

## Dates to Remember

Aug 28 Book Fair / Open Day

**Sept** 2 P&C Meeting

14 School Photos

15 Small School Sport Carnival

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Aug.</b> 21	Margaret	28	Terri
<b>Sept.</b> 4	Nicole Rod / Peter	11 25	Leni / Marg Terri
<b>Oct.</b> 2	Margaret	30	Nicole
<b>Nov.</b> 6 20	Rod / Peter Nicole	13 27	Leni / Marg Terri
<b>Dec.</b> 4	Rod / Margaret (Last Day for 2009)		



The amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more.

# ISLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - Week 4 - Thursday 20th August, 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have had a fantastic start to the term with lots of great things happening. It has been great to work in Ms Lee's room and see some of the wonderful progress her students have made this year. Recently 4/6J started working on their moodle and some of the work that they are producing is of an exceptional quality, keep up the good work.

**Numbers for 2010:** Our numbers for 2010 are looking good with 9 new kindergarten students currently enrolled. If you know of anyone in the local area who is looking for a school for next year please let them know about our great little school. The more the merrier.

Carinya Play: Last week, the preschool students from Carinya at the TAFE came over for a play. It was great to see some of our older students looking after the little ones who enjoyed themselves immensely in our playground. Thanks to Taylah and Vikki for being so caring and considerate of our little friends.

Art at Waratah High: Well done Mr Lumley and the year 5 & 6 students who went to Waratah High last week for their creative arts day. All students had a great day and got to take part in some new and interesting activities. This was a great opportunity for them to experience some of the great lessons that they will be taking part in over the next few years.

**Community Conversation:** Thanks to all those parents who stopped for a cuppa and a bickie last Wednesday afternoon. It was nice to hear some positive feedback about what we are doing at the school. Remember that if at any time you have an idea on how we can improve what is happening at the school please pop in for a chat.

**Zulu Dancer:** On Tuesday we had a Zulu dancer performing at the school. He put on a great show and all the kids thoroughly enjoyed his performance. Thanks to Mr Lumley for his organisation.

**PBL:** The Positive Behaviour for Learning Program is up and running and we will be soon introducing some new strategies to improve the behaviour of our students. Whilst the behaviour of students is at most times excellent

this program teaches students a range of skills that will help them behave appropriately in a variety of settings.

**P&C Meeting:** There will be a P&C meeting on 2nd September at 2pm in the Staffroom. Please attend so that you can have an input into school happenings.

*Intern:* Unfortunately, Mr Wade who was to be completing his internship on Mr Lumley's class has decided to withdraw from his course due to personal reasons.

Attendance: Please send notes or ring Susan in the office if your child is absent from school for any reason. It is important for us to be able to give reasons to the Home School Liaison Officers for why your child has been away from school. Just missing a day a week or turning up late every day can have hugely negative effects on your child's learning.

*Hats:* In the cooler months there have been less and less students wearing hats to school. As the weather starts to warm up it will be expected that all students wear a hat in the playground. Remember no hat no play.

*High School Transition:* Please ensure that you have notified the school of where your child will be attending High School. If you have not done so please do as soon as possible so that we may put an effective transition plan into place.

**Teachers for a Fair Go:** During week 6 of this term there will be lecturers from the University of Western Sydney in the school as part of the teachers for a fair go study. This study is looking at teachers and how they get the best out of their students. This is a great opportunity for our school as there were only 30 teachers selected in the state to take part.

Bookweek Open Day: Parents, friends and family are invited to attend our Bookweek Open Day on Friday, 28th August commencing at 9.15am. The day will include a visit into classes to see students work and our annual Book Fair in the Library where a large display of books will be available for students to purchase.

Please come along and enjoy the morning.

**School Photos:** These will be held on Monday 14th September. Envelopes for money and orders will go home when we receive them from the photographer.

*Entertainment Books:* We have 1 Entertainment Book left at school, they contain vouchers for many fast food outlets, entertainment venues, businesses, video stores, theatres and restaurants. These are excellent value and can be purchased from the school for only \$60.

Regards

Andrew Pryce

Community Notices

#### **Mayfield Colts Cricket Club**

 $Under~10 / 11~players~needed\\ Registrations~21st~and~28th~August~-4~to~5pm~and\\ 22nd~and~29th~Aug~-9.30am~to~11.30am\\ at~Waratah~High~School\\ For~more~information~contact~Ron~Arendts~on~4961~2797~or~0409~695326$ 

### Cardiff High School

A 20 year reunion is being organised for the Year 12 class of '89. 3rd October, 2009 Phone Nerissa on 0420 341554 or Email letsreunite@gmail.com

#### **Raising Great Kids Parenting Course**

Islington Baptist Church is holding this course to encourage parents in the church and the local area to consider how to develop children's character. The course is appropriate for parents of children from birth to primary school age. The first session will be held on Saturday morning, 29th August from 10 to 11.30am at the Church in Maitland Road. Further sessions will be held through September to November. Cost is \$12 for the workbook.

Child care will be provided.

For more information contact Catherine Gibbins on 4929 2392, email: cgibbins@idl.net.au