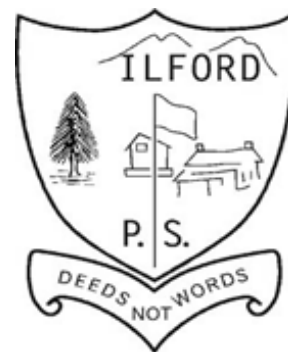


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Term 4, Week 7

## **Bathurst Excursion**

A great time was had by everyone yesterday when we travelled to Bathurst for our celebration excursion. Thank you to Mrs Le Poidevin for a wonderful time. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and, as always, all our students were great ambassadors for our school.

## **Christmas Tree**

Thank you for all those people who have taken on their job from the jobs roster. I'm sure this will help the evening run smoothly. Students are rehearsing and collecting props and costumes to make their play a great success. Could you please ensure your child has the required costume items as soon as possible.

## **Swimming School**

A reminder that our swimming school will be from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The cost is \$25 per student and is based on all students attending each day. There are still some permission notes and money outstanding.

## **Schools Spectacular**

We have our tickets for the Schools Spectacular so it is all systems go for this excursion. Please make final payments by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The excursion cost \$30 per student and most people have paid \$10 deposit. See attached note for more information.

## **Library Books**

Can all outstanding library books please be returned to school in order for us to complete our annual stock take.

## **Bike Education**

This Friday is our last Bike Education session. The students have enjoyed it immensely and improved their cycling skills. We thank Russell from The Mudgee Cycling Club for his input and look forward to the program continuing in 2014. Please collect your child's bicycle after Friday's riding.



### Dates to Remember

29 <sup>th</sup> November	Schools Spectacular
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming school
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Tree
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of school 2013

2014

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return for 2014
14 <sup>th</sup> February	RDO

### Citizens of the Week:

**Blainey** – having a very kind heart.

**Maya** – being kind and helpful.

**Raynor** – being a little ray of sunshine by displaying an excellent sense of humour.

**MacAlister** – for being kind and truthful.

### Workers of the Week:

**Matthew** – good efforts in bike riding.

**Lucy** – working at a high level in all subjects.

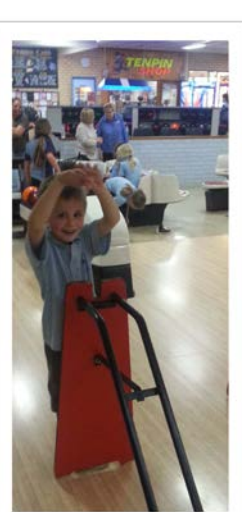
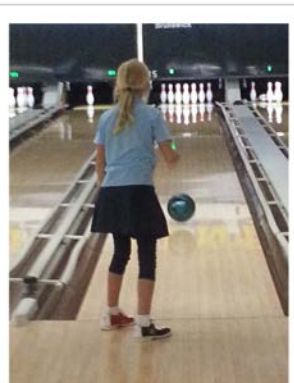
**Charlie** – striving to do her best in all areas.

**Jaiden** – for application to a test situation.

### Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Jaidyn who turns 6 next Tuesday, to Raynor who turns 10 today and to Amelia who turns 7 on Saturday. Happy birthday!

**Celebration Day!**





**Desert Base**

Leave the ocean behind  
And head down  
Where the sand sinks

Where rocks explode  
Bones fill craters  
And clothes roast in the sun

Where jackals and vipers feast  
And rabbits roast  
Where coyotes tear up leftovers  
And scorpions scuttle-run under  
rocks

Head further in  
Where miners dig for gold  
Through endless catacombs

Where giant solar panels sit  
Silver bars dazzle  
And bricks form caves

Where moles gaze blindly  
And centipedes burrow deep in hard  
earth

Where centipedes are called  
centipests  
And snakes rule the land

Where tornadoes of hawks  
Swoop in unision - grey, brown, grey  
And massive-winged dragons hover

