



Ilford Public School

Ilford Insights

Term 1, Week 7

Principal's Message

It was fantastic to see so many parents last week meet with their child's teacher to discuss their child's start to the year and plan learning goals for 2018. Educational Researcher John Hattie says that if students have their own learning goals then it provides a clear focus to their learning and creates ownership over what they want to achieve.

If you were unable to make the sessions and would like to discuss your child please make contact with the school to arrange a time with their teacher.

Relieving Principal

Mr Lindsay

Young Leaders Conference

On Sunday the Year 6 students and I travelled down with students and principals from Ulan PS, Goolma PS, Lue PS and Hargraves PS to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney.

After checking in, the group headed to Madame Tussauds before walking to Tumbalong Park to burn off some energy.

Next it was off to dinner before closing the evening off with Ten Pin Bowling.

Monday we were up bright and early for breakfast before making our way to the International Convention Centre. 5000 students listened to John Coutis, Lauren Cheatle, Harrison Craig and Matt

Crossgrove deliver messages about chasing dreams and not giving up.

The bus drive home was broken up by dinner at McDonalds at Lithgow.

A big thank you to Mrs McDonald from Lue PS for organising this wonderful experience for our Year 6 leaders.

Year 7 2019

Just a reminder to parents that those students who will be entering high school in 2019 are required to return their enrollment forms to the office by 28th March.

Anti Bullying Day

National Day of Action against Bullying is coming up and we will be observing this day this Thursday 15th March. We will be doing activities throughout the day about the effect that bullying can have on other people. We will be teaching students to speak up against bullying if they see it happening and where they can go for help if it is happening to them. School should be a fun and exciting place and our aim is that every child feels safe at school. Bullying is not accepted at Ilford and the consequences of such behaviour are harsh.

It is a mufti day and children are encouraged to wear blue mufti clothes.

Bathurst Excursion

As part of our Colonisation unit the whole school will be travelling to Bathurst on Friday 23rd March to visit Miss Trails House.

We will be travelling by bus and will leave school at 8.50am and return by 3.00pm. Children need to wear school uniform and bring recess, lunch, water and a hat.

Cost for this excursion is \$20 for 1 child, \$35 for 2 children and \$45 for 3 children.



Permission note is attached and is due back by Monday 19th March.

Emergency Information

Attached is a copy of your child's emergency information that we have on file. Please look it over and if there are any changes that need to be made please let us know. It is important to keep this information, including emergency contacts up to date.

Parking

A reminder to all parents and visitors to our school that during the hours of 8am and 4pm the driveway is a **NO STANDING ZONE. This means NO PARKING.**

Please do not park anywhere but the designated parking area to the right of the driveway below the residence. The kiss and drop zone is not a parking zone. It is an area to stop and drop your children off. We also remind you that the top of the driveway near the concrete area is also a no parking zone. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your children safe.

P & C

Our next P and C meeting will be held Monday 26th March at 3pm in the library.

We are trialling earlier meetings to make it more convenient for families to come.

Please come along and show your support.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter hat parade will be held at 9am on Wednesday 28th March followed by a morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Children will be making their hats in class the day before. Please send in easter craft items that your children can decorate them with.

Easter Raffle

The P and C are once again holding an easter raffle which will be drawn at our hat parade on 28th March. Tickets are \$1 each and books have already gone home. If you would like more tickets please ask Audrey.

We are asking all families to donate easter eggs or goodies towards the raffle. The amount of prizes will be determined closer to the day depending on donations.

Ilford PS 150th Anniversary meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th March at 4:00pm.** All community members and parents are invited to be part of the planning committee.



Western region Swimming

Our relay team made up of Jacob Williams, Matthew Brown, Amelia Waddell and Jenna Benjamin will be competing at the Western Region Swimming trials on Friday 16th March. . We wish them all the best of luck.

Book Club

Book club is due back by 28th March.

Driver Reviver

A note went home on Monday with information regarding the Driver Reviver over the Easter long weekend.

Please return all notes **ASAP**.

We need to inform RMS if the Driver Reviver will be going ahead and this is dependant upon the amount of volunteers we have to cover the shifts. Please support our school by giving a few hours of your time.

Birthdays

The following students have birthdays coming up. We wish you all a fantastic day.

4 March Samuel 8 years

6 March Layne 7 years

23 March Oscar 8 years

26 March Breeanan 9 years

Sting

A scorpion,
half crested moon inset,
Scuttled over the sand tonight.
Burying in the dirt.

It lifted its venomous tail,
arrow -hard
as shark teeth.
Yr 3 and 4

Fur

A fox,
White silent ghost fox,
Crept through my garden last night
Looking for the chooks.

It left a patch of fur,
blowing in the breeze
fluffy and orange
as sunset clouds.

By Roxy Sultana.



Skin

A snake,
Red belly black snake,
Slithered past my feet earlier
Hissing at the bush.

It left its frail skin,
Freshly shedded,
Fragile and soft
As birds feathers.

I picked up its shell
Touched the skin
And fell to the ground
And slithered away
By Jacob

Petal

A rose,
Prickly velvet day plant,
Sat near my garden yesterday
Staring at my house.

It left a rose petal,
Greatly together,

Thick and rough
Like crab shells.

I felt its roughness
See the holes
And release of seeds,
Think of life.
By Billy King

Dates to Remember

March 14	150th meeting 4pm
March 15	Anti Bullying Day (mufti)
March 16	Western Swimming
March 16	RDO
March 23	Bathurst Excursion
March 26	P and C meeting 3pm
March 28	Easter Hat parade
March 29	RDO
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday