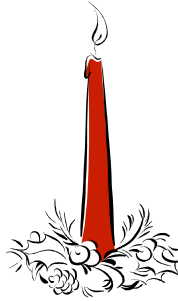


Dates to Remember

Dec. 13th Presentation / Concert Day
Year 6 Disco
14th Year 6 Farewell
15th Pool Day / Last day for students



REMEMBER TO RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS

and

HAMPER DONATIONS

FRIDAY 3RD, DECEMBER LAST CANTEEN DAY

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL



ISLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Well, we have almost made it to the end of another year, it has certainly gone extremely quickly! We have had some great things happen at our school this year but there is still room for improvement especially in some of our core areas such as writing and maths. These will be our focus area for next year with some new and exciting initiatives to take place. This will be the last newsletter for the year as school finishes for students on Wednesday 15th December. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the wonderful students of our school for all their hard work and enthusiasm for learning that they have displayed throughout the year. To thank the staff for their dedicated efforts and to thank the community for being so supportive of everything that we are trying to achieve for your children. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you again in 2011.

Rotary: The Honeysuckle precinct of Rotary have donated money to help run our breakfast club. They have also kindly donated a beautiful decorated Christmas tree for our end of year fundraising. Rotary are committed to helping our school in the coming years and we appreciate all their efforts. We will run a silent auction for the tree, a 'bid' sheet is in the office so come in and have a bid.



Presentation Day: Monday 13th December is the Annual Presentation Day assembly and concert. The Presentation assembly will start at 9:30am and will run approx 45min followed by morning tea and then our School Concert will start. Hope to see you all there!

Moodle: Moodle is an exciting on-line learning platform which allows children to access work at home. Mr Pryce and Mrs Houston have recently attended a Moodle training day and have posted work on the Moodle for their students to have a go at! Ask your kids to show you some of the new things and ways that they are learning.

Bundanoon Estate: Earlier in the year I wrote about the opportunity that our students would have to attend a 3 day arts camp at Arthur Doyle's estate "Bundanoon" on the south coast. Last week I received confirmation that our school had been successful, being granted a 3 day arts workshop next year from the 16th to the 19th May. This camp is valued at upwards of \$20000!! The camp is available for 26 students in years 4, 5 and 6 only so we will be asking parents to contribute approximately \$50 towards the cost of travel. Only 4 schools in the state are selected each year to attend this wonderful experience. We are truly lucky to have this opportunity!

Art Exhibition: One of our parents, Rod Bathgate, has an exhibition of his art work at the Cooks Hill Gallery, 67 Bull Street, Cooks Hill starting on Saturday December 4th. Get along to see some truly remarkable landscapes.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner: The Year 6 farewell will be held at the Gallipoli Legions Club on Monday 13th December beginning at 5:30pm. Students in years 4, 5 and 6 only will be invited to attend. Students need to be dropped off and picked up at the club by a parent. If there are other arrangements for your child to get home please notify the school in writing.

School Review: Over the past weeks Lindsay Freeman, ex school principal and consultant with Quality Assurance directorate has been reviewing the school in writing and leadership. He has developed some recommendations which will drive the way the school approaches these areas next year. Thank you to all parents who took the time to speak with Lindsay, your input was invaluable and thank you to Lindsay for this time-consuming and painstaking job, it is much appreciated.

P & C Support: Thank you to those families who have helped with items for our Christmas Hampers. Raffle tickets should be sold and returned no later than Monday 13th when it is drawn. Donations are still welcome, soft drink, lollies or any non perishables are most welcome.



Engineering Challenge: Well done to all those students who took part in the Engineering challenge day at Kahibah Public School. From all reports it was a wonderful day and our students performed exceptionally well. RESULTS HERE!! Thank you to Mr Lumley for organising this event.

Leaders Speeches: Well done to all students in year 5 who gave their speeches for school captancy yesterday, it was obvious to see the amount of work that went into the preparation of these speeches. I can't wait to find out the results come Presentation Day.

Swimming Day: Thank you to parents who have volunteered to be a part of the swimming day excursion on the last day of the year. For those parents who have voiced their concerns about sunburn, the staff have developed measures to minimise this risk. Thank you all for your input.

Regards

Andrew Pryce

Classroom News

3/6B: We have just finished swim school for 2010 and everyone has benefited from having daily intensive lessons. The weather was great and we had a lot of fun. In class we are busy practising our 'skits' for the Christmas Concert and students are looking forward to doing something a "little different" this year. Please come along if you can make it.

K/T: We have been practising hard for the end of year concert and are looking forward to performing for you all. We had lots of fun at Zone Empire for rewards day and are especially looking forward to pool day at the end of the year.

1/2L: We have been working hard in 1/2L. We all enjoyed going to swim school and all had lots of fun while learning how to swim. We are getting very excited about Christmas!

Sport

Thanks to the Kids Tennis Foundation, the school has some 'free' tickets to the Medibank International at Sydney Olympic Park for Monday 10th January and Tuesday 11th January, 2011. If you are interested in the tickets please see Susan in the office.

