



**Briefing No. 1. Wednesday 6th February
2019**



UPCOMING EVENTS/

TERM DATES:

FEBRUARY

Assembly - Monday 18th February 2 pm **Gd Prep- 2**
1/2 Wendy hosting.

Meet the teacher BBQ (IPSA) – Wednesday 20th 3.15

Gd 3-6 Swimming carnival – Thursday 28th

MARCH

Assembly - Monday 4th 2 pm **Gd 3 – 6**
5/6 Brancher hosting

Assembly - Monday 18th February 2 pm **Prep – 2**
1/2 Coombes hosting

Parent/Teacher interviews – Week beg. 25th March

APRIL

Assembly - Monday 1st 2 pm **Gd 3 – 6**
5/6 Fitzpatrick hosting

Student Free day (last day of term) – Friday 12th April

Term II begins – Monday 29th April

From the Principal...

Welcome back everyone. Today has been a great start to the school year. It was obvious to all that students were pleased to be back at school as they quickly reacquainted themselves with friends and engaged in their learning. The teaching staff, having spent much of the last week of their holidays working, were very well prepared and also eager to start the term. I must make special mention of the work and preparation of Ms Charlotte Genford, Mrs Vanessa Shaw and Ms. Jess Dwyer who have recently moved into the newly refurbished classrooms in the Undercroft/Beach units. Although excited to now be able to teach in such fantastic facilities, due to a tight building schedule, they have had little time to set up and settle in. Furthermore, I would like to commend our administrative, grounds and cleaning staff who had worked tirelessly whilst accommodating the changes to their work which are created by the school being a building site. I know through their hard work and attention to detail that everything possible has been done to ensure a successful return to school is appreciated.

At our welcome back to school assembly this morning we had the opportunity to introduce the new teaching staff and on behalf of the school community I welcome Mr David Fraser, Mrs Hannah Barker, Mrs Cathy Graney and Miss Nicola Sykes to Illawarra Primary. David has recently graduated and will be replacing Mrs Susan Leitch as the schools P.E. teacher, Mrs Hannah Barker will be teaching Grade 5/6 and has transferred from Rosetta Primary School. Mrs Cathy Graney and Ms Nicola Sykes will be team teaching on Grade 1/2, Cathy transferred from Kingston Primary School and Nicola, also a recent graduate, completing her final teaching prac at Illawarra in 2018.

To conclude, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Mr Ian Thomas and Mr Michael Hayen who fulfilled the principal role at different times in 2018. The school was most fortunate to be led by such experienced and highly skilled educators whilst I was on secondment to the AEU. I would also like to acknowledge the leadership provided by Mrs Cathryn Kelly-Bounds during this time. Cathryn was the constant for both Michael and Ian and by the very nature of the schools changing leadership circumstances last year, fulfilled many of the additional responsibilities that came her way, demonstrating a great sense of professionalism and commitment to the school.

Have a great year everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's/children's class teacher if you have any concerns or queries about the start to the school year. As is the case every year, the establishing and maintaining of a positive relationships between home and school is the most effective way for students to be supported.

Nick Donnelly

Principal



NUTS AND BOLTS

New staff:

This year we welcome several new staff and returning staff. Introducing

<p>Mrs. Jo Bilson - Grade 3/4 Bilson/MacKay</p> <p>Mrs. Bilson worked across all the grade 3/4 classes last year on literacy support and is looking forward to having her own class this year at Illawarra.</p>	
<p>Mrs. Sophie Mackay - Grade 3/4 Bilson/MacKay</p> <p>Mrs. MacKay returns to us after nearly 2 years away on maternity leave and is keen to be part of the grade 3/4 team.</p>	
<p>Mrs. Catherine Graney – 1/2 Graney/Sykes</p> <p>Mrs. Graney comes to us from Kingston Primary School and is one of our most experienced teachers (39 years). She is thrilled to be teaching where her children once went to school and helped to decide on the colours of the school as well as teaching Mrs. Georgie in Gd 2!</p>	
<p>Miss Nicola Sykes - 1/2 Graney/Sykes</p> <p>Miss Sykes completed her final internship prac with Mrs. Coombes last year and is very excited to have the opportunity to teach 1/2 at Illawarra.</p>	
<p>Mr. David Fraser – PE teacher</p> <p>Mr. Fraser is excited to join the team at Illawarra for his first year of teaching to take PE across the school. He comes with rich experience in leading community sport and out of school care programs.</p>	
<p>Mrs. Hannah Barker – 5/6 Barker</p> <p>Mrs. Barker has transferred from Rosetta Primary and is very happy to be closer to home and part of the school community with her oldest child starting Kindergarten at Illawarra this year.</p>	

We also welcome back Mr. Donnelly, returning as Principal and Mr. Hayen, returning as one of our Assistant Principals. We will introduce our new Teaching Assistant staff in next week's newsletter.

Change to assemblies:

This year a decision was made to have separate grade assemblies due to the GP room becoming too small to accommodate all classes comfortably. Once a term there will be a whole school assembly except for Term I. This will also allow younger classes to have a turn at hosting.

Please see assembly dates under 'Upcoming Events/Term Dates'.



Hats:

Please ensure all children have a bucket or wide brimmed school hat. Hats must be worn in Term I and Term IV. To protect children's skin, those without hats must play in the shade under the gazebo in the courtyard. The school Facebook page has a daily UV rating that can be checked. The Cancer Council recommends sun protection be used for UV levels of 3 and above. Please see our **Sun Smart Policy** on the school website.

<https://illawarraprimarieschool.education.tas.edu.au/>

Behaviour:

Illawarra Primary has high expectations of both student, staff and school community members behaviour at school and when using the school Facebook page. Respectful behaviour is everyone's responsibility. Please see more information about our **Respectful Behaviour Policy** and **Respectful School Volunteer and Visitor Behaviour Policy and Process** on the school website.

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Parking:

Due to the redevelopment of the new Admin building now encroaching on the front carpark, it will not be possible to have this as a Kiss and Drop off area until further notice. The area is not wide enough for cars to stop and allow children to get out whilst others cars pass. Please ensure you cooperate with this safety matter and use the turning circle which can be accessed off Illawarra Road as an alternative Kiss and Drop off area for the time being. Thank you.

Asthma and anaphylaxis plans and student medication:

No medication can be given without written permission and these forms are available from the office and the school website. No medication can be in student's bags except asthma puffers. All other medication is stored in the school office. Please notify the school office of students' current asthma and anaphylaxis plans as well as ensure medication is in date. Please see the **Anaphylaxis and Allergy Policy** on the school website.

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Bus students:

Please inform the school office if your child/ren's bus arrangements have changed so we can update our bus lists. Students who catch a bus after school wait in the library with a staff member until their bus arrives.

Validation forms:

These will be sent home with students this week. Please return them promptly to ensure the school has the most up to date contact information for your child/ren.

School Association

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 7pm in the Staffroom.

All welcome!



Welcome BBQ & Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 20th February 2019

5pm – 7.30pm



The Illawarra Primary School Association invites all families to join us to celebrate the beginning of another school year.

Classrooms will be open from 5-6pm so you can come and chat to teachers and other parents.

A BBQ will be provided by gold coin donation.

Wine, beer, cider (\$5) and soft drinks (\$2) will be available to purchase.

A free icy pole for every child!

If you can PLEASE spare an hour of your time to help at the event, complete the slip and return to the office or contact Emma on ebrookwell@gmail.com or 0420 903 284. It's fun and easy!! (I promise!) If you are a new parent to the school, this is a great way to meet other parents.

YES! I can help out and have a WWVP card:

Name: _____ **WWVP card #:** _____

Phone: _____

Time: (please circle)

4-5pm

5-6pm

6-7pm

7pm-finish

Emma would love to help anyone who needs to apply for a Working with Vulnerable People card – so please call or message her on 0420 903 284.