



The Buzz

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From the Relieving Principal

ISSUE: Term 3, Week 2 2021

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued understanding and support during this time. The children have certainly settled in for Term 3 and there has been plenty of productive learning going on in classrooms.

TERM 3	IPS Calendar
Thurs 5 August	Book Week Parade/ Book Fair Wish List
Fri 6 August	Book Fair Order Day
Fri 6 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Mon 9 August	Year 6 CCWTC Testing

We are continuing our staggered exits next week and I would like to remind parents and carers that mask wearing outside the school grounds is not mandatory, however, it is certainly recommended when we are gathering closely together. Please bear in mind the social distancing guidelines and ensure that we work cooperatively and respectfully with each other whilst waiting for children to leave the school.

Mrs Harris will be making a gradual return to school next week. Over the next few weeks, she will be at school for several half days, gradually building up to her full return. We are all very excited for her return to full voice by the end of the term.

Let's make Week 3 a great week at Islington Public School!

Mr Chris Blake, Relieving Principal IPS

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the students who achieve great things and receive recognition at our school assemblies. Merit awards are a great way for us to build a love of learning and positive self-worth in the students of Islington Public School. As we are not allowed to sing indoors as a group, we are continuing to hold our assemblies outside (weather permitting).





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Home Reading

Congratulations to the students who received certificates for 50 nights of home reading. Students have been issued with new home reading booklets to continue the journey. The ultimate aim is for students to achieve 200 nights of reading throughout the entire year.

When completing the reading log, please ensure that you only fill in one box with whatever you have read that night. You can put multiple books in the one box. It is not one box per book. For example:



Night 1	22/7/21	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets pp22-26 Dog Man – For Whom the Ball Rolls Chapter 7 Newcastle Herald Sports Pages	CB
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Parent-Teacher Phone Interviews

Just a reminder that our parent-teacher phone interviews are live for booking. As Miss Alusiola is on leave, she will hopefully be able to “catch-up” once she returns to school late in the term.



Website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Unique code: **ptq38**

Or follow the direct link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=gkvwr>.
Alternately, please contact the front office and they will be able to book your timeslot.

Book Week/Book Fair

I am sure that you have been planning your Book Week costumes to go along with the theme: “Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds”. We will hold the Parade in the morning on **Thursday 5 August**. Then students will be able to go and look at the book fair to make their wish list. On Friday they will be able to bring in their orders to be processed. Students will receive their orders during Week 5.



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Staffing

I would like to send out a very warm welcome to **Mrs Julie Saperas**. Mrs Saperas will be working with us of a Monday and Tuesday morning and will be supporting our EALD students. Mrs Saperas comes to us with a rich background and wide-ranging experience as a classroom teacher and EALD support teacher. I know we will all make her feel very welcome.

I'd also like to welcome **Mrs Liz Martinelli** to Islington Public School. Mrs Martinelli will be replacing me whilst I continue in the relieving principal position for Mrs Harris' return to work. Mrs Martinelli is a highly skilled teacher who is trained in the Creative Arts and has worked for many years in high schools. Whilst here at Islington she will be running some exciting groups for our senior female students looking at issues they may face heading into high school and building their social skills. I will provide further details at a later date.

Our final welcome is to **Miss Annie Salmon**, who is relieving for Miss Alusiola whilst she is on leave. Miss Salmon is a regular at Islington Public School and has been very busy working as a casual teacher at many local schools. We are very glad to have caught her. I'm sure that both students and parents of 2A will ensure that she is made to feel welcome and supported.

Public Speaking Finals

This morning we held our public speaking finals. The quality of the presentations was excellent and it was impressive to hear so many varied topics, presented with such enthusiasm and vigour. Congratulations to the following Stage winners who will head to the zone competition later this term.

Early Stage 1 – Megan & Mikah

Stage 1 – Mabel & Winton

Stage 2 – Parnell & Nicholas

Stage 3 – Max & Leuleu

ICAS Assessments (Years 3-6)

This is a reminder for parents that the ICAS Assessments are being offered this year at Islington Public School. These are international online assessments that allow students to see their achievement against students from around the world. The assessments are held for English, Mathematics and Science. Cost of each assessment is \$17.05 which is paid directly to the online registration. More information can be found at: <https://www.icasassessments.com/>.

To register your child go to: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school's unique code is: **BKT789**. Contact Mr. Blake for further information.



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P&C News

Thanks to those who joined our Zoom meeting on Wednesday night. Some were also wrangling kids and cooking dinner at the same time, which is awesome dedication. The minutes are available on the Islington Public School P&C Facebook group and in the SkoolBag app under Canteen/P&C.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 August at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Instructions to join will be posted on the Facebook group a couple of weeks out. For those not on Facebook, please email Phoebe at ptrongchittham@yahoo.com.au for the login details and to contribute items for discussion.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we've had to cancel the movie night we were planning for August. We'll wait to see how things develop over the coming weeks to decide whether other activities we're planning will go ahead.

Bunnings Kotara are still running their highly lucrative Sausage Sizzle fundraisers, with COVID safe practices in place, and we've been offered the opportunity to take over the BBQ on one of the following dates: Sunday 1 August, Sunday 5, Saturday 18 and Saturday 25 September and other dates in October. If you're free and willing to volunteer a few hours, please get in touch asap so we can book it in.

HOSTED BY FREDDIE AND ELWOOD

TRADING MORNING

ISLINGTON PARK 10:30 AUGUST 1ST

BRING YOU TRADING COLLECTABLES SUCH AS, POKEMON, HOT WHEELS, SPORTS CARDS, FIDGETS AND MORE

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

Here's a few ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious, full of everyday foods and will keep you warm in winter!

- Soups – try pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with your favourite everyday fillings like baked beans & cheese or ham, cheese and tomato.
- Mini Pizzas – make them with English muffins or wholegrain wraps
- Slow cooker casseroles – pack them full of vegetables like potato, carrot, celery or pumpkin

