



Calendar

Tues 15 th Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Wed 16 th Dec	Party Day
	Last Day of Term

Canteen Roster

HELPER NEEDED FOR TOMORROW

Next Week Jo

Creative Canvas

Congratulations to all that entered Maitland High School Creative Canvas Exhibition. A special congratulations goes to Chelsie who was the overall winner of the event. Well done Chelsie! Everyone who entered artwork will receive a certificate at assembly tomorrow.

PBL- Positive Behaviour Learning-weekly

On our school website I have added some information about our PBL program. The information comes under the "Curriculum and Activities" section at the top of the school web page, and within that there is a special section for "Positive Behaviour Learning-PBL". The program is explained in this section with an outline of the lessons we are targeting this term. Each lesson taught to the children will also be attached to this section. We ask that you have a look at this PBL section and familiarise yourself with the values we are targeting at our school within this program.

This week's lesson was "I conserve resources". During this lesson we focused on the resources we use in toilets; how we best conserve these resources, and the importance of ensuring our resources around the toilet are all our responsibilities.

Class Party Day

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 16th 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 ***\$5 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***, as it is the last day for students for 2015. We would like children to bring a gold coin which will be donated towards Stewart House.

Year 6 Day Out

On Tuesday, 15th December Year 6 will be enjoying a day out together with Mrs Murphy and myself. They will be enjoying Spring Loaded at Charlestown, lunch at Charlestown Square before spending some time at Timezone, then stopping at Laser tag in Thornton on the way home. It is a great way for our Year 6 children to spend the day together before going their separate ways at the end of term.

School Swimming

Tomorrow is our last day for our School Swimming so all children are to ensure all their swimming gear is brought to school on Friday!

Student Reports and Quality Work Folders

All Student Reports and Quality Work Folders will be sent home tomorrow afternoon!

Thank you Letter

Attached to the newsletter is a thank you letter from the Simpson family in regards to our support for the Christy Lyn Foundation during their time of grief last year. They are all going very well at the moment but it is very gratifying to know that this community was able to support them so well at that time.

School Council Meeting

We held a School Council Meeting on Tuesday afternoon with our School Council members- Cindy Lidbury, Kim Proctor, Pat Lannen and myself discussing our 2016 School Plan; our 2016 Monitoring Plan, our various policy developments—Creative and Practical Arts; PD/H/PE and English curriculum; our Staff Professional Development with Quality teaching Rounds, PBL and Focus On Reading; our Learning Support arrangements for 2016, our class arrangements for 2016 and some upcoming school events. We also need to investigate the toilet holders in the student toilets as they are having trouble with the paper rollers.

Some Dates for Term 1 2016

Thursday, 28th January- ALL students return including Kindergarten who will have their Best Start testing tests done during the day
Tuesday, 4th February- School Council Meeting
Wednesday, 17th February- P&C AGM at 2.00
Friday, 12th February- Small Schools swimming Carnival at Beresfield Pool

Classes for 2016

The present arrangements for classes next year are as follows-

Mr Sheppard- 5/6
Ms Hamer- 2/3/4 (only some Year twos)
Mrs Bird/Mrs Wallington K/1/2 (only some Year twos)
Ms Hamer's class will be a class of 26 children, whilst my class (5/6) will only be 20 students, so we are trading classrooms to accommodate these numbers.

Thank you to Parents Afternoon Tea

"To our wonderful parents, grandparents and caregivers.

The Staff at Iona would like to thank you all for the fantastic support you have given us this year. Please join us for afternoon tea on Monday, 14th December, 2015 at 2:45 pm in the library. Only your company is required, please don't bring anything.

"From the Staff at Iona Public School"

School Presentation Night

Our school community rose to the occasion again—I would like to thank everyone for making our night so special last night by attending and supporting our children's big night. A very special thank you to **Santa** for braving the hot, humid conditions in his big, red suit—what a legend he is! The Major Award winners for last night were- **Jill Crow Memorial Citizenship**- Chelsie
Luke Merchant Award for All Round Effort- Michael

Evan Farley Public Speaking- Gabby

Beau & Kiyarna See- Meehan Junior

Encouragement- Jack

Paterson Rotary Senior Encouragement- Amy

Rouse Award for Junior Commitment to Learning- Sofie

Rouse Award for Senior Commitment to Learning- Amy

Premiers Sporting Challenge- Georgia

Rob Faulkner Memorial Shield for Citizenship- Tom and Jesse

Bray Family Award for Academic Excellence- Asher

Scripture Lessons this year

As most of you are aware, Mrs Jodie Gale has been teaching Scripture to our students for many years. We really appreciate her time and efforts, teaching our children, as she approaches all lessons with a very open and Christian mind. She plans each lesson very carefully, ensuring all children are fully engaged and enjoy her lessons. This is a huge commitment each week, and we really appreciate it.

Music Recital



Mrs Mahony showing her enthusiasm for recorders!!!!!!!!!!

Principal's Speech

I have included my speech from last night as it really summarises our progress this year and gives you some “food for thought” about our future and current plans.

The main emphasis of our current 3 year plan is to ensure that our students are:

“Well rounded, empathetic, motivated, happy and educated students-and ultimately members of society.”

