

From the Principal

Congratulations to the amazing children that were awarded merit cards at assembly this week and last. You continue to inspire the other children and staff with your knowledge, willingness to learn and ability to collaborate. Well done!



TERM 4	CALENDAR 2020
Nov 2 - 6	NAIDOC Week
Nov 11	Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00am
Nov 18	Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00am
Nov 25	Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00am
Dec 4	P & C Sausage Sizzle

Kindergarten Orientation

The new Kindies were divine. It was such a lovely experience seeing the group together for the first time. Meeting the buddies and experiencing the classrooms. We are looking forward to the next three Wednesdays as Orientation continues.

NAIDOC Week

Next week some members of our Junior AECG will be running groups for specific classes upskilling them about cultural dancing, jewellery, sport/games and bush tucker plants. We are looking forward to this experience.

Music with Steve

Stephen Beirne has now resumed music lessons in after-school hours on weekdays at venues in Islington and Hamilton. There are limited times available for Piano/Keyboard, Guitar or Ukelele lessons (private or small group). Please call 0488 128 587 or e-mail s.beirne@live.com

Upcycle Newcastle

Cathy Stuart from Upcycle Newcastle and her special team of helpers came in last Monday to work with our 2 senior classes to teach them how to make rugs from recycled T-shirts. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We were also fortunate to have a special guest, Mr Tim Crakenthorp, local MP, visit to see the program in action and share morning tea.



P & C Sausage Sizzle

The P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle on December 4th. A sausage sandwich and a drink for \$4! What a great deal!

Week 2 – House Sport Challenge - Basketball

Monday - Wattle vs Koala

Sport report by Mahnoz and Sam.

In the first half Koala started strong, however, Wattle fought back to take the lead 4 - 3 at the end of the first half.

Koala made a strong come back in the second half winning the game 6 - 4.

Fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship by all players and a fantastic cheer squad.



Tuesday - Emu vs Banksia

Sport report by Sylvie L and Marlowe.

Great job Emu! This was a really good game. Both teams played stunningly well and Banksia passed very well. Emu won by 6 baskets and the Alstons were on FIRE! The Dunias also played well. Mahnoz, Sam and Eddie (house captains) communicated well with their teams.

Everyone played well. Final score 8 – 2.



Wednesday - Koala vs Emu

A highly competitive game today. All players played extremely well and the cheer squads were LOUD! A great atmosphere!

Emu started strong and were up by 2 baskets in the first couple of minutes. However, Koala turned the game around and snatched another win.



Thursday - Wattle vs Banksia

Report by Eddie and Marlowe

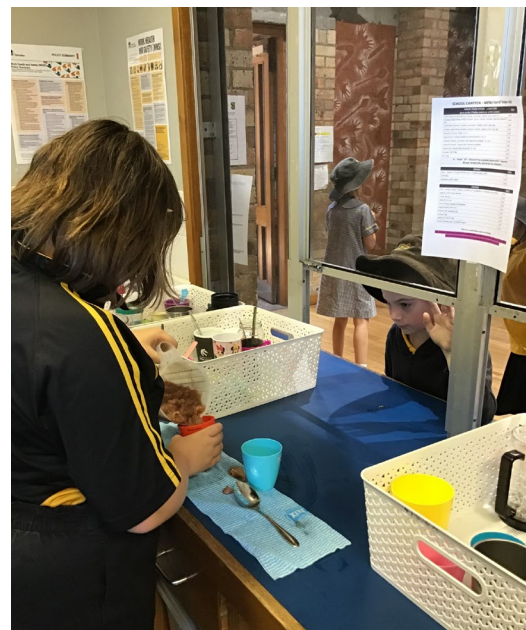
Great game!

We could not decide who the best player was. It was super fair with a final score of 5 - 5. Congratulations to Banksia and Wattle.



Watermelon/mint Slushies

Thank you to Mrs Martin, Betsy, Mr Smith and our environmental team for sourcing and making the slushies for our children. It was lovely warm weather, having slushies to cool the kids down was a great treat. Thank you for all your efforts. A total of \$64.00 was raised which will go towards the garden.



