



Ilford Public School

Ilford Insights

Term 4, Week 5

Principal's Message

We have all survived excursion fortnight. It has been a busy time at IPS with both our classes going on their big excursions for the year. Both excursions were enjoyable in their own rights and both had exhausted children and staff returning. I want to congratulate both classes on their behaviour during the excursions. Exemplary manners were shown throughout.

With only a few weeks left I'm sure it will be all hands on deck to ensure we arrive at that finish line safely and in one piece.

Relieving Principal

Mr Lindsay

K-2 Zoo Excursion

DUBBO ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday the K-2 went on a bus to Dubbo Western Plains Zoo.

First we went to school to meet at the bus. I sat by myself. We stopped at the toilets. When we got back in the big bus, I sat next to Luke and Jed. When we got there we met at the Education Centre. We saw a girl. She told us her name was Bec and we went into the classroom. She showed us animals. We saw stick insects, frogs, tortoises, lizards and snakes.

Outside in the zoo, we saw cheetahs. The rhinoceros pooped 25kg every day!

"Oh!" and the animals were sleepy. We saw heaps of animals. We saw meerkats and at lunch we saw a peacock. The peacock kept making this funny noise and then the peacock put up his feathers. Also we saw a Bengal tiger. Many of the animals were sleepy.

On the way back we were tired. Lots of us fell asleep.

By Brooke year 1



Dubbo Zoo Excursion

On Tuesday the 24th of October, K-2 travelled on a bus to Taronga Western plains Zoo in Dubbo.

When K-2 got there we went to the education centre. Bec showed us some of the animals. We got to pat two snakes. One was really big.

Then we went outside and saw some animals. They were: wild African dogs, elephants, giraffes, zebra, white rhinos, black rhinos, meerkat, lions, cheetahs, addax, ring-tailed possum, frogs and Barbary sheep.

My favourite was the wild African dogs. They had big ears. We saw them swimming.

My 2nd favourite were the lions. They were growing their mane.



We went to the shop. Sam got two magnets, a key ring and a pen. The pen was cool. He gave the key ring to Jenna.

I was very happy and tired.

By Jed Y1



Dubbo Western Plains Zoo

On Tuesday at 7.30, K-2 class got on a bus to Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo.

K-2 went to the Education Centre first. Bec showed us some of the reptiles like snakes, lizards, frogs and turtles.

Then we got back on the bus to see some animals like addax, African lion, African wild dog, Asian elephant, Barbary sheep, dingo, one-horned rhinoceros and Sumatran tiger.

We got back on the bus again and went to see the small-clawed otter. They ran, swam and came to the glass.

Finally, we got back on the bus and went back to school.

I liked the small-clawed otter best, because they were very active, swimming on a hot day.

By Dylan Year 2



Dubbo Zoo Excursion

On the 24th of October, K-2 went on a bus to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo.

First K-2 went to the Education Centre.

We looked around then Bec showed us some reptiles. K-2 got to all have a go at feeling them. They were awesome.

After that K-2 looked at the African wild dogs. They were spotty and had large ears.

Next were the Meerkats but most of them were asleep, except for one who was on guard. All of them were cool. My best animals were African wild dogs.

K-2 travelled for 2 1/2 hours then we returned to school. We went home at 5:45 PM.

I was happy!



Lincoln Year 1



3-6 Toukley Camp

On Sunday 29th October, 3-6 travelled to Toukley on Lindsay Leisure Tours Bus. We had fantastic weather while we were away which made for the excursion. It was a joint excursion with other Mudgee Small School in Lue PS, Hargraves PS, Hill End PS and Wollar PS.

When we arrived at camp we put our bags away and got straight into our first rotation of activities. The activities at camp consisted of a Giant Swing, a Flying Fox and a Low Ropes course.



Following our first rotation we had a little bit of free time before dinner. All our meals were beautiful. On the first night we had lasagna and ice cream.

After dinner we had a campfire. Mr Lindsay lit the fire and toasted marshmallows for the younger students while the older students were able to toast them for themselves.

On the Monday we went to the beach. It was a really hot day. We hopped on Lindsay Leisure Tours Bus again and it only took about 5 minutes to get to the beach. We broke up into our groups. The 3-4 group walked down to the beach to play games. After the games we went for a bit of a walk and then walked back up the top for morning tea.



After morning tea we went up to the lighthouse to start our walk. We walked down these stairs and onto the beach. From there we walked back along the rocks and sand to where the rockpool was. We saw some sea creatures in the rockpools. We even



managed to see a whale out to sea.



