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From the Principal

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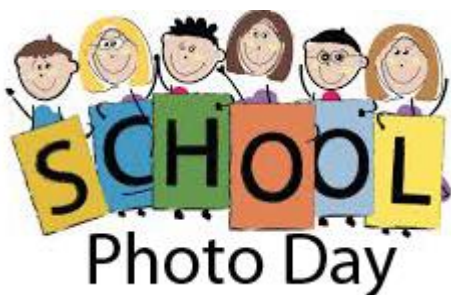


Photo Day

Smile this MONDAY is Photo Day

Thank you Mrs Bishop

Mrs Bishop has held the fort as relieving Principal in my absence and performed fabulously. The school, and I personally, thank her for her wonderful contributions to Islington Public School and her calm approachable personality which is appreciated by all. The school has been in very capable hands.

Enrolments for 2024

If you are an existing family or have friends that have a child attending primary school in 2024, please enrol at the office now. Our orientation processes start in the middle of Term 3. Having your child listed as an enrolment will ensure that you don't miss important information.

Pirate Day- 13 June 2023

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness and much-needed funds for childhood brain cancer. Since 2015, Pirate Day has raised over \$475,000 for kids' brain cancer research.

Children will be asked to dress up like a pirate and donate a gold coin (or more if you would like). All proceeds will be provided to The Kids' Cancer Project.

Good Luck Rose

Good Luck Rose K. who is a member of the regional choir Hunter Trebles and will be participating as part of the Star Struck Choir coming up on June 16 and 17.

2022 TERM 2	IPS Calendar
June 5	Photo Day
June 9	Assembly Item: KS
June 13	Pirate Day: Fundraiser for brain cancer
June 16	Assembly Item: 2/3A
June 19	Harmony Day
June 23	Premiers Spelling Bee Final
June 26 - 30	NAIDOC Week
June 30	Athletics Carnival
June 30	Last day of Term





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New Syllabus Semester One Reports

Semester One reports will be sent home in week 10.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Semester One reports have been adjusted to align with the new K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabus. Teachers will now be reporting on new focus areas for these subjects.

In English these focus areas include – Oral language and communication, Vocabulary, Phonological awareness (Kindergarten only), Print conventions (Kindergarten only), Phonics knowledge, reading fluency, Reading comprehension, Creating written texts, Spelling, Handwriting and Understanding and responding to literature.

English					
				Overall Achievement	
				Sound	
				Effort	
				High	
Areas of Learning	Limited	Basic	Sound	High	Outstanding
Oral Language and Communication			✓		
Vocabulary			✓		
Phonic Knowledge			✓		
Reading fluency			✓		
Reading Comprehension			✓		
Creating Written Texts			✓		
Spelling			✓		
Handwriting			✓		
Understanding and Responding to Literature			✓		

In Mathematics these focus areas includes-

- Number and Algebra - Representing whole number, Combining, and separating quantities and Forming groups.
- Measurement and Space – Geometric Measure, 2D spatial structure, 3D spatial structure, non-spatial measure
- Statistics and probability – Data and Chance

Mathematics					
				Overall Achievement	
				Sound	
				Effort	
				Satisfactory	
Areas of Learning	Limited	Basic	Sound	High	Outstanding
Number and algebra			✓		
Measurement and space			✓		
Statistics and probability			✓		

For further information please speak to your child's classroom teacher. Details about parent teacher interviews will be sent out in early Term 3.

Africa Day

A great day was had by everyone attending Africa Day this year. Thank you to those who donated cakes and treats for the P&C stall.





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Athletics Carnival- Seeking Volunteers

Our carnival is scheduled for Friday 30 June 2023, and we are looking for Islington Volunteer Legends who can help the students and staff to have a great day.

We only need your help for an hour and a half. There are a variety of roles to fill. If your available, please follow the QR code link:



School Leader Report – Parnell & Rosie

On the Tuesday 23 May selected students including years 6's and some years 5's was chosen to go to our grip leadership conference. Grip is a day where you learn all about leadership and how to become a good leader.

Grip stands for Generosity, Responsible, Integrity, and People. The day was hosted by The Grip leadership team at The Civic Theatre in town. Throughout the day there were a ton of activities to complete. Such as Find a word, Code breaker, A would you rather and such more.

At different times of the day two men named Levi and Andy would come on stage and do an activity called Loud noises where you had to be as loud as you could until they said stop. It was to let all your energy out so you could be ready for the next session. They also did an activity called Bird or Dog in which you would have to listen to a sound and guess which animal it was. Most of the sounds were birds but they sounded exactly like dogs.

Before the end of the day, we played movie clips to watch from kids' movies and we had to spot the different types of Kindness during the 4 clips of each movie. It would either be Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, and Humility. Most of the kids enjoyed that bit. It was a wonderful experience, and we learned a lot about leadership that day.



Basketball- Islington Public verse Tighes Hill Public





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Attendance – Everyday Matters

We want to do all we can to be sure your child/children achieve their potential and enjoy being in school. We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning.

When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to your child's class teacher so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not be seen like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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While COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are around especially during the winter months, schools will continue to use COVID-smart measures to minimise the risk of transmission.

If your child is unwell, they will need to stay home, get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing symptoms and only return to school when symptom free.

Please contact the school if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing.



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Greetings to our wonderful and diverse Islington Public School community!

Harmony Day acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of culture and colour, rich and varied experiences, ideas and values of Australians from all different backgrounds. Held every year on 21 March, Harmony Day was inspired by the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. At Islington Public School this year we will be celebrating this day together on Monday 19 June. Harmony Day has been a highlight of the Islington Public School calendar, where we start the celebration with a time of cultural sharing followed by a meal supplied by and served for the children by our Islington Public School community. You are all invited to contribute.