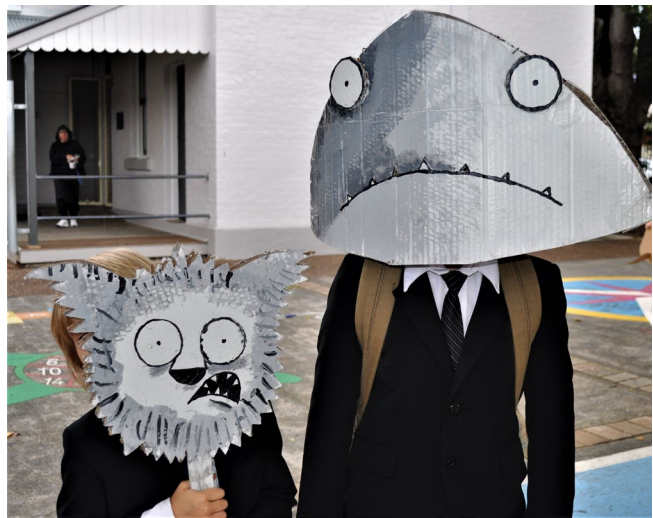
Book Week Fair and Parade

Yesterday's Book Week Fair and Parade was a huge success. Our students dazzled us with their enthusiasm, creativity and wildly imaginative costumes. The parade was a great way to invigorate the students love of books and demonstrate their favourite characters. What a great day!

Book Fair orders are being completed and the majority are being sent home with students today. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair this year and who made a positive contribution to ensuring the day's success. We have raised \$600 to go towards the purchase of school resources. Thank you to our generous school community.

A huge thank you to Mr Blake who was able to video the parade and upload it to Facebook to share the experience with our parents. Make sure you check it out on YouTube and Facebook. It's great!
























Bird Watching – Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2020

In Week 2 (19th- 23rd October) K/1A, KN, 2-6B and 3/4R were observing, identifying, counting and recording birds in our school to contribute to the 2020 national bird count. Here are a few of the birds that we saw when we were counting.

