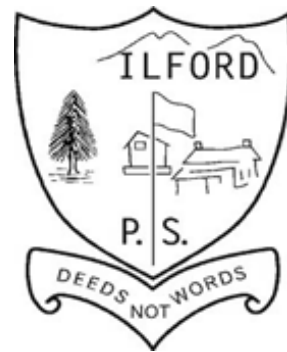


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Term 1, Week 7

Principal's Message

Well done to all of our students for their fabulous efforts in producing beautiful artwork for the show. We were lucky enough to take out many prizes acknowledging the standard of our student's work. Mrs Lodewijks and Mrs Le Poidevin worked very hard to get the best out of everyone.

Good luck to our relay swimmers who'll be competing in the Peter Dobson (small schools) relay at the Western Region Swimming Trials in Dubbo on Friday. I'll be attending as a time keeper and I'm sure I'll be cheering our team home.

Next week I'll be attending a Professional Development conference around visible learning delivered by Dr John Hattie. Mrs Lodewijks and Mrs Le Poidevin will be covering in my absence.

I look forward to sharing a sausage with everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ tonight.

Relieving Principal
Mr Lindsay

Congratulation

Congratulations to our students for wonderful artwork exhibited at the Rylstone-Kandos show. Special congratulations to:

3-6 Class 2nd for group art
Blainey – Highly commended
Jett – 1st & Special Award

Dylan – 1st

Reine – 2nd

Keisha – Highly commended

Layne- 2nd

MacAlister- Highly commended

Breanan – 2nd

Riley – 2nd

Pancake Day

Students and staff enjoyed their pancakes on Tuesday. Money raised will go towards Cystic Fibrosis

Western Region Swimming Carnival

Congratulations and good luck to Reine, Charlotte, Blainey and Jacob who will represent Ilford PS in the P5 relay at the Western Region Carnival on Friday in Dubbo.

MSSN Public Speaking

The MSSN Public Speaking is being held on Wednesday 5th April at the Mudgee Town Hall Theatre. Students are busy preparing their speeches. Please sign the attached permission note.

Gymnastics

Next Wednesday we will be engaging in our 1st session of gymnastics delivered through qualified coaches. These sessions are free of cost to families and have been made

possible through a sporting grant we received from Schools Sports.

Year 6 students

Year 6 students who will enter Year 7 in 2018 will receive an expression of interest form today. These forms are to be filled in and returned to the Ilford school office.

Book Club

Book club order are required by 23rd March.

P & C AGM

Congratulations to our new P & C Committee for 2017.

The new committee is:

President: Audrey Rutter

Vice President: Anne Williams

Secretary: Jacquai Waddell

Treasure: Matt Maude & Carolyn Williams

ICAS Competitions

Students who wish to sit any of the ICAS Competitions need to have forms in by the end of next week.

Library

Library borrowing will be on Thursdays this year. Please remember to bring a library bag (a pillow case is ideal) to help protect our books.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey for **Years 4, 5 and 6**. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 20th March and the 7th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or

children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 17 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Citizens of the Week:

Roxy – helping others
Lincoln – being bright and happy
Jed – thoughtful & friendly boy

Workers of the Week:

Reine – completing all mathletics tasks
Riley – lovely work presentation
Joshua – great Year 2 literacy work



Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Layne, who was 6 on the 6th, Jett who turned 12 on the 8th, Oscar who is 6 on the 23rd, and Bree who is 8 on the 26th.

Dates to Remember

8 th March	Yr6-7 Transition Info
24 th March	RDO
5 th April	Public Speaking
6 th April	Easter Hat Parade
7 th April	RDO & end of Term 1
Term 2	
24 th April	Staff Development day
26 th April	Students return

MSSN Public Speaking Permission note

I give permission for my child/ren

To attend the MSSN Public Speaking competition on Wednesday 5th April at the Mudgee Town Hall Theatre.

I understand that transport will be by parent arrangement.

Signed _____ Date _____