Regarding the sharing of culture: in the past, our parent/carer community and children have shared Indian and Greek dances, we have listened to the digeridoo, bagpipes, and guitar; we have heard stories from the Philippines, Sudan and Afghanistan, learned a German song and enjoyed some Australian outback poetry, as well as many more rich and wonderful contributions (usually about 5 minutes per contribution). So please feel welcome to participate in any way you like.

Regarding the food: this is also an important part of the event, and all families are welcomed to contribute a dish for sharing. A note was sent home with your child regarding food and cultural sharing contributions - so please let us know if you wish to be involved and what you wish to contribute. The more, the merrier! Further logistics will be communicated closer to the day. Any questions please contact **Erica on 0420945458 or epsteinerica@hotmail.com, Mrs Ramsay or Mr Thompson.**

Regards

Kim Harris & Melanie Bishop

P&C update

Thanks to all who attended our P&C meeting on 24 May. You'll find the minutes on the Islington Public School P&C Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and will be held on 21 June, followed immediately by a General Meeting. At our AGM, all our P&C executive positions will be vacated. These positions include President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. You can find the role descriptions on the P&C Facebook page. Please consider whether you'd like to nominate yourself for one of these roles. It's a great opportunity to develop facilitation, administration, and communication skills. You'll also have mentors and supporters in our current exec members, who have plenty of knowledge and experience. Reach out to me or Vice President Sarah Reeve to discuss, or email islingtonpspc@gmail.com.

Our P&C will be taking over the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 25 June. This will be a big day and is a great earner for our school. Please jump on the P&C Facebook page to volunteer on the roster or get in touch via email if you're not on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

Phoebe Trongchittham
P&C President



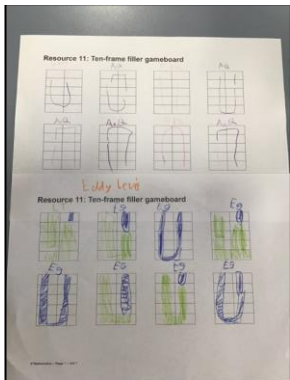
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We read the story 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus' and asked the question should we let the pigeon drive the bus? We discussed modal verbs to show intent, possibility or necessity for a strong persuasive text. Here are a few responses:

Dear Bus Driver,
I would absolutely never ever let the pigeon drive the bus, because he can't even reach the pedals. So, he can't stop or go faster.
He does not have any hands or thumbs so he will not be able to steer. He also can't see over the steering wheel.
So, you must never let the pigeon drive the bus. **Pearl**



Dear Bus Driver,
I would positively NEVER let the pigeon drive the bus! He is too small to reach the brakes and he doesn't know how to change gears.
That's why I think he must not be allowed to drive the bus. **Eddy**



Dear Bus Driver,
I am certain that he pigeon can drive the bus – it looks so easy. I think he could dive the bus his feet. **Alfie**

Dear Bus Driver,
You should absolutely not let the pigeon dive the bus because he too small to reach the pedals. So, never ever let the pigeon drive the bus lease! **Tully**

Dear Bus Driver,
Obviously, you can let the pigeon drive the bus because he said he would only drive around the block. **Ruby**

Dear Bus Driver,
Do not let the pigeon drive the bus because he has no thumbs, so he can not hold the steering wheel properly. This could cause an accident. So, definitely, absolutely do not let the pigeon drive our bus! **Pippa**



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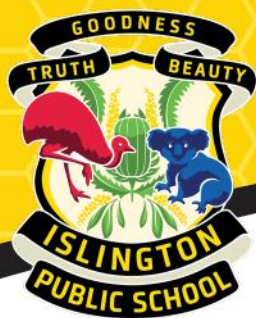
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Last term we stitched some beautiful glasses cases and bookmarks for our mums for Mother's Day. We were very patient, artistic stitchers; Mrs Southward was very proud, and our mums were all seriously impressed.

We have been enjoying our gymnastics lessons and we are all becoming more aware of our bodies in movement.

On Friday afternoons at the end of a long week, we take time to do some building with the construction toys in our room. We are budding architects, engineers, and builders in the making.





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This term we are lucky to participate in the Aikido program that builds Strength and resilience. We also would like to welcome Bevan Smith, a teaching student from the University of Newcastle. He will be with 2/3A until the end of the Term 2. Bevan is also an elite athlete and will be participating in the swimming championships in week 8. He is hoping to qualify for the Paris Olympics to represent Australia in the backstroke.



Term 2 Calendar

Jun Week 7	5 PHOTO DAY Spelling Bee – Stage Heats	6 Gymnastics K-2	7	8	9 Assembly Item: KS Book Club Ed 4 closes
Jun Week 8	12 King's Bday Public Holiday	13 Pirate Day: Fundraiser for brain cancer Gymnastics K-2	14	15	16 Assembly Item: 2/3A
Jun Week 9	19 Harmony Day	20 Gymnastics K-2	21 P&C AGM 6pm	22	23 Premiers Spelling Bee Final
Jun Week 10	26 NAIDOC Week- dress in yellow, red, black)	27 OC Test PJ day	28 Public Speaking: Stage Finals	29	30 Athletics Carnival Last Day of Term



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Any orders received later than 10 days after photo day will incur a late fee.



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and enter your code.

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**EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES
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Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	\$30	<p>1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & Digital Low Res image of family.</p>
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	\$40	<p>1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & 8x12" Enticement & Digital low res image of family.</p>

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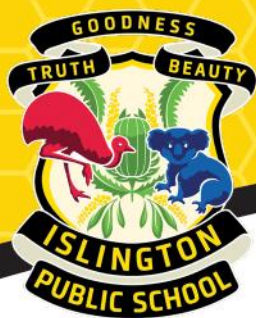
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Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



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