



The Buzz

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From the Principal

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Swimming School

Swimming school has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Uniforms

Our NEW school polo shirts have arrived, hence we are stocked ready to sell. We have sizes ranging from children's size 4 to child's 16 (adult sizes can be ordered). As mentioned previously, the school, in consultation with our parents and community, have negotiated a 2 year transition period for children in grades 1-6 for 2023. That means parents can opt to purchase a new polo shirt straight away or anytime up until Dec 2024. [The NEW polo shirt is compulsory for 2023 Kindergarten students.](#)

It is well known that the cost price of these polos is \$30 each, due to the composition of the natural fibres. Please note, the school does not make any profit from these sales. However, to alleviate some of the financial burden of changing one element of our school uniform, [any NEW polo purchased before 28 February 2023 for K-6 will be priced at \\$20 \(33% off\) and the school will cover the remainder.](#) As of the 1 March 2023, polo's will increase to their regular price of \$30.

We have already sold out of some sizes and have put in another order. Parents are welcome to pre-purchase and pay to get the discount.

Christmas Raffle

The P&C will be hosting a Christmas raffle and are asking the community for donations. Donations could include Christmas decorations, canned goods, biscuits, notepads etc... Please drop any donations to the front office by Friday 2 December.

Our raffle will be announced at our Christmas Under the COLA Carols. Parents, extended family and community are welcome to join us for this event.



2022 TERM 4	WHAT'S HAPPENING????
21 Nov- 2 Dec	Swimming School CANCELLED
23 Nov	Book Club Issue 8 closes
25 Nov	Soccer: Fast Fives: Select Students 9.30am
27 Nov	P & C Bunnings BBQ
7 Dec	Christmas Carols 5.30pm
13 Dec	Presentation Day 12pm – 2.30pm
14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
15 Dec	Activity Day K-6
16 Dec	Year 6 Clap Out 2.45pm



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**CHRISTMAS
UNDER THE COLA**

Wednesday 7 December from 5.30pm

Bring your nibbles, buy a sausage and join us for a casual evening of community carolling, class items and all 'round Christmas cheer.

Christmas Under the COLA

This is going to be a casual, fun night for our community. Students are asked to wear Christmas style clothing for this event. Community members are asked to bring a chair, some nibbles (if you like) and your best singing voices. There will be a song from each class and some community singing.

A fundraising barbeque will be available on the night, selling sausage sandwiches (a small number of vegetarian sausages will be available).

New Piano

Thanks to Minmi Public School we have a beautiful new piano for the hall. Sadly, we have an excess pianola that needs to be rehomed. If your family is interested, please contact the front office.

Cultural Diversity Art Competition

Mr T has run Art Class for the majority of this year. Last term, he submitted 6 artworks for a cultural diversity calendar competition. We are proud to announce that Kiran Katerla's artwork has been shortlisted and has made it through to the next stage for consideration to be included as one of the pieces for the calendar. Congratulations!



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Library Helpers needed to cover new books

We need your help on Friday mornings to help cover our new books. Morning tea will be supplied for volunteers. Thank you to those who have already volunteered, your help is greatly appreciated.

Canteen Request

Lunch orders must be handed in prior to 9.00am assembly. After assembly doesn't leave our volunteers enough time to prepare and cook lunches in time for distribution.



Community Book Exchange

As per our School Environmental Management Plan, our 2 book boxes are finally up and running. This initiative is to allow children to exchange books free of charge. Children and parents are welcome to bring a book from home to put into the book boxes or take a book at any time.

"Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible"
(Barack Obama)

Ethics

Islington PS offers ethics classes as a secular alternative to scripture. We're looking for parents and community members who are keen to join the program in 2023. Being a volunteer teacher involves taking a class for 30 minutes each Friday afternoon (plus preparation and travel). You don't need any teaching experience, and you'll receive full training and a script for each lesson. For more information contact Julia: Julia.koshevela@primaryethics.com.au. To apply to join the program, go to: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

Kindergarten Orientation

Our 2023 Kindergarten Orientation Program finished up last week with a teddy bear's picnic, parachute games, egg and spoon races, chicken throw and relays. Once again, our buddies did a wonderful job to ensure all new Kindergarten students felt that they belong and are cared for at IPS. See you soon!





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Remembrance Day

All IPS students participated in a whole school Zoom session led by Mr Blake to commemorate all those that have served in war to give us our everyday freedoms.

Vigilance Required

A community member has reached out to inform us of increased graffitiing around Islington. Please be vigilant in the supervision of your children after school hours to ensure your child's safety. Defacing private and council property is illegal.

Jets Program

We were so lucky to have the Newcastle Jets visit our school, donating both their time and equipment. A huge thank you to Cassidy Davis, Beka Mickeltadze, Reno Piscopo and Nic Fichera. Tune into the Buzzcast to hear Kiran's interview with Nic Fecharo. 4/5A and 5/6T are participating in PE lessons this term provided by the Newcastle Jets.



Fred Hollows Humanity Award

We are very proud that **Elwood Peak** was nominated for the Fred Hollows Humanity Award. This award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives, just as Fred did. Congratulations Elwood for being one of only 60 students across NSW to be nominated for this prestigious award.



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Merit Award Winners



P&C news

Thanks to everyone who came along to the P&C meeting on Wednesday night. This was our last meeting for 2022. It was a fabulous turn out and there was a lot of great discussion on upcoming events and other projects for our school community. Minutes will be posted on the P&C Facebook page and on the Skoolbag app.

The P&C will be running the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 27 November to raise funds for our school. We still need a few people to fill the afternoon shift (one to cook and two to serve) from 2.00pm to 4:30pm, including pack up. If you can help out, please go to <https://signup.com/go/sYxNbEt> to claim your spot.

We're also inviting families to bring along some Christmas treats and handmade gifts to be sold at the Christmas concert on 7 December to raise funds for our P&C. These can be dropped off at school on the Wednesday at drop off or pick up or just bring them along before the event.

Angela Foong has generously offered to organise the Rarity Fruit trays again this year. Order forms will be coming home for trays of delicious stone fruits in the last week of November with \$5 from every tray going to the P&C.

To keep in touch with P&C news and events go to the Islington Public School P&C Facebook page or get in touch at islingtonpspc@gmail.com. To become a member of the P&C, please ask for a form and leave your gold coin donation at the office.



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Straw Tower Competition

Multiple Stage 3 children attended a Straw Building Challenge run by Engineers Australia. There were 90 participants from across a range of schools. We are proud to announce that one of our teams won first prize. This is just one example of the many opportunities offered by IPS to support the enrichment and extension of our students.

Congratulations Banjo, Max, Sam and Arlo!



Term 4 Calendar

The calendar below will be updated as the term advances:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 Nov 21-25	*Assembly 9am *Swimming School	* Aikido: Yr 2 2pm *Swimming School	*Swimming School	*Swimming School	*Assembly 9am *Sailing 12-3pm *Swimming School * Soccer: Fast Fives
Week 8 Nov 28-Dec 2	*Assembly 9am *Swimming School	* Aikido: Yr 2 2pm *Swimming School	*Swimming School	*Swimming School	*Assembly 9am *Sailing 12-3pm *Swimming School
Week 9 Dec 5-9	*Assembly 9am	* Aikido: Yr 2 2pm *Waratah HS Transition	*Christmas Carols Concert 5.30pm		*Assembly 9am *Sailing 12-3pm
Week 10 Dec 12-16	*Assembly 9am	* Aikido: Yr 2 2pm * Presentation Day	*Year 6 Farewell 6pm	Activity Day K-6 9.30am	LAST DAY OF TERM Year 6 Clap Out