Where heat pushes an animal fight  
Of wrestles and tackels

Where you can look forward  
Into the dark earch

And feel more pain  
Then you've ever felt before  
By Tom and Oscar

**Graveyard**

Leave my life behind  
And step out  
Where the wind howls

Where the weeds overgrow  
Spider webs fill trees  
And graves split apart

Where people and animals die  
And plants live  
Where insects buzz in grass  
And ants single-file to a grave

Step further out  
Where tracks are curvy  
Through endless bends

Where dust sweeps through the air  
Gum leaves drop  
And moss covers the graves

By Jessie-Lee and Bianca

**Island**

Leave the desert behind  
And head forward  
Where the sand piles

Where the camels trot  
Sand dunes grow higher  
And palm trees sway together

Where camels and people drink  
And camels' humps sway  
Where the sun heats up fast  
Donkeys signal row into the horizon

Head further out  
Where people travel far  
Through endless tracks

Where wind drags on sand  
Camel tails dangle  
And the oasis refreshes the air

Where tents lay awkwardly  
And lizards dig deep in dry land  
Where bunches of stars  
Twinkle together - white, blue, white  
And white-winged owls  
Glide over

Where dust blows a tree rustles  
Of scuffles and bustles

Where you can look up  
And see more starlight  
Then you ever seen before  
In the dark night sky

By Clare and Reine

### Hell

Leave the heaven above  
And plummet down  
Where angels turn red

Where red sky overtakes  
Clouds turn grey  
And evil burns lives

Where snakes and bats feed  
And lions destroy  
Where sharks swim in insides  
And crocs spread out to eat

Plummet further down

Where fire burns everywhere  
Into endless dead trees

Where white souls sweep the sky  
Graveyards darken  
And happiness nailed to walls

Where devils gaze blankly  
And fear burrows deep into minds  
Where fun is called murder  
And evil owns the land

Where groups of ghosts  
Swoop with horror-red, black, white  
And long clawed beasts stalk

Where night sounds howl  
And Russell and stumble

Where you can't escape  
Into the day light  
And see more happiness  
But you can't see anymore

By Charlie

### OCEAN

14.11.2013

Rewrite by K-2

Leave the desert behind  
and fly out  
where the sand shrivels

where gum trees reach  
water flows in rivers  
and roads weave around

where seagulls and pelicans swoop  
and dolphins dive  
where whales blow out water

and crabs scuttle-march across  
dunes.

Look further out  
where sun reflects  
On dancing waves

where brave surfers ride the waves  
mighty swells overlap  
and breakers smash the ocean

where sailboats tilt dangerously  
and sharks stalk deep in salty water  
where dolphins are in pods  
and great white sharks rule the sea

where groups of fish  
swim in schools - swish, turn, swish  
and barb-tailed stingray drift

where sunrise shines firey flames  
of flashes and speckles

where you can stare over  
across the glowing horizon  
and see more water  
than you have ever seen before.

### City

Leave the country behind  
And head in  
Where the traffic thickens

Where K-mart gets products  
Houses fill blocks  
And people cross roads

Where the people in food courts eat  
And sushi is sold

Where kids play in parks  
And parents save-files to their  
smartphones

Head further in  
Where roads run busy  
Through endless skyscrapers

Where diesel pollution contaminates  
the air

Petrol fumes stink  
And plastic flies into the country

Where old people sleep  
And kids annoy them in the night  
Where cattle are called moo cows  
And humans own the land

Where clouds of smoke  
Fume over the place-black, black,  
black  
And small winged sparrows fly

Where the light hosts an artificial  
sun  
Of windows and lights

Where you can look forward  
Into a computer screen  
And you see Minecraft  
That is better than ever before.

By Blake

# Schools Spectacular November 29th



Next Friday is our excursion to Sydney to see the Schools Spectacular.

- Transport is by train
- Children will need to:
  - arrive at Lithgow train station **by 7:10am** and meet in front of the ticket stand.
  - have a drink bottle, recess and lunch (and a backpack to carry it in)
  - Wear full school uniform including a hat
  - Comfortable walking shoes (sneakers)

We anticipate being back at Lithgow train station by approximately 6:10pm at which time you can take your child/ren home.

I will send a text message when the train is approximately 1 hour from the station on return.

If you have any questions please contact us.