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Illawarra

Primary School

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WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome for the start of the year to our school community, especially those families who are new to Illawarra Primary School. We wish our grade 6 students from last year an exciting first week of high school.

It was lovely to chat to students and see them settle happily into their new classroom yesterday. Teachers have worked very hard behind the scenes to prepare and provide a welcoming class environment for students. Office staff, TAs and our EFAs have also been very focused on preparing for the beginning of the school year and we thank them for their hard work.

We would like to introduce and welcome new staff to our Illawarra community:



Natasha Visser comes to us from Bellerive Primary and is teaching a 5/6 class Monday - Thursday. Bec Witts will teach this class on Fridays and is also teaching at Franklin Primary.

Chris Cooke comes to us from Lenah Valley Primary and teaches a 5/6 class this year.



Tracey Williams comes to us from Bowen Road Primary and is teaching the Prep/1 class Monday – Thursday with Kerry Baker teaching the class on Friday.

Warren Illes is teaching PE Wednesday – Friday this year and knows the school community well as his children also attend the school.



Yesterday classes began to work on their learning agreements which are co-constructed by the students and teacher and outline the expectations for how good learners operate at school as well as general behaviour

standards. In a brief assembly students were reminded of the three questions that guide behaviour at Illawarra Primary which are “Is it Safe?”, “Is it Fair?”, and “Does it show you Care?”. By reflecting on and discussing behaviour choices children are encouraged to be capable and competent in developing their ability to think for themselves. Respectful behaviour is the responsibility of the whole school community. Our Respectful Behaviour Policy can be found on the school website.

Mr Donnelly has had to take some personal leave this week but joined with staff earlier in the week to develop an understanding of conceptual learning and how this will inform our curriculum planning and teaching this year as well as deepen our knowledge of teaching through inquiry. This professional learning was led by David Gilkes who will continue to work with the staff this term on conceptual learning.

Coming up this term is the Meet the Teacher BBQ in week 3, the Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival, Fire Education for all classes and Parent/Teacher interviews. Grade 5 students will be tested for inclusion in the Band program next Wednesday after lunch. A full calendar for the term will be included in next week’s Newsletter.

This year is also our Fair Year! It will be held on Sunday November 15th. Stay tuned for more information.

A few reminders – please ensure children have an appropriate school hat by this Friday. Please try to keep lunch boxes as litter free as possible, update all medication and allergy plans and let the Office know if after school bus arrangements have changed. Validation, ICT and medical forms also need to be returned to the Office as soon as possible.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead.

Mrs. Kelly-Bounds AP and Mr. Hayen AP

2020 TERM DATES

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| Term 1 | 5 February - 9 April |
| Regatta Day | 10 February |
| Eight Hour Day | 9 March |
| Term 2 | 27 April - 3 July |
| Queens Birthday | 8 June |
| Term 3 | 20 July - 25 September |
| Term 4 | 12 October - 17 December |
| Show Day | 22 October |

ANAPHYLAXIS, ALLERGIES AND FOOD BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

At Illawarra we have a large number of students who have anaphylaxis.

Some of our students can have anaphylactic reactions not only from eating certain foods but from skin contact with these foods or their residues.

To help us keep all students safe we ask that you do not pack any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, snack bars with nuts etc. Foods that may contain traces of nuts are alright to pack.

In some classes, particularly in younger grades, you may also receive a letter from the teacher asking you to assist us in a few other simple ways.

We really appreciate your support with this, as do the families of students who have this potentially life threatening condition.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

We are receiving advice from the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Departments of Health about novel coronavirus and implications for our schools. At this point in time there are no confirmed cases in Tasmania.

In support of national advice, the Department recommends the following for our students and staff:

- Those who have come into close contact with the coronavirus should not attend school and remain in their homes for 14 days following exposure; and
- Those who have recently visited Hubei Province in China should not attend school or childcare and remain in their homes for 14 days after departure.

Australian border control and public health measures have been put in place to identify any person arriving in Australia from China who develops novel coronavirus infection to prevent further spread.

The Australian Government has developed advice that will assist you in understanding the infection. Australian health authorities are monitoring the situation daily and this advice may change.

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to Term I 2020! Canteen will be re-open Thursday February 13 at lunchtime for Counter Sales only. At Counter Sales the canteen will offer snack items including savoury pastries, muffin/brownies, fruit wands, popcorn and icy poles. Prices range from .50c - \$2.00. Children should still bring the usual lunch and morning tea from home as Counter Sales items are not sufficient for lunch.

Counter Sales will continue to be offered each Thursday at lunchtime Term I. Watch this space for further Canteen News and news about Lunch Orders.

Regards IPSA
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Reminder – HATS

A reminder to ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct sun safe hat to school. Please remember that caps are not sun safe, they do not provide neck, ear or side of the face protection. Only broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaire hats can be worn at school and can be purchased for \$10 from the office. It's also a good idea to apply sunscreen in the morning before school as the UV rating will continue to climb as the days get warmer.

LIL PADEMELONS FOR 2020

LiL Pademelons will run on Fridays again this year, starting next week, Friday the 14th of February.

To ensure the room is not overcrowded and that it is most enjoyable for everyone, we will trial two sessions during Term I:

9:00-10:30 Babies/pre-toddlers (0-2 y.o.)

11:30-1:00 Pre-Kinders/toddlers (3-4 y.o.)

The age range is just a guide, but each session will be aimed more at the specified age group. Each family would attend just one session.

If you have more than one child, come to the session which suits you best. If you can only attend at a certain time, come to that session.

Any questions can be emailed to:
lilly.taylor@education.tas.gov.au

ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME BBQ

Wednesday 19th February

5 pm - 7.30 pm

Classrooms open from 5-6pm

**BBQ provided by gold coin donation.
Beer, wine & soft drinks available to
purchase.**

The Illawarra Primary School Association invites
all families to join us to celebrate the beginning
of a new year

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Please contact Emily 0409180284 or email
emtonta@hotmail.com if you can help.



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 Emily on 0409180284 or email emtonta@hotmail.com. 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

Emily would love to help anyone who needs to apply for a Working with Vulnerable
People card – so please call or message her on 0409180284.