this location).

LIBRARY

Due to in term swimming there will be no book borrowing during week 7 and 8 for Pre primary to year 6 students.

Borrowing will commence again in week 9.

Thank you
Mrs Jashari
Library



NO PARKING



PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ASKED
**NOT TO PARK ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

**THIS INCLUDES RESIDENT LAWNS
AS THIS CAUSES
SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THEIR
LAWNS
AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM.**

THANK YOU.