

Iona Public School



Newsletter

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TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Week 10

Friday 14 th December	Choir Greenhills
	Swimming fun day
Saturday 15 th December	Woodville Hall Christmas Party

Week 11

Monday 17 th December	Art Gallery Excursion
	Mr Sheppard away in Muswellbrook
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 6 day out
Wednesday 19 th December	School Party Day; Last day of year for children
Thursday 20 th & Friday 21 st December	Staff Development days for teachers

2013 TERM 1

Tuesday 29 th January	Staff Return
Wednesday 30 th January	Mr Sheppard's & Ms Hamer's class resume
	Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Thursday 31 st January	Miss Bath's class resume
Friday 8 th February	Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 13 th February	P&C AGM and General Meeting

Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 13th December

SCHOOL NEWS

Choir Performance

Our choir has been invited to perform at Stockland Greenhills Shopping Centre on Friday 14th December. The performance is scheduled for 10:30 am and should last about 20 minutes. We will be travelling by private vehicle to and from the venue, leaving school at 9:45am.

Year 6 Day out

Our Year 6 students will be enjoying a day out next Tuesday at Maitland Cinema and the ten pin bowling centre.

Student Reports and Quality Work Folders

All student reports and the bound Quality Work folders will be sent home this Friday, after swimming.

School Swimming

Tomorrow, Friday 14th December, we will be holding our last swimming day of the year so sports uniforms are needed. This is the end of the year fun day, so the children do not want to miss the day.

Debating

Our school debating team debated against Gresford Public School in the final of the "Valler, Small School Competition" today. The team was Drew, Lizzie, Luka; Raeshel (team advisor), Neve and Charlie (supporting team members). Both teams performed brilliantly in the final, displaying all the skills debating teams require. Our team successfully defended their title, winning the final. Well done team! We're very proud of you!

School Christmas Party - Reminder

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 19th 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.**

MRAG School Visit - Reminder

On Monday 17th December the students from all classes will be taking an excursion to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Prior to the visit we have been invited by The Maitland Historical Society to take the Maitland Historic Walk around iconic sites in the inner Maitland area.

We will be travelling by bus which will leave the school at 9.00am and return around 2.30pm after having time to have lunch in the Mall.

Please pack lunch, recess and a drink bottle in a small bag and ensure that your child has a hat and sunscreen on for the day.

The school will cover the cost of the bus but there will be a charge of \$5.50 per student for the Art Gallery visit.

Please sign the attached permission note and return it to school along with your payment as soon as possible.

Presentation Night

We had a great night last night with another tremendous crowd in attendance. The children performed beautifully in their musical "T'was the Night Before Christmas". Santa arriving on his Harley, was another hit. We sincerely thank everyone who helped make the night so successful. All the decorations, lights, food and the cleaning/setting up of the hall—it couldn't be done without everyone's commitment to our school.

Music Tuition Next Year

We will again be offering lessons in keyboard with Mrs Tuyl, guitar with Mr Eric Loi and recorder and choir (choirs practice is during afternoon tea once a week) with Ms Hamer next year. All students who will be in Grades 2 to 6 are invited to join these lessons. If your child is interested in any of the above activities, could you please complete the expression of interest form at the bottom of the newsletter so that groups can be organised and ready to begin early next year.

The school has guitars we lend out free of charge to students, the only cost to parents is the cost of replacement strings if needed. We also have recorders to lend free of charge. However, if your child wants to learn keyboard, they will need to have their own keyboard or piano at home to practise. Students need to understand that learning an instrument is a commitment and they will need to practise daily. Keyboard and guitar tuition costs \$10/ week for small group lessons. All lessons need to be paid for in advance, as the tutors are committing their time to our school. Fees for lessons when students are absent cannot be refunded.

Uniforms

Can everyone please have a look at home to see if they have any of the following labelled items:-

- Blue zip up jacket – F Dunlop
- Sports Shirts size 8 & 10 – Latham.

Found 2 sport shirts both size 10 no name inside.



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Musical Performance

Our children performed beautifully on Tuesday at our Music Concert. This was the culmination of the extra music lessons that Eric Loi and Helen Tuyl have provided this year. It was great seeing the range of experiences and skills on display from all children. Ms Hamer's choir also showed real talent, making her very proud! I look forward to seeing (and hearing) them again this Friday at Greenhills.



Kids Connection Program

Beginning in Week 2 of Term 1 2013, we will be running a program for the Year 5 and Year 6 students focusing on improving the welfare of children by developing healthy relationships. The overall aim of the program is for children to build resilience in their relationships to increase the child's:-

- Recognition and understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- Skills and strategies in problem solving and communication.
- Confidence in being assertive when relationships are unsafe or unhealthy.

The program itself is developed and presented by Interrelate Family Centre as a free service to school children in these classes only. It consists of three hour and a half sessions to be held during school hours on three consecutive Wednesdays 6/2, 13/2 and 20/2.

The permission note for this program will be sent home with your children in the near future. Please sign these and return them as soon as possible as they need to be passed on to the Interrelate Family Centre.

NO CANTEEN 14/12/12



PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB INC.
ABN: 43 068 160 573
P.O. Box 136
Paterson N.S.W. 2421

2013 Netball Registration

WHERE: Paterson School of Arts Hall

WHEN: Saturday 2nd February 10am to 12noon
Wednesday 6th February from 3.30-5.30.
Saturday 9th February 10am to 12noon

New Players and Teams welcomed

Paterson River Netball Club

For more information please contact Sue on 0429385442 OR Shona on 49385563

Maitland Regional Art Gallery

I give permission for my son / daughter to travel by bus to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery and to talk part in the Maitland Historical Walk on Monday 17th December 2012, leaving school at 9.00 am and returning by 2.30 pm.

I enclose \$5.50 to cover the cost of this excursion.

Signed: Date:

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(Year 2 - 6 Only) - Music Tuition Expression of Interest

My child,, is interested in * guitar
OR * keyboard

PAID TUITION

My child,, is interested in * recorder with Ms Hamer

My child, would like to be in the choir, and will commit to practices held during afternoon tea, once a week.

For continuing students only -

My child,, is going to continue withlessons again next year.

My child,, will continue in the choir next year.

Signed: