

The Buzz

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From the Principal

ISSUE: Term 4, Week 1 2023

WELCOME BACK!

2023 TERM 4	IPS Calendar
Oct 9	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Oct 10-11	Stage 3- Great Aussie Bush Camp
Oct 20	Sailing begins

Welcome back for Term 4, we trust that the holidays was productive and that the children are chomping at the bit to get back into school routine.

NEWS – Kim Harris

For Term 4 2023 I will be relieving at Maitland Public School. I understand that this news maybe a shock to some of our student, parents and community, however, this process has had an extremely quick turn around meaning I was unable to provide more warning or say a proper farewell for the term. You all know that I thoroughly love working at Islington Public School and enjoyed continuing to build the wonderful culture and inclusion that we are well known for. This opportunity will allow me to develop my leadership and management skills in a larger setting. Mrs Bishop will capably relieve at Islington PS as Principal until our Director completes the process for an expression of interest. I'm hoping to visit if I get a chance or pop in for Presentation Day if timetables don't clash. I look forward to hearing about Term 4.

Kim Harris

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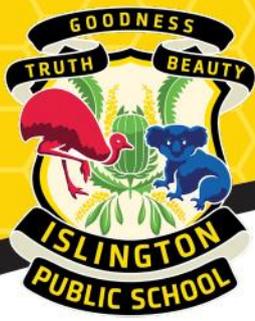
Starting today we are rolling over to a new system for marking attendance. As the term progresses we will be moving our payment and communication systems over. We will keep you informed of any changes.

All Around Australia Video

We recorded our amazing All Around Australia production at the end of last term. Further information will come home shortly if you wish to purchase this memory for the future.

Sailing

Year 3-6 are able to enrol for sailing for Term 4. There is a cost of \$120 and we require a minimum of 16 students. All students must be able to swim a minimum of 50 metres and support themselves in the water for a minimum of 5 minutes. They wear lifejackets for the entire duration of sailing. We currently have 16 students enrolled with 4 places available. Parent transportation is required on Fridays if you wish for your child to participate. It begins on Friday Week 2 and operates for the remainder of the term.



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Check-in Assessment for Year 3, 4 and 5

During Term 4, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment supplements existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3, 4 and 5 students during Weeks 1 - 4
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

Teacher Wellbeing.

Our teacher of the week at the end of Term 3 was:

Ms Sharon Alusiola

Ms Alusiola is having a great year with her 2/3 class. She was a vital part of organising the whole school production by stepping up into numerous roles that she did with a smile on her face. Ms A is trained in Rock and Water and will be working with another grade on their pathway to self-awareness, and increased self-confidence this Term. She is known for her contagious smile and for saying you can never have enough glitter.

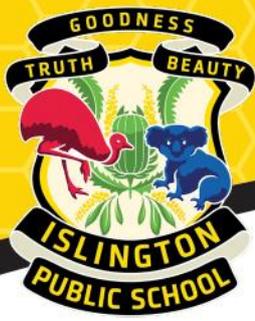
*You always have such a positive
uplifting vibe around you! Just being
around you brightens everyone's day!
Anonymous Teacher*



*Ms A is an amazing artist, kind,
beautiful and a great teacher.
Anonymous Students*

Stage 3 Camp – 10th – 11th October

Tomorrow morning Year 5 and 6 students need to meet Mrs Read and Mr Thompson at school by 8am for the bus to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. They have two great days of activities planned including canoeing, giant swings, high ropes and a campfire. They will return to school in time for a 3pm pick up on Wednesday.



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Kinder Orientation

Kinder Orientation Days are fast approaching starting on Thursday 2 November. We encourage any parents that haven't enrolled their child for 2024 to do so immediately so that you receive the correspondence in readiness.

New Playground Equipment- Thank you Koppers!

All students were very excited to see that we have some new Moduplay playground equipment installed over the holidays. Shane Beasley, a Technical and Commercial Director from a local business Koppers, had heard our school when we were on the radio early this year and had approached the school about providing a donation towards something our school had been working towards. They jumped at the chance to donate our new musical playground. This morning Shane and Nick came to school to formally open the new playground equipment. A plaque in recognition of their donation will be attached to the playground to recognise their generous donation for years to come.





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Lego - Build To Give

This year IPS are participating in the Lego Build to Give initiative.

Children will have opportunities to participate at school and you can also participate at home. If participating at home, we encourage use of a parent social media account with parental permission and supervision. Children who participate at school will only build then teachers will upload onto the school account.

Started in 2017, Lego will donate a Lego set to a child in need for every build share with the hashtag #BuildToGive. Last year alone they donated 1.5million sets and hope to donate 2 million this year.

How to get involved

1. Build
2. Share on social media using #BuildToGive
3. Lego will donate

For more information visit

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