

Iona Public School



Newsletter

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TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Week 9

Friday 7th December Swimming
 Zumba

Week 10

Monday 10th December Mr Sheppard away – in Muswellbrook
 School Musical Dress Rehearsal
 Guitar Lessons in instead of Thursday

Tuesday 11th December School Music Concert – Guitar, Keyboard, Recorder & Choir
 Performances 9:30 am

Wednesday 12th December School Presentation Night

Thursday 13th December Year 6 Leaders Lunch
 Parent Helper Thank you Afternoon Tea 2:45pm

Friday 14th December Choir Greenhills
 Swimming fun day

Saturday 15th December Woodville Hall Christmas Party

Week 11

Monday 17th December Art Gallery Excursion
 Mr Sheppard away in Muswellbrook

Tuesday 18th December Year 6 day out

Wednesday 19th December School Party Day; Last day of year for children

Thursday 20th & Staff Development days for teachers

Friday 21st December

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 6th December

SCHOOL NEWS

2013

Students return to school on Wednesday 30th January

Swimming and Zumba Tomorrow

School swimming continues tomorrow so please ensure your child has all their swimming gear. We will also be having our last day of zumba tomorrow so the children will certainly be well exercised, ready for the weekend.

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

On Tuesday 18th December, Year 6 and I will be having the traditional day out in celebration of their end to primary school. We will be going to the movies, ten pin bowling and to McDonalds for lunch. More details will be provided to the Year 6 students in a separate note.

School Presentation Night

Next Wednesday is our annual School Presentation night being held in the Woodville Hall starting at 6.30 pm. Children are expected to wear their school uniform for the formal evening. All children K-6 need to bring their outfits for the school musical.

We would also 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 Mahony or a teacher before the night.

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 in serious need of donations in the next few days!***

P&C Report.

At our P&C Meeting yesterday the following was discussed—Presentation Night, Christmas Hamper, welcome BBQs next year, end of year organisation.

School Music Concert

Our guitar, keyboard, recorder and choir students will be presenting a concert on Tuesday 11th December at 9.30 am in our School COLA . We'd love to see as many families and friends as possible supporting our music students.

Mr Sheppard away

I will also be away next Monday 10th December and Monday 17th December as I am on a Principal's Selection panel for Sandy Hollow P.S.

Parent Helpers Thankyou Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 13th December, the staff will be hosting a Parent Thankyou afternoon tea from 2.45 pm. Again, we'd love to see as many of you as possible here to celebrate the year with us—we'd like to thank everyone for their assistance throughout the year. It's the community of the school that makes Iona Public School the place that it is.

School Christmas Party

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.**

Welcome to new student and family

Welcome to the Rackley family who have moved from Muswellbrook.

MRAG School Visit

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.

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



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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With the Pre-season trial games commencing on 10th March 2013, our Registration days for the 2013 Season will be held at Lakeside Oval on the following days:

Sunday 20 th January	10:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday 31 st January	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Sunday 3 rd February	10:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday 7 th February	5:00pm – 7:00pm

Registration Fees are: Under 6 – Under 9 \$ 90 each
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Under 13 – Under 16 \$110 each

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