

# Iona Public School



## Newsletter

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### TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

#### Week 9

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

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

#### Week 10

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

Year 6 Day out

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

Last day of swimming

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

Leader's Luncheon; Parents afternoon tea 2.30

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

Last day for students; class party day

- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day for teachers
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January—all children return to school for 2012 school year

Term 4, Week 9

Thursday, 8th December, 2011

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Helpers Thank You Afternoon Tea

The staff are very grateful to all the parents and carers who support us in providing an education for the students at our small school. To say thank you to everyone who has helped, we would like to invite you to an afternoon tea at school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 2:30pm. We realize that many parents work, but maybe you could finish a little early on this day? Please don't think this doesn't apply to you – so many people have helped us in so many ways. Come along to the afternoon tea so that we can show how much your support is appreciated.

#### Music Recital

Our music recital on Tuesday went beautifully with guitar, keyboard and recorder performances from many of our students. Congratulations to Nyah, Raeshel, Laura, Asher, Lucy, Jesse, Bailea, Shyla, Georgia, Gabriel, Tim, Harry, Mike,

Thomas, Luka, Drew, Chelsie and Charlie for doing so well. We sincerely thank Mrs Helen Tuyl and Mr Eric Loi for giving our children the opportunity, each week, to learn these valuable musical skills. We also thank Ms Hamer for giving up her time for teaching recorder. These opportunities are a wonderful asset to our school.

#### Focus on Reading Course

Ms Hamer and I will be attending our second session of the Focus on Reading course at Warners Bay, tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We will be following up this learning by presenting this same course to teachers from Mt Kanwarly, Hinton and Glen William at our Staff Development Days on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December and Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

### **Mrs Crow report**

As many of you know, Mrs Crow isn't very well at the moment. She has spent some time at Maitland Hospital and more recently, the RPA hospital in Sydney, having tests with the same doctors who performed her liver transplant over 3 years ago. We will let you know, as soon as we know, of her progress.

We sincerely thank Mrs Alison Mahony (Mt Kanwarly P.S.) for helping out with the finalization of our Annual Financial Report (and rollover) as well as some banking. We have also had valuable support from Mrs Debbie Collins, Mrs Diane Murphy and over the next few weeks Mrs Gillian Manning (Martins Creek). All in all, everything in the office is working well in Jill's absence but just be prepared to see a different face each day until Jill's health returns.

### **Musical Instruments on Loan**

All students who had guitars or recorders on loan from the school must return them to the Ms Hamer by Monday of next week. If students continue with lessons next year, the instruments will be lent to them again. Please ensure your child brings theirs back by Monday.

### **African Aide Foundation High Tea**

"I wanted to thank everyone at Iona that supported our African AIDS Foundation High Tea on Sunday. We are very excited that our total amount raised is over \$19500 and still climbing due to donations. 100% of the money raised will go to Africa to help children.

The scarecrow was brought in the auction and donated back to the school so that the kids could continue to enjoy him."

Thank you everyone;  
Sarah Bayley



### **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.

### **School Presentation Night**

We had a most enjoyable night last night—it was gratifying to see so many families in attendance. The children performed beautifully, we should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to all the major award winners as listed below:

Citizenship: John

Luke Merchant "All Round Effort" – Neve  
Helix Science – Jesse

"Evan Farley" Public Speaking- Raeshel

See- Meehan Junior Encouragement- Charlotte

Paterson Rotary Senior Encouragement- Jacob

Rouse Junior Commitment- Victoria

Rouse Senior Commitment- Jantze

"Rob Faulkner" for Citizenship- Laura

### **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.**

**Merit Awards** were presented in K/1, to **Zac** - being consistently responsible and reliable, **Oscar H.** - performing a class role responsibly and reliably, **Charlotte** - brightening up the classroom with bubbly personality, and **Kimberly** - 110% in all areas. In Yr 2/3, **Cameron** - working hard to learn his role in our class play, **Amy and Asher** - great work in drama, and **Georgia** - using great thinking skills in class. In 4/5/6, **Harry, Siena and Jesse** - excellent effort with class play, and **Neve** - readily accepting her change of role in the class play.

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award** was presented to **Jesse C.** - consistently modeling great citizenship.

**Peer Nominated Citizenship** was presented to **Sophie Dunlop** - caring for others.

**Library Award** was presented to **Luka** - reading quietly in library.

**The Environmental Award** was presented to **Asher Gale** - working well in groups.

**Healthy Food Award** was presented to **Laura** - eating healthy food.

**Birthdays** **Nyah** turned 9 on 4/12/11.

#### **Free Child's Bed**

If anyone is interested in a child's bed suitable for a young child, please see Denise Bath. The bed is mainly pink and a car shape. Good condition, but needs re-assembling. Mattress comes with bed.

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

# Are you looking to get fit whilst having fun?



**LUKE MERCHANT  
PERSONAL TRAINING**

Hi my name is Luke Merchant. I have recently finished my certificate IV in fitness and am now a fully qualified Personal Trainer. I have also just completed my level 1 and advanced Thump boxing certificates. You are probably wondering what is Thump boxing? Well Thump boxing is the biggest and most popular boxing fitness program not only in Australia but all over the world and is taking off in fitness organisations across the world. I am giving you the chance to take part in this exciting, fun and fast growing fitness program. So if you are looking to have fun whilst getting fit call or contact me via email for more information on my services.

Qualifications:

Certificate III Fitness

Certificate IV Fitness

Level 1 Thump Boxing

(For fitness)

Advanced Thump Boxing

(For fitness)

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