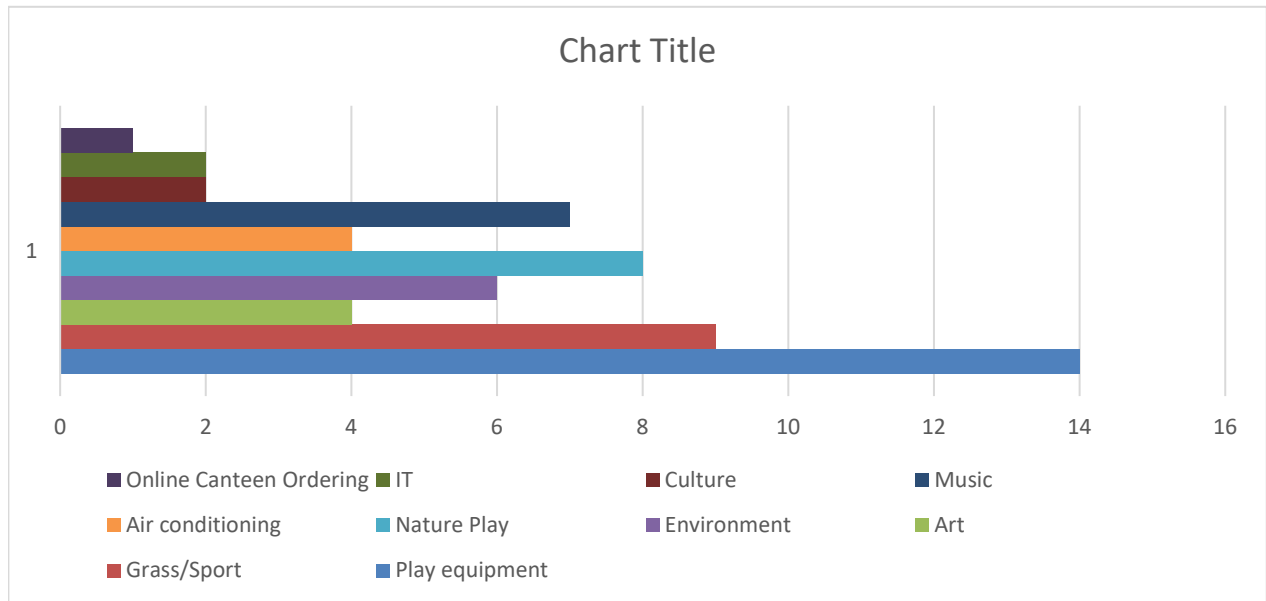
					
Rainbow Lorikeet	Rock Dove	Australian Magpie	Galah	Cormorant	Ibis
					
Pied Cormorant	Silver Gull	Barn Swallow	Rosella	Pelican	White Faced Heron
	 <p><small>Black patch around eyes</small> <small>Yellow back and eye patch</small> <small>White belly</small> <small>Flesh-coloured legs</small></p> <p>The Noisy Miner is a native bird!</p> <p><small>Olive tinge near wing edge</small></p>	 <p>The Indian Myna is an introduced pest</p> <p><small>Black head</small> <small>Chocolate brown body</small> <small>White wing patch (visible during flight)</small> <small>Long yellow legs</small></p> <p><small>Yellow back and eye patch</small></p>			
Kookaburra	Noisy Miner	Indian Myna	Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	Pacific Black Duck	Australian Raven



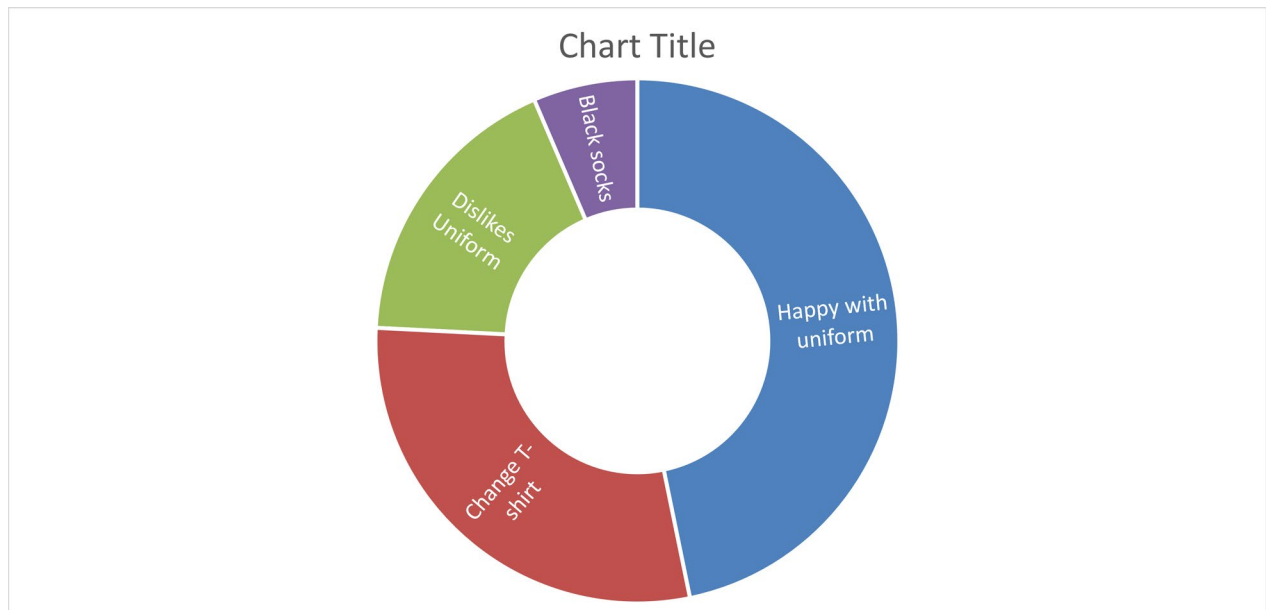
Parent Feedback Survey

More results from our Parent Surveys.

- a) Are there any improvements that you could suggest for the playground, classrooms or generally about the school?



- b) Are you happy with Islington Public School's uniform? If not, what would you change/modify?



Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Here's what you'll find on the website:

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

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