We were so hot when we walked back we all wanted to jump into the rockpool but we had to have lunch.



After lunch it was our turn to go to the lighthouse. We had to climb 96 steps to get to the top of the lighthouse but the view at the top was worth it. One of the girls in our group from another

school lost her hat over the side.

When we got back from the lighthouse tour it was finally our turn for a swim. The rockpool was so refreshing. Some of us even snorkeled and found some little fish swimming about.

When it was time to leave the beach we hopped back on our bus and headed back to camp. As we arrived back before the big bus we were able to have a quick shower before our second activity rotation.

For dinner that night we had a roast. It was really yum. For dessert we had apple pie and custard.

Our activity that night was a disco. It was so much fun. We all got up and did our dance from the Small Schools Eisteddfod.



The next day was our trip to the reptile park. After breakfast we hopped back on Lindsay Leisure Tours and travelled about 30 minutes down the highway to Australian Reptile Park. At the park we saw some spiders, snakes, kangaroos, lizards, crocodiles and alligators, birds, tortoise and tassie devils just to name a few. The walk around the park was nice as well.





After a few souvenirs were bought it was back on Lindsay Leisure Tours back to camp for our final rotation.

Dinner on our last night was chicken schnitzel and jelly for dessert. We finished our night with a movie night.

For our last morning it was up and packing before breakfast. Once breakfast was done we packed the bus and headed home.

Thank you to Mr Lindsay for driving the bus and Mrs Rutter for coming as well. A big thank you needs to go to Mrs Gale from Wollar PS for organising the excursion.

Taco Lunch and Melbourne Cup festivities

A great day was had by everyone celebrating cup day. Thank you to Mrs Le Poidevin for arranging activities and food and to Carolyn Williams for cooking Tacos.



OneSchools Excursion

On Wednesday 15th November, Ilford and Cullen Bullen school children are travelling by bus to Fern Tree Gully as a final component of their unit on Rainforests. Attached is a note giving full details about this excursion.

Year 6 Breakfast

Instead of the usual afternoon tea to farewell our Year 6 students, this year we are holding a breakfast farewell. All families are welcome to this event. For catering purposes please let us know if you expect to attend. We will be having egg and bacon rolls and pancakes.

Transition

We welcome Early Birds Michael, Monique, Marlie, Mia and Will to our school as they join in activities in the K-2 class in preparation to starting Kindergarten next year.

Each Friday our Year 6 students are part of the High School transition program to enable them to become familiar with their new school in preparation for next year.



December Swimming School

Our swimming school will run from Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December. Attached to the newsletter is a permission note.

Citizens of the Week:

Kiesha - looking after Early Birds

Billy - always being helpful in the playground

Luke - all round nice guy

Matt - empathy and resilience

Workers of the Week:

Sam - completing work on time

MacAlister - trying his best in all classroom tasks

Lincoln - applying himself to his work

Blainey - great work ethic & working independently

Library

This Thursday will be the last day of borrowing from the library. Please ensure all library books are returned to school by 24th November in preparation for the end of year stocktake.

P & C Camel Fundraiser

Please return all orders for the Camel fundraiser by the end of the week.

Ilford PS 150th Celebrations 2018

29th September 2018 has been reserved for the day to celebrate 150 years of education at Ilford Public School. Our next planning meeting for the celebration will be held on Wednesday 29th November at 4:00pm. All welcome.

From the P & C

The next P&C meeting will be Thursday 23rd November at 5pm in the 3-6 room. Everyone welcome.

Book Club

Orders for book club must be at school by 27th November to ensure they are received before the end of the school year.



Family Christmas Carnival

Rylstone Showground

Free Family Entry from 10 am

Saturday 9 December 2017

Carnival 10 am to 2 pm



Chocolate Wheel (Hams & hampers as prizes), BBQ,
Stalls, Rides, Jumping Castle, Live Music & **SANTA**

ALL WELCOME



Dates to Remember

10th Nov	Early birds
	Year 6 transition
16th Nov	Disco 5:00pm - 7:30pm
17th Nov	RDO
	Year 6 transition all day
24th Nov	Yr 6 Transition & Early Birds
27th Nov - 1st Dec	Swimming School
30th Nov	Year 6 breakfast
1st	Year 6 transition all day
2nd Dec	Presentation night
5th Dec	Year 6 Dinner TBA
6th Dec	Student's last day at school