Our school plan has now been in action for 12 months and we can feel confident that our students can attain this high goal.

Well rounded- our students have a wide variety of educational experiences—all sports

(of which Iona is consistently well known for!); all curricula areas (we have updated, reviewed and implemented many different curricula areas this year), music (as we saw at our recital yesterday) and the introduction of PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) this year

Empathetic- again, PBL is a catalyst for further developing empathy; the review of our Personal Development Policy; our student leadership opportunities; **the whole small school interacting and caring environment.**

Motivated – our consistent high achieving results in Naplan and the high quality work samples can only be achieved by competent, motivated students. We have also ensured this continues by implementing the **Quality Teaching Rounds** strategy this year where we teachers watch each other teach and deeply discuss the teaching and learning that we provide. We have also been consistently involved with ongoing professional learning throughout the year to maintain our high standards—AND I can assure everyone here tonight that we have a very dedicated, caring and competent staff taking care of our children including the Learning Support Staff and our wonderful, energetic and often very colourful SAM (Alison) **Happy**-just have a look at the kids tonight! Walk around the playground during the day! Visit the classrooms! Listen to the many comments we receive from excursions—they all want these children back! Listen to the many comments I receive from families who wish to enrol here!

Educated- all the above ensures that the quality of education at our school is of a high standard.

and ultimately members of the society- we only have to look at past students who have made a success of themselves—many are here tonight!; AND have a look at our current crop of Year 6 students who are about to embark on the next stage of their educational journey—what a great example of quality, interested, motivated and clever students they are! These students started primary school in 2009, the year I started here, so it is a privilege to have been a part of their development since kindergarten. These students are the evidence that our school plan is making great progress.

Year 6 Kidpreneur Report

With the end of the 2016 school year coming to a close, today we wind up our Year 6 Kidpreneur businesses. This semester the Year 6 Leaders have enjoyed learning how to run their businesses and produce a product that is marketable and profitable. The other children in our school have also enjoyed the results of the businesses with many afternoon slooshies being consumed and lots of candles purchased for Christmas presents.

Final profits from each business are:

Slooshies	-	\$253
Candle Creations	-	\$118

However Candle Creations will be selling hand-made Christmas Cards this afternoon so their final profits are not yet finalised. Profits from the businesses are split between the Year 6 gift and the African Aids Foundation.

Congratulations to the children for their efforts. I hope that the skills they learnt throughout this year will benefit them in years to come.

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the whole staff, I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and I sincerely thank everyone for their support this year, especially during the devastating floods we had in April, and the resulting time it took to get our school back in action. The support from Largs P.S. was greatly appreciated—as such I will be again thanking them personally for the help they gave us! Take care everyone, **and we'll see all students back on Thursday, 28th January.**

How do we listen to the teacher?

It is important to listen so other people listen too. You can do the 5l's let me introduce you to the 5l's.

1. Lips closed so other people can hear .
2. Legs crossed so other people can see.
3. Look at the person who is speaking, so you understand the instructions
4. Hands in your lap so you don't fiddle.
5. Listening with your ears so you hear what the teacher
6. That is how we listen to the teacher



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HOW TO BE A GOOD STUDENT?

Everyone wants to be a good student but we can't always do it but you can listen to this to try to be a good student.

1. Listen to the teacher when he or she says. Do no do positive leaning that is drop everything and turn to the person who is speaking.

2. Look after the class environment when someone does not do their job.

3. Be a nice friend to everyone don't be mean.

shaleca, maddison, hicks

4. Do the 5's on the floor when the teacher is looking and not looking the 5's are look, listen, lips closed, hands in laps, and legs crossed. That is how to be a good student.

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Shalee, maddison, nicks

P&C News

This is our last P&C news for 2015.

I would like to start by thanking our parent members for their assistance throughout the last year.

It has been a challenging year with the April floods, the cancellation of our major fundraiser and at times dwindling membership and participation.

However, as our last meeting for the year showed, the dedication is still there, with a strong willingness to support and participate into the future.

As we move ahead towards next year I would like to encourage you all give some thought as to how you can help. For those who previously have had no participation I have detailed below some information on three of the more important roles of the P&C executive. As you will see, they are not too challenging and with the support of the wider school community, most of you could easily fulfil the duties involved. Further information that is more detailed is available on the P&C Association website.

President: - Is responsible for

1. The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
2. The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
3. Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
4. Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
5. Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
6. Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
7. Chairing meetings

Secretary: - Is responsible for

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.

The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting.

Treasurer: - Is responsible for

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for, as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way throughout the year.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the time with your loved ones and stay safe over the holiday break.

Pat Lannen – P&C President



So Sorry for this late thank you.
Thankyou seems a small word but
has such a deep meaning.

Thankyou for your thoughtfulness
your generosity and support,
and especially your kindness.

I want to express how grateful
your support especially of Nash
and the rest of the family.
We'll be forever grateful.



It is with heartfelt thanks
I send this card to the school
community and families of
Iona School.

Thoughtfulness like yours
is appreciated
more than words
can say.

Thank you

From
Kim Simpson & family.
Nash's Nanny.

A special thanks to Ruth Jones.
Your generosity was very much appreciated.