**Easter Hat Parade...**

We invite you to join us on Thursday 24th March at 1:15pm for a picnic lunch with your children. At 2pm we will be having our annual Easter Hat Parade. K-2 students will be making their Easter hats at school, so please start sending in some craft supplies and a hat in a labelled bag. Students in 3-6 are asked to make their Easter hats at home and bring them to school for the parade.

**Parent Helpers...Site Inductions**

Any parents who missed the WH&S Induction held last Thursday and would like to volunteer in the classroom/canteen/year 6 farewell etc will have to contact Mrs. Grosse to arrange a suitable time to complete this requirement.

**School Hats...**

Just a reminder that all children should be bringing their hat to school each day to wear in the playground. Every student did receive a new school hat at the beginning of the year so please remember to pack them in your bags each day.

**See you around the playground.**

Pam Grosse
Principal

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**Celebrate Attendance**

Hints and Tips No. 7: Getting to school on time

It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child's morning routine. It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students. Eg. Any changes to school routines, coming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher pupil interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.

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**For Your Calendar**

- 8/3  P&C Meeting – 7pm in staffroom.
- 10/3  K-6 Assembly – Presented by Merinda
- 18/3  Twilight Night from 6pm.
- 24/3  Easter Hat Parade 1:15pm
Dear Parents & Carers

Hope you all had a great weekend and enjoyed the beautiful weather. I certainly did. Our next P&C Meeting is on tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome to come along and see what is happening around the school. Don’t forget our twilight night **Friday 18th March**. You can pre-purchase stars which include a sausage sizzle, chips, drink, ice block and jumping castle time. Order forms will be sent home soon with details on how to order Stars.

Have a great week and take care.

Sally Taylor
President

**Uniform Shop News...**

**Our new hats are now available at the uniform shop for $18 each. We have the flat cap, bucket and wide brim in stock.**

The uniform shop is open 8:30 to 9:15 Thursday mornings and is staffed by parent volunteers. We accept cash/cheque or eftpos. Layby is available for your convenience. If you can’t make it on a Thursday morning please leave your order and payment with our lovely office ladies and we will have your items ready to pick up from the office the following Thursday. A copy of the uniform shop pricelist can be found on the school website. Click on ‘Newsletters and Notes’ and then ‘P&C, Canteen and Uniform Shop’.

Our next assembly is for K-6 on Thursday at 2pm

**Presented by Merinda**

**Merit Awards...**

**Term 1 Week 6**

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards this week:

- Yulara - Adam, Jaser
- Merinda - Lochlan, Karcen
- Myarce - Cohan, Dylan, Rosie
- Giralang - Lily
- Leamurra - Alexis, Jordan
- Mataong - Tamea, Connor
- Coolangatta - Rianna, Kyle
- Coolabah - Cyrus, Andre

**Book Club...**

Book Club brochures will be sent home with your child/ren today. Please have all orders and payments in by **Friday 18th March**. NO late orders will be accepted. Online payment can now be made using LOOP.

**Second Hand Uniform...**

**We are running low on our supply of second hand uniforms!**

If you have any items of our school uniform that you no longer require or may of outgrown, please drop it in to the school office or uniform shop. This will allow us to offer a more affordable option to many of our families.

Thank you

Please sponsor Kristy Creamer and help support families and continue the urgent search for cures. Help Kristy make the most of her hairy sacrifice. Sponsor Kristy at least $28 today which can provide a cancer information pack to help a family prepare for the challenges ahead. Click on the link below.

[https://secure.leukaemiacfoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer%26Referrer%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fworldsgreatesthave.com%252f&RegistratonID=616585#&panel1=1](https://secure.leukaemiacfoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?Referrer%26Referrer%3dhttp%253a%252f%252fworldsgreatesthave.com%252f&RegistratonID=616585#&panel1=1)

If this secure link doesn’t work, you can go to:

[http://www.worldsgreatesthave.com](http://www.worldsgreatesthave.com), click on the sponsors button in the top right hand corner and search for Kristy Creamer.

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**Birthdays...**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week!

- Samuel 7/3 – Brock 12/3 – Learna 6/3

**Canteen News...**

Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers the canteen will only be open on Wednesday and Friday in Term 1. We will be running Subway days every Tuesday to offer lunches to our students on these days. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to the canteen please let us know as soon as possible. We will provide you with some training with our experienced volunteers during this term and hopefully have the canteen back to operating for three days in Term 2.
What's happening in your local high school
Illawarra Sports High?
Illawarra Sports High is extremely proud of all our students and their achievements.

This week we celebrate our very own Bradley Hodges who has been chosen as NSW Junior Top Blokes Youth Ambassador.

Junior Top Blokes mentoring program is a 16 week interactive school program for boy's aged 14-17 that uses peer-mentoring to challenge young men to reflect on their behaviour and help them make positive life choices. They discuss issues that they themselves or fellow peers struggle with which includes risk taking, peer pressure and of course mental health.

Well done Bradley!

Parker’s Tennis Coaching
Tennis lessons now available at Farmborough
Community Tennis Courts,
275 Farmborough Road, near Top Shop.
For more information please call: Andrew Parker on 0407 029 731
Email: arparker@bigpond.net.au
www.facebook.com/parkerstennis

What’s on...
Illawarra Sports High School

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 12 APRIL
MONSTER MASH
(ceramics) for 5 - 8 year olds
Syne Zadokas - artist & teacher
10am - 12 noon

TROPICAL RAINFOREST
(ink drawing & collage) for 5 - 8 year olds
Tanya Carle - artist & teacher
1:30 - 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL
POP ART PRINTS
(printmaking & drawing) for 9 - 14 year olds
Tanya Carle - artist & teacher
10am - 3pm

THURSDAY 14 APRIL
STEEL CITY PAINTING
(painting & drawing) for 9 - 14 year olds
Syne Zadokas - artist & teacher
10am - 3pm

FRIDAY 15 APRIL
POP UP BOOKS
(mixed media) for 5 - 8 year olds
Clare Mackney - artist & educator
10am - 12 noon

RUNGLE IN THE JUNGLE
(Animal Masks)
(mixed media) for 5 - 8 year olds
Clare Mackney - artist & educator
1:30 - 3:30pm

For bookings & information please phone 4227 8500
2 hour workshops $20 per child  Full day workshops $50 per child

FULL DAY WORKSHOPS - Students must bring their own morning tea and lunch

Avondale Hockey Club
WE WANT YOU TO PLAY HOCKEY!!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 12-15 TO COME AND TRY HOCKEY
COMPETITION STARTS MONDAY 21ST MARCH
GAMES TO BE HELD AT UNANDERRA AND CROOME ROAD
HOCKEY TURFS
NOT SURE IF YOU WILL LIKE IT?
COME AND GIVE IT A TRY AT ONE OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHTS FROM 7:30PM-8:30PM

CONTACT LEANNE 0423498574
OR EMAIL: ADMIN@AVONDALEHECOCKEYCLUB.COM.AU
NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEMS
ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME - FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS. UNIFORMS ARE PROVIDED AND STICKS CAN BE LOANED FROM THE CLUB ON REQUEST.