

From the Principal

Awards

As always, we are very proud of the students at Islington Public School. They are the epitome of active and creative citizens, involving themselves in activities around the school that are important to them. Below is an example of some of our award recipients over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all of the children for their merit certificates highlighting positive playground and classroom habits.



TERM 4	CALENDAR 2020
Nov 25	Kindy Orientation 9.15-11.00am
Nov 25	Book Club Issue 8 closes
Nov 27	Last day of Canteen
Dec 4	P & C Sausage Sizzle
Dec 4	Presentation Day Livestream
Dec 15	Year 6 Farewell



Art Lessons

3/4R's business ImaginARTive will be offering art lessons as below.

Cost \$2 per child per lesson - Friday recess time in 3/4R classroom

Week 7 – Space or Underwater art using pencil and watercolour

Week 8 – Jewellery making – bracelets

Week 9 – Digital art

BE QUICK! DON'T MISS OUT! Spaces are limited.

Children from 3/4R will be collecting money before school each morning next week, near the piano. You can pay for one lesson or all of them.



Orientation

Mrs Neil and Miss Carrigan are doing a fabulous job with our new students starting Kindergarten in 2021. They are just a divine group of students that have adjusted to our school setting very quickly. We have our last Orientation session next Wednesday 9.15am -11am. Our Year 5 & 4 buddies have been outstanding and have shown great leadership throughout this process also.

Refurbishment

Our soft fall area at the front of the school is falling to pieces and requires refurbishment. Hence you will notice temporary fencing and work being completed over the next few days. Our contractors will be repairing divets in the foundation of the soft fall and overlaying a heavy-duty synthetic turf.

In addition, over the Christmas holidays work to the heritage building continues with building a new wheelchair accessible ramp, lifting the floor level on the verandah and repairing some flooring.

High School Orientation

Parents would have received an email or flyer regarding the transition day to Waratah and Newcastle High School on Tuesday the 1st December. If you have not received your child's information please contact the high school directly or our school office for assistance.

Trees

Our Level 5 Arborist was recently employed to review the status of our trees due to the number of branches falling, particularly from the heritage listed trees at the front of the school. The great news is only minimal work needs to be completed to ensure the students safety, which includes removal of a few dead trees around the school and thinning of the top branches of the heritage listed trees. Due to the height and nature of this work, it will also be completed in the holidays to ensure everyone's safety. We are all in consultation and getting quotes from tree loppers to prune dead branches, remove two trees that are deemed dead.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be livestreamed and videoed for this year on Monday the 7th December for parents to view. Unfortunately, due to the nature of this year and continued COVID guidelines, parents will not be invited onsite for this event. We will do our utmost to ensure this event runs smoothly and that those parents who wish to join us online will be able to easily.

NAIDOC

Our Junior AECG took on the challenge of devising activities for NAIDOC week. This was a very powerful activity, with our leaders inspiring our learners. The children thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the varied activities and gaining cultural knowledge from each other.

Attendance

Our attendance is looking good and we thank our parents for their diligence in this matter. Our area of development still continues to be late arrivals. Please know that although the Department of Education are focusing on attendance across all schools, that if your child is sick or showing flu like symptoms they are required to stay at home, get a COVID test and rest until they have improved. The guidelines of supplying the school with a copy of the negative COVID is still applicable for any child that has flu like symptoms. Thank you for your patience and flexibility around this matter.

Canteen

Next Friday the 27th November is the last canteen day for the year. There will be limited quantities of some foods e.g. sausage rolls and macaroni and cheese. We have also run out of frozen berries, but still have frozen pineapples and oranges.

The P & C Sausage Sizzle is on Friday the 4th of December. Order forms will be sent home shortly.

Lost Property

We will be placing all of the unnamed lost property that has accumulated on a table outside the front school gates next Wednesday the 25th November at school pick up time. Please come along and have a look to see if any of it belongs to your child/ren. Any unclaimed items will be packaged up and donated.

Goodall's Roots and Shoots Donation

A huge thank you to the Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program for their generosity in donating a beautiful resource box full of amazing books to our school. The books will be kept in the school library for all children to enjoy. The books include: What on Earth? Amazing Australia and Incredible Earth.



Sporting Challenge

The primary students seem to be very invested in our recess sporting team games with Week 4 being soccer and this week tee ball. It's great to see the children engaging and participating in the different array of sporting opportunities and giving it their best effort. Some of the children love the competition and are strong advocates for their house team. Our cheer squad on particular days is also impressive. Thank you to Mrs Ramsay for organising these activities.

The challenge continues this week with Tee-ball, so far Banksia defeated Wattle 5-4 in a very close game, Emu tied with Koala in a nail biter and Banksia defeated Emu 11 – 6. Wattle take on Koala at recess today.

The houses previously competed in a soccer challenge. Koala defeated Emu 2-0, Banksia defeated Wattle 6-1, Emu defeated Wattle 4-3 and Koala defeated Banksia 6-3.

