



Calendar

Tues 18 th Nov	School Musical at Maitland HS 1/2/3 & 4/5/6 only
Thurs 20 th Nov	Debate V Largs 9:20am
Wed 26 th Nov	P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Change of Staffing

As of this week, we have **Mrs Alysha Tully** back, replacing **Mrs Ashley Oates** who has to take early maternity leave (as she has indicated in her letter below). On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Oates for her wonderful participation and efforts this year. She has certainly acted very professionally, enthusiastically and determinedly as a member of our staff and the Iona School Community. We wish her a healthy and happy time with her new family!

“Dear staff, students and families of Iona, I would like to express what a pleasure and privilege it has been to be a part of the Iona school community this year. When recently told I couldn’t see the year out due to complications with my pregnancy, I was truly devastated. I have loved teaching here for so many reasons. The brilliant staff who have guided and supported me, the welcoming community who have made me feel like family, and the amazing, beautiful children who make every day truly wonderful and memorable, are just a few of the reasons why leaving early is so hard for me. The trust you have placed in me, and the friendship and kindness so many of you have extended to me has not gone

unnoticed or under appreciated. I will miss knowing that I will be back here tomorrow more than I can express, and I dearly hope that in the future I will have the opportunity to be a regular part of the Iona family again.
Warmest regards, Ashley Oates”

School Accounts

To allow for a smooth transition from this financial school year to the next, all outstanding accounts need to be finalised by no later than Wednesday 19th November.

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you for your support of this recent fundraiser. We raised \$1229.00 for the Heart Foundation.

School Musical at Maitland High School

On Tuesday, 18th November, 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 will be attending the Maitland High School Musical beginning at 11.30 We will be going by bus with Ms Hamer and Mr Sheppard supervising.

Valler Cup- Debating Competition

Our team will be participating in the final of this competition next Thursday, 20th November against Largs P.S. at Largs Public School. The topic for the debate is “**That cooking shows are bad for your health** “ and we are the affirmative.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday night, 26th November at 6.30 pm. Please put that date in your diaries.

School Photos

School Photos went home today. If you would like to buy any of the group photos, orders and payment need to be returned by next Thursday, 20th November to allow them to be back by the end of the school year. Copies of the photos are in the office for you to preview.

Staff Development Day

The staff will be participating in a 3 hour session this afternoon, and another 3 hour session next Thursday afternoon, focusing on the Naplan Analysis, data collection and developing our 3 year School Management Plan. This is in lieu of the last day of term, that being Friday 19th December (thus the school will be closed that day). The children will finish the term on Wednesday, 17th December, with the staff finishing on Thursday, 18th December.

Student teacher

Mr Patrick Jones, a third year student from Newcastle University, has been placed at our school for the next 4 weeks, working with Mr Sheppard and the 4/5/6 class. Please make him welcome to our school community.

African Aid Foundation

During Scripture this week, Mrs Gale played a DVD sent to us from the Bayley family, that was made at our sister school in Namibia. The principal of the school was interviewed by Sarah's father, showing us their school and how appreciative they are with the gifts and support that they have received from us, in Woodville. It was an excellent opportunity for our children to fully understand the impact they have had with these families in Africa.

Kidspreneur Projects

Our Year 6 students are continuing their Kidspreneur projects; chocolate making; rhubarb with menus—LGT Gardening group and card making. They will be selling some of their products over the next few weeks, so please take the time to have a look at their quality products and help them with their fundraising.

Thank you Mr Durrheim

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Steve Durrheim for helping out with supervision at our Friday Swimming School on a couple of occasions. His help has been greatly appreciated.

Musica Viva

Once again, the Musica Viva performance on Monday was excellent, with the "The Song Company: A Capella Time Travel" performing brilliantly. We are so lucky to have such opportunities with such talented musicians visiting our school. Some of the attached photos indicate the enjoyment of our children with this performance.



Planning Day

I will be attending a Small Schools Planning Day next Thursday, 20th November at Morpeth Public School.


Multicultural Public Speaking Final

We wish Asher every success with his public speaking in the State final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Final being held in Sydney tomorrow. Ms Hamer and I will be attending as will 8 students from our school. We are leaving at 5.45 am and should return by 4.00 pm.

Talent Quest

Our Year 6 leaders have organised a Talent Quest for next Friday, 21st November during lunch time. It's all for fun with many children practising their acts around the school in readiness for this show.

Nutrition Snippet


 **The simplest way**

...to make sandwiches fun

Casey the Caterpillar

Ingredients


- 2 slices wholegrain bread cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 2 slices reduced-fat cheese cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cherry tomato
- 1 wooden skewer
- 2 raisins/sultanas
- Chives/toothpicks – for antennas



Method

1. Layer bread, cheese and cucumber
2. Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head
3. Cut slits in tomato to add raisin eyes, cucumber mouth and antennas

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A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 1 - Week 6

Hello Year 6,

I have enjoyed meeting you all during my visit to your school. I thought that I would provide you with some regular information about what's happening at Dungog High and what you have to look forward to in 2015. Remember that if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school on 49923022.

This year we have had many successes in the sporting arena, including students representing the school at zone, regional and even state levels in swimming, cross country and athletics. We have also had many teams participating in the Combined High Schools Knockout competitions. School sport is held on Thursday afternoons, with many different activities to choose from such as yoga, football, cricket, fishing, table tennis, swimming, ten-pin bowling and many more. Year 7 will participate in Peer Support during sport time in Term 1 and then you will be able to choose your own sport from Term 2 onwards.

I am sure that if you are interested in participating in sporting activities, there will be something for you, whether it is for fun, fitness, health, competition or all of these!

Mrs Judd ☺