Welcome Back

Welcome back to our whole school community. We are looking forward to a fantastic year where we can grow and learn together.

A special welcome to Kindergarten. They are settling in well, although I am sure we will see some tired students over the week to come. Thank you to all the parents that assisted us to welcome our new families to school last Thursday at Suspension. This local coffee shop was very generous to sponsor our school with the coffee and venue for the morning.

Thank you also to our students who are providing a welcome to quite a number of new students throughout the school. A number of these students have arrived in Australia within the last month. They are just finding their feet, as well as learning English. Please give them a smile and a wave and say hello.

We have had a very busy start to the term. Over the holidays we removed part of the wall next to the classrooms. This has opened up this space for quiet play during recess and lunch.

We are also hoping that the building works scheduled for the school will be complete by the end of Term 1. We will be receiving a new roof and then the rooms will be recarpeted in the top of B Block.

Our other special news is that Mrs Wright our Kindergarten teacher has been asked to become a Regional L3 Trainer. This is both a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Wright but also for the school because of the specialist training she will return with. This regional responsibility will mean that Mrs Wright will be away from school on Thursdays and Fridays.
Book Packs and General School Contribution

This will be the first year that Islington Public School is asking for assistance from families.
We are providing a book pack for families for each child. This will contain all required books and stationery. This will also include a Mathletics account and a Reading Eggs account.
The value of this book pack exceeds $100 for each child.

We are asking families to pay $30 for each child for their book pack.

We will also be asking families willing to make a voluntary school contribution of $20.

A note will be sent home over the next few days. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Class Structure

After much consideration we have settled on class structures for this year.

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Mr Beeton will be returning in a few weeks when his shoulder has healed.

Uniforms

We have a number of young ladies who have chosen to wear our new school dress and they look fantastic. They are available for purchase from the office.

Sizes 4-10  $36
Sizes 12-16 $38
School Hats $10

School Banking

Nathan was a super saver last year. School banking starts this week. Notes will be sent home this afternoon for Kindergarten to open an account. Financial literacy is a wonderful skill for students to develop early in life.

Active After School Sports

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this program last year. It was wonderful to see the students getting fit and having fun.

This term we will be offering Ultimate Frisbee and Badminton.

There is a Badminton stadium in Wickham221 which runs a junior program on Thursday afternoons. This is an opportunity for students who enjoy the activity to move towards a serious interest in the sport.