Welcome Back
Welcome to Ilford Public School for 2016. We look forward to what already looks to be an exciting and busy year of learning. We wish you a happy 2016 and hope you enjoyed the summer break.

Welcome to our new students and their families - Roxy is in Year 3; Brooke who is in Kindergarten and their parents Kim and Paul; Oscar who is in Kindergarten and his father Robert. Welcome to our new kindergarten students – Jed, Riley and Samuel. We hope Roxy, Brooke, Jed, Riley, Samuel and Oscar enjoy their time at Ilford Public School.

Swimming School
Our swimming school is next week and will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Monday of the next Week. (There is no swimming on Friday 5th February). Travel will be by bus. The cost of the swimming school will be $30 per student and is based on all students attending each day. Please return the permission slip, money and medical form tomorrow, Friday 29 January.

Swimming Carnival
The Mudgee Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday at Mudgee pool. Transport will be via parent arrangement.
Please be at the pool by 9:15am ready for a prompt start. It is anticipated that the carnival will finish by 3:00pm. There is a canteen available at the pool. This is a whole school excursion as there will be activities for younger students in the pool. A permission note is attached to the newsletter.

Permission Notes and School Information
To ensure our records are up to date, please sign and return the attached permission notes. It is particularly important for the school to be notified of any change in emergency contacts as well as changes in the health of each student.

Uniforms
Please ensure that all student clothing (including hats) is clearly labeled with their names. This helps us to keep track of them and hopefully save you some money and frustration.

Car park
A reminder that there is a reduced speed limit in the parking area of 10km/h. Please park in designated areas and ensure that you are not blocking the driveway as buses need to get through. We also ask that you ensure that your children are supervised while at all times in this area to be as safe as possible. All primary age students are asked to walk around the car park and not across it unless supervised by an adult walking across with them. There are times when we have seen younger students rush across to follow older students without looking first which has concerned us. We appreciate your support in this matter and know we can all work together to ensure student safety.
**Merits**
Merits are awarded to our students for behavior and for outstanding work.
- 5 merits: students receive a pizza lunch;
- 10 merits: morning tea with Mrs. Cresswell,
- 15 merits: hot/cold drink or ice cream
- 20 merits: a book or a calendar
At the end of the year there is a prize for the two highest merit winners (Week 8 of term 4 is the last week for this). **Hats** – A reminder that in term 1 and 4 there is a policy of ‘no hat, no play’ and children who do not have a hat will stay in the shade.

**Reading diary**
Reading diaries will be sent home shortly. Please encourage your child to read each day.

**Library**
Library is each Thursday. Students need to bring a library bag which has their name on it.

**Scripture**
Scripture lessons are on Mondays and will commence on 8th February. Mrs Garlinge and Mrs Benjamin teach scripture. Those who do not wish to attend scripture please fill in the attached note.

**Welcome BBQ**
A barbecue will be held on Thursday 11th February at 5:00pm to welcome all to the 2016 school year. All families and community members are welcome. This catered by the P & C who supply a sausage sandwich. Please bring a plate of fruit or slice etc. to share.

**Student Banking**
Student banking will be on Wednesday. Bank books can be left in the cream box inside the door to the residence.

**RDOs**
Attached is a revised copy of our RDO’s for 2016.

**Book Club**
Book club orders are due at the office by 17th February

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### February Swimming School Permission Note

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________ to attend the February swimming school at Kandos pool from 1st February to 8th February 2016. I understand the cost is $30 per student to cover the cost of transport (based on all students attending every day).

Signed: ______________________________