



Calendar

Wed 30 Nov	Captains' Speeches
Thurs 1 Dec	Parent helper afternoon tea
Fri 2 Dec	Swimming
Mon 5 Dec	African Aid talk
Wed 7 Dec	Presentation & Musical
Fri 9 Dec	Swimming
Tues 13 Dec	Music Concert
Thurs 15 Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Fri 16 Dec	Special Assembly (class awards) Drum Performance Swimming Class Party

Canteen Roster

2 Dec	Nina	Leah	Kim
9 Dec	Nina	Jo	Kim

Please remember orders with payment have to be in by Wednesday afternoon.

On **Friday 9 December** the canteen will only be selling sausage sandwiches for lunch at a cost of \$1.50 per sandwich. Drinks will be available as normal.

Leader's Elections-results

Our Year 5 students spoke extremely well on Wednesday, presenting themselves as excellent School Leaders for next year. Each Year 5 student will be a School Leader, with the various roles to be discussed by the end of term. Congratulations to the following, who were elected into their roles for 2016-

School Captains: Eaden and Lachlan

Student Council President: Oscar

Congratulations to these students, it's such a great achievement.

Horse Sports Raffle Tickets

The raffle will be drawn on Presentation night. Keep selling tickets, more are available in the office.

Raffle Prizes

1. Lenova Tablet, case and headphones
2. Canon printer, laminator and label maker
3. Treetops family voucher
4. Barbeques Galore cooking class for two, rug & vacuum flask
5. Dinner voucher – Bushrangers Bar and Brasserie valued at \$60 + \$30 voucher – Baileys at Greta
6. \$50 voucher – JERF café Lorn + \$30 Baileys at Greta voucher
7. \$50 Farmers Warehouse voucher
8. \$25 Lorn Butcher voucher + \$25 Farmers Warehouse voucher
9. \$25 Farmers Warehouse voucher

Presentation Night - Reminder

Presentation night is next Wednesday 7 December. As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening on **Presentation Night**, 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 (including pre-schoolers), 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.

PBL

This week's PBL lesson Active Learning – Listen, then follow instructions. A copy of this lesson is now on the school's website.

Christmas Hamper - Reminder

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.

Stop Work Meeting – Thursday 8 December

Next Thursday there will be **minimal supervision** for all students at school until 10.00am. Ms Hamer and I will be attending the state wide meeting broadcast regarding salaries and conditions.

PBL Rewards Afternoon

Our PBL afternoon will be held on Thursday 8 December. This term we will be having a movie afternoon. Students will watch a Christmas movie and will receive some popcorn and lollies. Students are asked to bring in an empty bowl to hold their popcorn and cushions or a pillow. Students will need to bring their normal crunch and sip, lunch, afternoon tea and water.

African Aid Talk

On Monday 5 December at 2.30pm the students will be visited by Vusi and Bongzi Maphalala from South Africa. They will be talking to the students about the youth projects they coordinate. Iona PS has supported such projects, including the little school Ngunguni, contributing to the construction of three classrooms and providing many resources for their students. Parents and community members are very welcome to attend.

Musical Recital

On Tuesday 13 December at 9.15 am music students (recorders, keyboard players and the choir) will be presenting a music recital in the Woodville Hall for parents and community members. Students who are performing may bring a plate to share with parents and fellow performers for morning tea after the concert.

Chickens - Reminder

Please see Ms Hamer if you are available to house the chickens over the holidays. They will need to be collected by Thursday 15 December. Thank you.

Class Awards Presentation

This year all class awards will be presented to students at a special presentation on Friday 16 December at 9.15am in the Woodville Hall. The drumming group will also be performing. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Year 6 Day Out

On Thursday, 15 December Year 6 will be enjoying a day out together with Mrs Mahony and myself. They will be enjoying Hunter Ice Skating at Warners Bay, lunch on The Foreshore, Newcastle before spending some time at Revolution at Maryville. 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.

Performance Costumes - Reminder

All students are involved in our end of year musical which will be performed after the official presentation on Wednesday 7 December. It would be appreciated if parents could ensure that students have the following costumes:

Choir - Black T shirt, shorts/tights.

Chorus – A t-shirt in the same colour as their narrator's role.

Dorothy – Black clothes, white canvas shoes **(please bring to school ASAP for painting)**. Hair in two plaits please.

Toto- Black T-shirt and shorts/tights, headband with ears attached.

Glinda – wand.

Munchkins – Black shorts/tight and a bright coloured plain T-shirt.

Scarecrow, Trees, Tin Man, Gatekeeper, Wicked Witch, and Flying Monkeys- black t-shirt and shorts/tights.

Lion – black t-shirt and shorts/tights, tail.

Uncle Henry - black t-shirt and shorts/tights, hat and tie.

Aunty Em – dress.

We understand this is a busy and expensive time of year so we have tried to limit the costumes to a minimum. Please don't buy without asking if someone could lend a costume to you first. Could we also borrow a toy axe if possible please!

Class Party Day - Reminder

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Friday 16 December. This is **NOT** an out of uniform day as we are having class presentations in the morning. Our out of uniform day will be held on Thursday 8 December. The party will be held at the pool at the conclusion of the swimming program. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their favourites. Please see Mrs Mahony if your child won't eat pizza). Each child will also be given a can of soft drink (not Coke) and a few lollies. Students will be given an ice block back at school. 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.

Stockland Star

Stockland Stars 'wraps up' this Sunday 4th December – we have enjoyed the beautiful stars hanging above the customer care desk and the joy on the faces of our customers and their kiddies as they admire these lovely creations – thankyou again for taking part in this year's competition.

The \$500 Stockland Gift Card Voters Prize for Week 3 was won by Stacey Mitchell – congratulations Stacey! Only 1 x \$500 gift card left to be won – vote now for your chance to win! We have double points available from Thursday – Sunday this week on all purchases.



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Sign up day
Sunday 29TH January

Gresford Showground Pony Club Arena, 8:30am

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patersonriverpc@outlook.com

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2017 is promised to be an awesome year. The planner is showing: Trick riding, camp drafting, team penning, show jumping, mounted games, mini camp weekend, dressage, sporting, certificate work, polo x, working equitation and loads of FUN.

Please contact patersonriverpc@outlook.com for any further details.

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Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Port Stephens Council are currently developing the Port Stephens Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). The DIAP will strengthen future planning in the Port Stephens Local Government Area (LGA) to ensure people with a disability have equitable access to information, services, transport, housing, education, training, employment and social activities. The DIAP seeks to break down barriers for people with a disability and ensure people with a disability are able to enjoy the same opportunities and choices as everyone else.

Actions within the DIAP will be directly informed by community consultation with disability groups, people with a disability, their parents and carers. I have attached a survey that I would greatly appreciate your help in distributing to parents and students who identify with having a disability. I have also attached a link to where the survey can be completed online.

<http://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/DisabilityAccessPlan>

2016 Year 6 Kidpreneur Program

As this year draws to an end, so does our Year 6 Leaders Kidpreneur Program. They have earned around \$300 so far to be split between their Year 6 gift and their chosen charity, African Aid Foundation. With one more week left for them to sell their products they will be keen to add to that total next Thursday. Thank you to all the families that have supported the children by buying their goodies each week.

During the program this year the children have not only learnt how to make and sell some delicious slices but also covered other aspects of business operations such as:

- Theory behind logos and motos
- The benefit of goal setting
- Different business structures such as companies, partnerships, sole traders
- What is an entrepreneur?
- Developing a business name
- Profit, loss and revenue
- Benefit of team work

So please come along ready to support them for one last time next Thursday 8 December.



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