



The Buzz

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From the Relieving Principal

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It is great to be back at school after a very “interesting” break. I think we can count our blessings that we are in regional NSW and our thoughts are with all the students and teachers who are now home learning in the Greater Sydney area.

Unfortunately, a number of events that were planned to have parent and community involvement will now need to continue as student only events. This includes the public speaking finals and Book Week. At this stage our Canberra excursion is on hold as we are not allowed any overnight excursions. Hopefully a lifting of restrictions in coming weeks could see this go ahead as planned.

TERM 3	IPS Calendar
21 July	P&C Meeting via Zoom
22 July	Public Speaking Stage Finals
26 July – 6 Aug	Parent-Teacher Phone Interviews
5 August	Book Fair (Wish List Day)
6 August	Book Week Parade and Book Fair

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our students, staff and the wider community safe during this time. Also, a thank you for all the families who kept their eye on the school during the holidays, especially to the Reeve family for keeping a close eye on our beloved chooks.

Mr Chris Blake, Relieving Principal

COVID19 Restrictions

The Education Department have formulated guidelines with NSW Health that allow us to operate under one of four levels. Currently, regional areas are operating under Level 2 restrictions whilst Greater Sydney is operating under Level 4 restrictions. Further information about the levels can be found online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

In order to assist with social distancing requirements, we have decided to stagger our exits for the next few weeks. The times are below:

2.50 pm	KC & K/1T
2.55 pm	1/2S & 2A
3.00 pm	Years 3-6

Younger children will be able to wait for their siblings and leave together at the later time.

We ask if your children are running late to school that you phone the school office on **4969 3903** to explain the reason for their lateness before they arrive.

Remember no non-essential visitors are allowed to enter the school grounds and all visitors must sign in with the Service NSW QR code. Masks are not required by students, though they are recommended at this stage. Many of the staff are wearing masks at various times throughout the day as are some children.



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2A Staffing

Next week Miss Alusiola will be leaving us for approximately six weeks while she undergoes some essential surgery. Whilst she is “out of action”, Miss Salmon will be taking the helm of 2A. I know that you will make Miss Salmon feel welcome and support her during this time. *Get well soon Miss A!*

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Due to our restrictions the staff have decided to hold parent-teacher interviews by phone. The interviews will be conducted in Weeks 3 and 4. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet with instructions for how to book.

This is always a valuable opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress at school and any areas for further development. We look forward to talking with you about your child.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all of the children at Islington Public School who competed in the 2021 Premier's Spelling Bee.

This week children from each stage competed in the finals. The competition was so tight that the judges had to go into extra rounds to find a winner.

2021 results

Stage	1 st Place	2 nd Place
Early Stage 1	Alby S.	Finn C.
Stage 1	Kaze G.	Maddex C.
Stage 2	Banjo W.	Gus S.
Stage 3	Matilda O.	Micki A.

Good luck to Matilda and Banjo who will represent Islington Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee held online through Zoom later this term. Special thanks to Mrs Ramsay for organising this well-run event.



Stage 1 Finalists



Early Stage 1 Finalists

Wonder Recycling Rewards EXTENDED

The Wonder Recycling Rewards program has been extended by a week and will now finish **NEXT Friday 23 July 2021**. If you have any bread bags you have been collecting please bring them into the school prior to this date.



Thank you Miss Carrigan for arranging this fantastic environmental initiative in our school.



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Education Week/Book Week

In Week 4 we are holding our annual Book Week/Education Week combined celebration. Children will be able to come to school dressed in costume and parade around in front of their school friends. The theme for this year's Book Week is: *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. I look forward to seeing some interesting worldly costumes.



Refugee Week

The last week of Term Two was Refugee Week. Ms Read, who is currently working at Bombala Public School, arranged for Mahnoz to participate in an online Zoom Q&A with students from her 4/5 class at Bombala Public School. The children at Bombala Public School had many questions and Mahnoz spoke extremely well.



We are so thankful that Mahnoz and her family are part of our school community. Thanks to all of our families with a refugee background, you make our school a wonderfully rich and diverse place to work and study.

NAIDOC Week

As NAIDOC Week fell in the holidays, we celebrated it as a special day on Wednesday 14 July. Our very own Uncle Perry Fuller presented workshops throughout the day for each group of students, culminating in a special performance assembly at the end of the day. We are so lucky to have Uncle Perry in our local community as he is highly sought after to present his knowledge of country along with his amazing yidaki playing. Thank you, Uncle Perry, for being such an ambassador for your culture and being willing to share so openly with the students and staff of Islington Public School.





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Dear parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held shortly.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 4969 3903.

1  Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **ptq38**

2  Enter your details

3  Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that best suit your family

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately.

If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

Update your details if the email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - **reminders will not be sent home.**

Bookings must be finalised by **next Friday 23rd July at 3pm.**

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.
- OR Contact the office for further assistance on 4969 3903.