

# Iona Public School



## Newsletter

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### TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

#### Week 8

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

School Leader's Speeches for 2012

Swimming School continues; Ms Hamer and Mr Sheppard at a "Focus on Reading" course at Warners Bay

#### Week 9

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

Music Recital – Guitar, Keyboard and Recorder students

Presentation Night

Ms Hamer and Mr Sheppard at a "Focus on Reading" course at Warners Bay

#### Week 10

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Day out

Last day of swimming

Leader's Luncheon; Parents afternoon tea 2.30

Last day for students; class party day

Term 4, Week 7

Thursday, 24th November, 2011

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Music Recital

After a year of lessons with Mr. Eric Loi and Mrs. Helen Tuyl, our guitar and keyboard students are preparing to perform for the first time. We will be holding a recital on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 am. Unfortunately, this is the only time that the tutors are both able to attend. We hope that working parents will be able to arrange to attend the recital, even though it is during work time. The students who have been learning recorder with Ms Hamer will also be performing at the recital.

### Music Lessons for 2012

We are seeking expressions of interest for next year's lessons. Guitar and keyboard will again be offered at \$10/week for each term. Students from Years 2 and up are able to learn with our outside

tutors. Please complete the expression of interest slip below if your child/ren are interested in lessons in 2012. Students who had lessons this year need to confirm for next year if they are going to continue with lessons, too. We need to know in advance so that we can organise times with the tutors, and purchase additional instruments if needed.

### African Aid Foundation – Giving Box

One project we are beginning and plan on continuing, is our support for the African Aid Foundation, through the support of the Bayley family. Mrs Jodi Gale is also promoting this support in her Scripture lessons where we hope children and families can donate towards the support of those needy families in Africa. Once we have finalized our contacts in Africa, we hope

to be communicating regularly with a small school in Africa, sending them information from our school and receiving correspondence from them as well on a regular basis—just like a sister school relationship.

To that end, Mrs Bayley is holding a **“High Tea” this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**. We have attached a flier about this fundraiser, so please give this some serious consideration as all the funds are going to a worthy cause.

### P&C Meeting

We held our last P&C Meeting for 2011 on Tuesday night. Some important points to note:

**Christmas Hamper:** *P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our “Christmas Hamper” which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.*

### Swim Shirts

*As a part of our school uniform, we would like all students (K-6) to have a school c-shirt to wear when at swimming school and at swimming carnivals. As mentioned previously, it is much easier to see our children when they are wearing these c-shirts-and they look good! Mrs. Di Murphy will be talking to those families who haven't one so please see her for further information. Those who have grown out of them can return them (for reuse) and purchase another one basically for ½ price.*

### School Presentation Night

Our School Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Woodville Hall starting at 6.30 pm.

There will be no BBQ before the Presentation Night this year, but we would like everyone to bring along a small plate of food / nibbles to the hall so we can enjoy some supper together. There will be coffee / tea facilities available.

Our P & C will be able to supply some soft drink cans, but if anyone would like to, they are most welcome to bring their own for their family.

### **\* Very Important Information\***

As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift (\$15.00 value maximum), for their own children, to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs. Crow or a teacher before the night.

### Christmas Parties

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at lunchtime. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their favourites). Each child will also be given a can of soft drink (not Coke), an ice block and a few lollies. We are asking each student who will be present on the last day of school to bring in \$4 to cover the cost of the party. No additional foods or drinks will need to be provided for the day, except something for crunch and sip in the morning. For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will **not** be attending that day? **This will be an out of uniform day.**

### Miss Bath Thankyou

Miss Bath would like to thank everyone who helped her with her house moving last weekend. She was very thankful for all the support she received, making her move much easier and less stressful. It does show the positive spirit of the Iona community!

### Quality Work Folders

**URGENT! They all should be back by now—please check!**

**Merit Awards** were presented in K/1, to **Sophie** for trying her best at all times, **Eden** for participation with enthusiasm, **Piper** for working hard on her project, and **Zac** for presenting a great project on bags. In Yr 2/3, **Bethany** for working well on independent literacy activities, **Tom B.** for great work in literacy, **Shyla** for using great thinking skills in class, **Sophie K.** for working well in all areas and **Jesse L.** for excellent work in writing activities. In 4/5/6/, **Tim** for improved diligence with all class work, **Raeshel** and **Charlie** for wonderful flair with drama, **Charlotte** for diligence with all class work and **Victoria** for wonderful dramatic skills.

