

## Presentation Day & Christmas Concert

A great day was had by everyone.



Term 4	Calendar 2017
Dec 15	Pool Day
Dec 15	Last Day of Term
Term 1	Calendar 2018
Jan 29	Staff Development Day
Jan 30	Student's Return Year 1 to Year 6
Feb 1	Kindergarten Start

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of Islington Public School teachers and staff we wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in the New Year.





Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community Members,

Could you be an ethics **coordinator** or **teacher** for Islington Public School? We require volunteers to enable the ethics program to continue at our school. After 2 years, our coordinator Loosie Craig would like to hand over the reins, and we are seeking an energetic person to continue the great work she has done to build the program in our school.

The **Ethics Coordinator** communicates with school staff for classroom arrangements, organises the training and background checks for the teachers, and liaises with Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organization approved to design curriculum and training for the program. This role provides a great opportunity for a working parent who might be unable to volunteer during school hours. The time is flexible, requiring approximately 1 hour per week predominantly online. Once the program is running for the year, there is little required of you except a few communications about dates, class cancellations due to excursions etc.

**Ethics Teachers** attend a two day training workshop and complete online learning modules and background checks. Curriculum and teaching resources are provided. Suitable volunteers must be available to take their class each week. Islington classes run on Fridays around lunchtime for 45 mins.

One of our teachers is on maternity leave for the first half of 2018, and there are expected to be enough kindy enrolments to support another class, we would love to meet at least 2 new, keen volunteers. Ethics classes are an opportunity for children to develop skills in collaborative inquiry, logical reasoning, critical thinking, respectful disagreement, listening and self-expression.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact the Volunteering Manager, Maria McCarthy on [maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au) or 0410 348 574.

## Car Park Warning

We have recently has a few close calls with children entering the school before supervised hours through the staff car park. For your children's safety please enter the school via the Hubbard Street front gate ONLY. The staff car park is accessed by tradesmen and other school visitors as well as staff, some of whom may not be aware of the presence of barely visible small children. As staff, we have been badly shaken by the circumstances surrounding the recent tragedy in Sydney involving unauthorised use of restricted car park areas and we ask all community members to take the extra minute to deliver children safely to school through the front gate. Thank you.

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