



### **Calendar**

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music Concert
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Night 6:30pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Students last Day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff last Day

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone for coming to the afternoon tea on Friday. All the kind thoughts and wishes will not be forgotten. Thank you also to all the students who offered extra help or assistance on a daily basis. I am truly going to miss being at Iona during the 2014 year.

I hope everyone has wonderful and safe holidays. Tori, Emma, Charlotte, Luci, Harry, Clinton and Tim I wish you all the very best at high school!  
*Ms Tully*

### **Punctuality**

As you are aware, our school day begins at 9:15am. Unfortunately, many students are arriving at school right on 9:15 or later. This causes disruption and often involves additional time being spent by the teachers to reiterate instructions. It is also poor training in life's necessary skills – how many employers will tolerate constant later arrivals by their staff? We are aware that our school's parents need to drive their children to school, and sometimes emergencies arise, but it would be appreciated if all families could please ensure that students arrive at school ready to go into class promptly at 9:15. It really is important.

### **Drumming Expression of Interest**

What a great way to start the day last Monday, with Col (formerly from the Screaming Jets) demonstrating his skills with drumming, and involving all children with this performance. We have attached an expression of interest form for those children who would like to be involved next year. This will cost \$10 per week, with the lessons held in our COLA one morning per week, before school starts. The full details are outlined in the expression of interest letter.

Also included with this letter is an expression of interest form for our Elective Music lessons and Senior Choir next year.

### **2014 Leaders**

We held our elections last Friday, with all Year 5 students speaking strongly, presenting their case for being Captain. As a result, Lucy and Tom B. are our new School Captains for 2014, with Bailea our Student Council president.

### **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.



### **Speeding Drivers**

We have attached a copy of the front page article from the Maitland Mercury from Tuesday, which has made a huge impact around the area. This was also news on the local ABC radio, with Aaron Kearney, a former Woodville resident, supporting our stance very positively. Let's hope it works—and be careful, our road may become a target by the police as a result of this, so please make sure you slow down as well!!

### **School Swimming**

Just a reminder that our Swimming School lessons resume this week—all swimming gear is needed for tomorrow!

### **School Presentation Night**

Our Annual Presentation Night is planned for next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 6.30 pm in the Woodville Hall. We ask that all families bring in a plate of food/nibblies for supper. 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.

- ***We will be collecting a gold coin donation on the night as our contribution towards the maintenance of the Woodville Hall. Please support this cause as we do use the hall quite a bit during the year.***

### **Responsible Pet Talk**

Our K-3 students enjoyed a session, further understanding how to deal with our pets responsibly, thus helping prevent serious accidents with pets, when they can become agitated and act out. This is most appropriate at this time of the year.

### **Quality Work Folders**

If you have not already done so please return folder no later than Monday.

### **School Council Meeting**

We held a School Council Meeting yesterday. At this meeting we reviewed the Surveys about Teaching and Homework, in readiness for our Annual School Report. We also discussed the implications of the Stop Work Meeting last Tuesday to small schools, the possibility of having our School Presentation ceremony during the day, the agenda for the upcoming Staff Development Days, the Woodville Community Weekend and classes for next year.

### **Stop Work Meeting last Tuesday**

We thank all of you for supporting us with our Stop Work Meeting on Tuesday—we thoroughly understand how much an inconvenience this was, but as many of you know, one of the discussions with the Federation concerned our small schools. This is not the forum to discuss this matter, but if you wish to discuss this matter with me, please feel free to do so.

***\*Happy Birthday Ms Bath—welcome to a new decade—have a great celebration!!***



# Awards

**Merit Awards** were presented in:-

K/1

**Isabella** for demonstrating quick thinking skills

**Tilly** for terrific poetry writing

**Keeley** for terrific poetry writing

**Zali** for terrific poetry writing

1/2/3

**Kyan** for great work with reading responses

**Lachlan** for outstanding work with public speaking

**Hillary** for trying hard to write neatly

**Gabby** for 100% in all class work

**Linden** for 100% in all class work

4/5/6

**Emma** for excellent Daniel Morcombe report

**Chelsie** for working hard with reading

**Gabriel** for excellent effort with his narrative

**Luci B** for continued excellence with all work

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**

**Bailea** for having such a positive attitude in class

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**

**Victoria** for excellent leadership

**Library Award**

**Whyatt** for continually borrowing

**Environmental Award**

**Nyah** for helping out with environment groups

**Healthy Food Award**

**Felicity** for excellent manners

**Birthdays:-**

Joel turned 7 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November


Tilly turned 6 on 24<sup>th</sup> November

Nyah turned 11 on 4<sup>th</sup> December


Lily E turned 6 on 5<sup>th</sup> December



Nutrition Snippet

 **The simplest way**  
to create a healthier breakfast


Choose these simple, tasty options for your child's brekkie to give them the energy to get through the day.



When you make their breakfast tomorrow, have a think about healthier alternatives.

