

Iona Public School



Newsletter

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TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Week 8

Friday, 2nd December

Waterwatch for 4/5/6 at Redmans

Week 9

Tuesday, 6th December

Music Recital – Guitar, Keyboard and Recorder students

Wednesday, 7th December

Presentation Night-6.30 start

Friday, 9th December

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

Week 10

Tuesday, 13th December

Year 6 Day out

Wednesday, 14th December

Last day of swimming

Thursday, 15th December

Leader's Luncheon; Parents afternoon tea 2.30

Friday, 16th December

Last day for students; class party day

Term 4, Week 8

Friday, 2nd December, 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, 6th 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.

Focus on Reading Course

Ms Hamer and I attended the first day on our "Focus on Reading" course at Warners Bay yesterday. (we are attending our 2nd day next Friday, 9th December). The first part of this course

is targeting comprehension skills, especially developing skills with proficient readers in classes 3-6. Although our children read well, there are many skills, especially inferential comprehension, and other skills such as predicting; thinking aloud, summarizing, using visual text, questioning and text structure that we need to target.

Busy Week

Mrs Crow has been rather sick this last week, laid up in hospital since last Friday. She is back home now but she is attending the RPA hospital in Sydney tomorrow (Friday)—hopefully they can sort out her problems and be back on the mend! Ms Bath has also been ill, having the last 3 days off and Mrs Collins has hurt her knee and is struggling to walk! What a week! We sincerely thank Mrs Alison Mahony (from Mt Kanwarly P.S.)

for being here on Wednesday and Thursday, completing our rollover finances for the end of the year, with Mrs Crow's absence. We really appreciate her support.

African Aide Foundation High Tea

From all reports last Sunday's High Tea went very well. Many people attended making the whole day a success. Sarah is finalizing the finances, but needless to say it proved to be a very profitable day for an excellent cause. Well done Mrs Bayley- I'm sure you need a rest after all this organization!

Music Lessons for 2012--reminder

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.

Christmas Hamper:

We need some food for our 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. ***Our hamper is currently empty—we need some serious donations in the next few days!***

School Presentation Night

Our School Presentation Night will be held next Wednesday, 7th 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, 16th 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.**

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IS FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER.