

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

All staff at Islington Public School would like to thank our school community for another great year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that everyone has a safe, refreshing, relaxing summer break and enjoys the festive season. School returns for students Years 1-6 on Wednesday 30th January and for Kindergarten on Friday 1st February. Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas, everybody!

BREAKING NEWS: Bittersweet staffing news at Islington this year. We are sad to announce that Mr David Kidd will be leaving our school to take up a teaching appointment in Coffs Harbour in 2019. Mr Kidd has been a wonderful teacher and colleague and we will miss him very much. Miss Sophie Carrigan will be joining our staff next year in his place. We welcome Miss Carrigan to Islington Public School and feel lucky to have such a talented teacher join our ranks.



Term 4	Calendar 2018
Dec 14	P&C Student Lunch
Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell Gallipoli Club 6pm – 8.30pm
Dec 19	Pool Day
Dec 19	Last Day of Term
Term 1	Calendar 2019
Jan 29	Staff Development Day
Jan 30	Student's return Year 1 to Year 6
Feb 1	Kindergarten start

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day ceremony on Wednesday was a wonderful celebration of Islington students' achievements this year. Thank you to all who came and supported students and staff on this special day. Congratulations to all award recipients. We are so proud of you!



Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Max and Indie for winning the Tim Crakanthorp Christmas card illustration competition.



Year 6 Farewell

This year's Year 6 farewell party is being held at the Gallipoli Legion Club on Monday 17th December at 6:00pm. All Years 3-6 students have been invited to say goodbye to our graduating students and see them on their merry way. It's always a great night, so dress sharp and start planning your hairdos.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas concert was quite simply a triumph. The whole school sang with such gusto and the class performances were great. Maestro Mr Blake's piano accompaniment was a great addition to the show. A great time was had by all. Even Scrooge would have enjoyed himself. Well done, you creative, talented kids.



P&C Lunch

A big thank you to our wonderful Islington Public School P&C for a delicious sit down lunch provided today for our staff and students.

Cargo Bike Raffle Winners

The P&C Cargo Bike raffle has been drawn! The lucky winner of the cargo bike is....Ted Bass. Second prize of a gourmet dinner at Moor is...Teddy Arnold. Third prize of a yummy hamper is...Terry Barton! Overall, the raffle raised \$3640 for our school. Thank you to all involved, especially Ben Peak and Sarah Reeve for their superhuman effort in making everything possible.

But wait, there's more! Individual highest ticket salesman is Jarrah from 2/3S, who will take possession of the electric guitar, main prize. The highest selling class prize of delicious sweet treats goes to K/1T. And finally, the champ ticket sellers from are: Indie K/1A, Banjo K/1T, Augustus 2K, Jarrah 2/3S and Bella 3/6B. Thank you to all these students, who all receive a free lunch from our school canteen.

2019 School Leaders

Congratulations to Dazyan and Shannon, our newly elected school captains for 2019. Congratulations also to newly elected school vice-captains Mehran and Mia. The school leadership role brings extra responsibility and is highly regarded by staff and students. We know that these four students will do a great job and be worthy successors to Archer, Isaac, Lola and Lotus. Well done, leaders.



City of Newcastle Placemaking Grant

Our P&C has secured a grant from City of Newcastle of \$3800 to honour Throsby Creek and its resident mullet by creating a mural of colourful fish on our back fence. The grant will also help us reduce plastic pollution and waste in our school and our community. We've been in touch with Newcastle Men's Shed and other local groups and businesses to help us source preloved timber and other materials to be cut into mullet shapes. The students will then paint them ready for installing on the fence towards the end of Term 1. If you have timber offcuts you think might be suitable, or you'd like to be involved in some other way, please send an email to: ptrongchittham@yahoo.com.au

YWCA Vacation Care
School holiday fun for children aged 5-12 years
Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncl@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 31 December Snoozy CLOSED	Tuesday, 1 January CLOSED	Wednesday, 2 January CLOSED	Thursday, 3 January HAPPY NEW YEAR PARTY	Friday, 4 January CLAYMATION WORKSHOP
Monday, 7 January Fun in the Sun	Tuesday, 8 January BEST OF BRITISH	Wednesday, 9 January GRINCH	Thursday, 10 January Year of the Pig	Friday, 11 January FOOT GOLF
Monday, 14 January 60 PARTY	Tuesday, 15 January TOBOGGAN HILL PARK	Wednesday, 16 January WATER WARS	Thursday, 17 January STARS	Friday, 18 January KAVON
Monday, 21 January DOLBY DIGITAL	Tuesday, 22 January ART	Wednesday, 23 January SCAVENGER HUNT	Thursday, 24 January We Are One	Friday, 25 January REPTILE PARK

Venue: YWCA Hunter Region Inc, 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300 Opening Hours: 7.30am-6.00pm
Ph: 4929 2954 Email: yncl@bigpond.com To enrol, visit www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care
Cost: \$50 per day (plus applicable excursion/incursion costs) Child Care Subsidy available to eligible families

PLACES ARE LIMITED, BOOK TODAY, DON'T MISS OUT!



Summer Writing Club For Kids

35 BOREDOM BUSTING creative
writing challenges over summer!



- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 1st
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
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DO YOU KNOW A DAD?

- Who wants to spend **quality time** with their preschool aged child?
- Who wants to improve their kids' **sport skills** whilst having a ball of **fun**?
- Who wants to help their kids eat more **veggies** and **fruit**?
- Who wants to play fun, **active games** with their child and enhance their **fitness**?



RESEARCH STUDY

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THE WORLD FIRST Healthy Youngsters, Healthy Dads program is coming to Newcastle in Term 1 2019.

Register your interest:

www.healthyyoungsters.com

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This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2017-0381.



Junior Rugby Union Club

Waratah Junior Rugby Union Club is offering young boys and girls (ages 5 – 17 years) an opportunity to learn rugby union. Come along to their Christmas Rugby night on Friday 14th December at Waratah Oval from 6pm.