Breakfast	Healthier
White toast with vegemite	Wholemeal toast with avocado
Flavoured milk	Fruit smoothie with frozen raspberries, honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt
Rice bubbles	Porridge topped with banana + honey

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



## Parent's lunch day

The last day of school Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December is fast approaching.

As with past years we are inviting parents to get together for lunch and a final catch up before the Christmas break.

We will most likely go to the Largs Hotel around midday before heading back to school pick up the kids and farewell our year six students.

All parents are invited, so anyone who is interested let me know by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> so we can book a table.

Pat Lannen – P&C President

## POLL: School principal fears road tragedy a matter of time

By ANDREW PARKINSON Dec. 3, 2013, 4 a.m.



Iona Public School principal Daryl Sheppard says it is a “matter of time” before a child is killed by a speeding motorist outside his school.

The school is greatly concerned about dangerous driving in front of the school, which does not have a school crossing or flashing lights.

Paterson Road, which runs past the front of the school, has a 60km/h speed limit that is reduced to 40km/h during peak drop-off and pick-up times during the school day.

However, motorists coming from Paterson towards Woodville along the road are faced with a rise just before the school, meaning they cannot see students crossing the road and Mr Sheppard said motorists regularly speed past the school at upwards of 80km/h.

“A lot of people are using Paterson Road as a speed hub,” he said. “They aren’t slowing down in the 40km/h speed zone and they go straight over the hill without seeing anyone.

“It’s incredibly dangerous for our children and the safety of our students is what I’m really worried about.

“People need to slow right down past the school because if they don’t it’s a matter of time before we have a serious accident.”

The school will receive flashing speed signs at the end of 2014 but Mr Sheppard said it could be too late by then and that motorists using the road simply needed to slow down.

“We are not a priority yet for flashing lights, which I can understand because there are schools on busier roads than us,” he said.

“The ones outside Nillo Infants School at Lorn are great, they even show drivers their speed, which is something we need.

“There are just too many drivers speeding past the school and it is the safety of our kids which is at risk.”

The school is asking the public if they see anyone driving dangerously past the school to report the car’s number plate to the school or directly to Maitland police.

## MUSIC EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Next year we intend to continue with our music program, possibly with drum lessons as an additional option ( if there is sufficient interest). The drum lesson expression of interest is a separate document – lessons will run BEFORE school, once a week, from 8:45 – 9:15am. Cost will be \$10/lesson.

Students will also have the option of participating in:

- Guitar lessons with Mr Eric Loi - \$10/week for 30 minute group lessons, \$20/week for 20 minute individual lessons – held during class time on Thursday mornings – Year 2 and above
- Keyboard lessons with Mrs Helen Tuyl - \$10/week for 30 minute group lessons – students may need to purchase a Keyboard text book which Mrs Tuyl will organise – held during class time on Tuesday mornings – Year 2 and above
- Senior Choir with Ms Hamer – held during afternoon recess once a week – Year 2 and above
- Senior Recorder – (preparation for Opera House performance) – 30 minute lesson with Mrs Tuyl on Tuesdays during class time until the performance, then fortnightly lessons with Ms Hamer on Thursday mornings during class time for the rest of the year
- Junior Recorder - fortnightly lessons with Ms Hamer on Thursday mornings during class time. Year 2 and above

Could you please complete the form below and return it to school before the end of the year, so that lessons can be organised ready to begin as early as possible next year.

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My child/ren are interested in the following lessons: (please insert student’s name under appropriate instrument).

Keyboard	Guitar	Recorder	Choir

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# Drum Program

## 2014

### *Expression of Interest*

[www.drumcorp.com.au](http://www.drumcorp.com.au)

Benefits	Requirements	Commitment	Cost
<p>★Physical Benefit - The most obvious benefit to drumming is the physical aspect to it. The cardio muscles are a lot more developed in drummers as well as enhanced motor skills.</p> <p>★Mental benefit - helps to develop fundamental skills in channeling a students mind, whilst focusing on a sole activity.</p> <p>★Musical Benefit - Being in a band or other music group will aid in increased confidence and meaning that other activities just cannot give you.</p> <p>★Improves co-ordination, concentration and co-operation within a group</p>	<p>★One pair of Drumsticks @ \$15 pair</p> <p>★I recommend parents "do not" go out and buy a drum kit straight away, as I encourage my students to make "rhythm stations" made from recycled household items and junk.</p>	<p>★We like all everyone in the program to be with us for the year so we can make an entertaining end of year performance. Some of the more advanced tricks taught can take a while to master</p>	<p>★\$10 per week</p> <p>★It is preferred the term payment is made up front at the start of the term however a weekly payment is also accepted (If the weekly option is chosen, you must pay at the office on the morning of the drum class)</p>

**More Information**

★There are plenty of videos on youtube.com of Col Hatchman playing with the **Screaming Jets & Nathan Cavaleri in Nat Col & the Kings**, as well as his **Drum Corp** programs with students.

★Col is the certified Guinness World Records "Loudest Drummer in the World"

★[www.drumcorp.com.au](http://www.drumcorp.com.au)



**I am interested in the Drum Program**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Please return this form to school by Friday 13th December