



## Dates to Remember

Last day of term is Friday 2nd October

Students return to school on Monday 19th October

## ISLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - Week 8 - Thursday 17th September, 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I can't believe how fast this year is going, almost term 4 already!! I was fortunate enough to attend the cluster choir performance at Waratah High School last Wednesday and our students did a fantastic job. For a little school we certainly matched it with some of the big ones! Well done to Mr Lumley and Mr Beeton for all their hard work preparing the kids.

More good news with NAPLAN results going home this week. There were some outstanding results and as a school we have certainly improved in all areas. If you wish to discuss your students results please contact the school and make a time to speak to either the classroom teacher or myself.

**High School Work Placements:** Over the last 2 weeks we have had 2 students from Jesmond Senior College working in the school. They have been helping kids with their computer skills. Both students have had a great time and were extremely positive about the work that they had been doing with your children.

**Hats:** At a recent P&C meeting the issue of hats was discussed. The P&C was happy to trial some new hats for our students to wear in the playground. These hats will be arriving next week. Broad brim hats will still be available for purchase. Remember we have a 'no hat no play' policy.

**Carrington Visit:** Years 5 and 6 are getting very excited about their upcoming excursion to Canberra. Carrington Public visited last Friday to plan the trip and the kids did a great job working together.

**Soil Conservation:** The representative from soil conservation met with me this week to discuss the finishing touches for our playground refurbishment. Work will commence next Monday. We are very happy to have the soil conservation team building our new playground which will include new seating, play structures, soft fall and gardens. Work should take approximately 3 weeks so it all should be ready to go for next term!

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Sept.</b> 18	Rod / Peter	25	Terri
<b>Oct.</b> 2	Margaret	30	Nicole
<b>Nov.</b> 6	Rod / Peter	13	Leni / Marg
20	Nicole	27	Terri
<b>Dec.</b> 4	Rod / Margaret (Last Day for 2009)		

**Small School Sport Carnival:** Last Tuesday we held the annual small school carnival. It was a fantastic day with all students competing and participating fantastically. Special mention should go to all those kids who just got in and gave it their best shot. Again, Islington Public competed against much larger schools and really gave it their all. All the staff are very proud of the kids achievements on the day!

WELL DONE GUYS!!

**Reward Day:** Student behaviour both in the classroom and playground has been tremendously improved this term. Also, student results in their tests have shown some really positive learning has taken place. As a result there will be a reward day to celebrate all the achievements of the kids this term. Reward day will be held on the 1st October and the kids will have a choice of taking part in a couple of paid or free activities. Students must fill a sticker card before the day to be eligible for the reward. There will be more information closer to the day.

Regards

*Andrew Pryce*

**Class 2/3L:** Due to all the runny noses this year we are requesting students bring in a box of tissues for the classroom please.

Jump Rope for Heart

We will be participating in the Golden Circle Fun Run again this year, we are hoping to raise money to help fund end-of-year activities.

The school has selected this activity as it sends a healthy message to the children. Sponsorship forms have been sent home and the Fun Run will take place on Tuesday 29th September.



Community Holiday Activities

**Islington Baptist Church Kids Club 09**

Islington Baptist Church is holding a FREE kids club from 9am—12noon October 6-9 at 180 Maitland Rd Islington (opposite Islington Park). If you are in years K-6 come along for craft, songs, games, friends, fun and most importantly snacks. If you are a parent of a child in Years K-6 send your kids so you can have a morning of rest and relaxation.

For more information contact Catherine Gibbins on 4929 2392 or Mitch Forbes on 0421 182962.

**Newcastle Region Library**

Great activities will be running at all library branches during the holidays. Call into your local library for a brochure.

For the 5-7 year olds Hamilton library will be running 'Mikie the Bikie': meet the author Tuesday 13th October at 10.30am. Discover how the book was created, hear the story and enjoy a craft activity. There is a 1 hour workshop and it is FREE.

Bookings are essential, phone 4974 1340

**LOST PROPERTY**

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We have masses of jumpers with no owners. Have a look in lost property for yours before they are taken across to Lifeline.