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award** was presented to **Drew** for being a positive influence on her peers.

**Peer Nominated Citizenship** was presented to **Jesse Lannen** for being involved in a variety of playground games.

**Library Award** was presented to **Drew** for reading a variety of books.

**The Environmental Award** was presented to **Emma S.** for being extremely helpful.

**Healthy Food Award** was presented to **Eaden D.** for eating lots of healthy food.

**Birthdays** **Harry H.** turned 10 on the 15/11/11, and **Tim B.** turned 10 on 20/11/11.

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IS FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MUSIC LESSONS, 2012**

My child/ren ..... wish to be part of the music program provided by outside tutors next year at Iona Public School. I understand the lessons cost \$10/week for each week of the term.

My child would like to learn  guitar (school guitars will be lent to all students who do guitar) OR

Keyboard (children do need to have access to a keyboard at home to practice)

Signed: .....

Here is our “Dingle Dangle Scarecrow” made by the joint effort of students, staff and parents. The Scarecrow will be auctioned at the High Tea being held on Sunday for the benefit of the African Aids Foundation. Well done everyone – he is very handsome!! ☺



# What's On

## In December at Port Stephens

### FREE ADULT D.I.Y. WORKSHOPS

<b>Saturday 3rd</b> 11am: How to clean & maintain power tools 12.30pm: Learning about drills & drill bits 2pm: How to repair cracks in brickwork or concrete	<b>Saturday 10th</b> 11am: How to apply window lining 12.30pm: How to weatherproof your home 2pm: How to prepare / repair walls for painting	<b>Saturday 17th</b> 11am: How to fix leaks & save water 12.30pm: How to save money in the bathroom & laundry 2pm: How to power paint	<b>Saturday 24th</b> 11am: How to install & replace locks 12.30pm: How to prepare for bushfires 2pm: Painting techniques	<b>Saturday 31st</b> 11am: How to seal & weatherproof indoor wet areas 12.30pm: How to prepare / repair walls holes in plasterboard
<b>Sunday 4th</b> 11am: How to seal & weather proof indoor wet areas 12.30pm: Home fire safety 2pm: How to make a picture frame	<b>Sunday 11th</b> 11am: How to apply window lining 12.30pm: How to repair holes in plasterboard 2pm: How to rejuvenate outdoor furniture	<b>Sunday 18th</b> 11am: How to fix leaks & save water 12.30pm: Introduction to power tools 2pm: How to install a TV bracket	<b>Sunday 25th</b> No workshops CLOSED	

### ACTIVITIES

**Free Trade Breakfast**  
- Delicious bacon & eggs every Friday from 7am – 8am at the trade counter

**Mum's & Bub's Club**  
- Come to our cafe between 11am & 1pm on Fridays to enjoy a free baby/sitting, cookie and craft activity

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**BUNNINGS**  
WATERKNOX



# What's On

## In December at Port Stephens

### FREE KIDS D.I.Y. WORKSHOPS

<b>Saturday 3rd</b> 12pm: Santa's workshop	<b>Sunday 4th</b> 12pm: Santa's workshop
<b>Saturday 10th</b> 12pm: Christmas workshop	<b>Sunday 14th</b> 12pm: Christmas workshop
<b>Saturday 17th</b> 12pm: Santa's workshop	<b>Sunday 18th</b> 12pm: Santa's workshop
<b>Saturday 24th</b> 12pm: Santa's workshop	<b>Sunday 25th</b> CLOSED – No workshops
<b>Saturday 31st</b> 12pm: Holiday fun workshop	

### ACTIVITIES

#### BUNNINGS PORT STEPHENS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

- Thursday 8th December 2011 6pm – 8pm**
- Bring the whole family for an awesome night out
  - Entertain the kids with Christmas craft, jumping castle, bungee trampoline, rock climbing wall & more!
  - All families that participate will receive a free sausage sizzle
  - Special appearance from Santa
  - Stacks of great prizes, competitions & giveaways!
  - CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! – (02) 49 163100



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# AFRICAN AIDS FOUNDATION

Solutions: Giving Children Homes, Hope and a Future



## FUNDRAISING HIGH TEA

YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO AFRICAN  
CHILDREN



[www.africanaidfoundation.org.au](http://www.africanaidfoundation.org.au)

Sunday 27th November 2011

at Total Visitor Centre

2.30—5pm

Tickets \$45

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