

From the Principal

Happy Holidays

This term has gone so quickly. It has been an absolute pleasure leading Islington Public School and getting to know students, staff and some parents. All of the staff at Islington hope that the school holidays are full of fun, joy and safety. Enjoy the time with your families and we look forward to seeing you on Monday the 12th of October.

Term 4 Start

As per DoE timetabling, Pupil free days occur at the beginning of Term 1,2 & 3 and the last two days of Term 4. Therefore, Term 4 begins on Monday the 12th October for all staff and students.

COVID Restrictions

It is with excitement that some of the restrictions are starting to relax slightly. One example is the ability to host Kindergarten Orientation from November the 1st if cases remain low. We will keep you updated as information unfolds further.

TERM 4	CALENDAR 2020
Oct 12	First Day of Term
Oct 16	Canteen as normal
Nov 4	Kindy Orientation
Nov 5	Book Fair
Nov 11	Kindy Orientation
Nov 18	Kindy Orientation
Nov 25	Kindy Orientation

Good for Kids good for life

EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites





Office Communication

We have had some parents perplexed as to why they are receiving letters if their child arrives to school late by just a few minutes. Unfortunately, if your child arrives to school late and is unattended by a parent DoE policy requires letters to be sent to seek a reason with a parent signature. Unfortunately, reasons provided by students cannot be logged on our system. This is even the case if they arrive at the office window 1-2 minutes late. Thank you for your understanding.

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds! BOOK FAIR

Our book fair for 2020 is scheduled for Week 4 Term 4, Thursday the 5th November. On this day, children will be encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book or develop a costume that aligns with this year's theme of "Curious Creature, Wild Minds". The details of this event will be organised closer to event and will be impacted by the COVID restrictions at the time. Please be assured we will either record or livestream it if required to include parents and community.

Canteen News

As of next term the canteen will be able to have over the counter sales for the 1st half of lunch. Mel has confirmed that milo will be back on the menu. We will have some very excited littlies!

Active Travel

Help test Active Travel School Bus app!

You've all heard of walking school buses. We have developed a mobile phone app to support an Active Travel School Bus program, to make it work reliably and safely.

Islington Public School families can help us to test it out. If the approach works here, it can be used by other schools in Newcastle and then Australia.

How it works:

- Families register their student to a designated walk day/time/route
- Student gets 'checked in' when they're picked up by the 'driver'
- At the school gate, teacher checks student off the 'bus'
- Parent gets an SMS/email to say child has arrived

Driver is a qualified fitness instructor, with first aid/CPR, exercise qualifications and a current working with children check, paid by local gym.

It's free for parents & school. The project is a trial run by Newcastle Cycleways Movement the Heart Foundation and the Primary Health Network

If you want to be part of app testing group to bring this program into being, contact Deb Moore on Deborah.Moore@heartfoundation.org.au or 0437 996 092



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Kids Teaching Kids

This week all classes across the school participated in a Kids Teaching Kids initiative ran by the Junior AECG.

KN & K/1A learnt an indigenous dance taught by Mirrin, Yvette and Bessie

1/2C & 2/3S were taken on a bush tucker walk around the school led by Lily and Charly, passing on information they have learnt from Uncle Perry

3/4R & 2-6B learnt about indigenous jewellery making and made clay bracelets with Erin and Evie

