Iona Public School Newsletter Term 4 Week 7



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

November 22 P & C meeting 2.45pm

November 23 Theatre Thursday

November 29 Yr 5 Captains Speeches

December 6 Presentation Night

December 11 Year 6 Day Out

December 12 Music Recital

Leader's Elections

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Wednesday 29 November with our elections carried out on the same day. We wish them good luck as they present themselves to the rest of the school.

Musical Fees

Guitar and Flute fees are now overdue; if you have not already paid Mrs Bithrey can you please do so this week. See Mrs Bithrey if you would like to make alternate arrangements.

P&C Meeting – THIS WEDNESDAY

Sorry about the late notice but we would like to have another P&C meeting THIS Wednesday in the Library at 2:45pm so that we can plan for end of year events. Hoping to see everyone there, remember you get a cuppa and cake!

Presentation Night

Presentation night is Wednesday 6 December, starting at 6pm. 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.

Musical Recital

On Tuesday 12 December at 9.15am music students (recorders, keyboard players, guitar, school band 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.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

Last term Stage 3 participated in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. This year over 9760 students in Year 5 and 9146 students in Year 6 entered the competition. Our students should be extremely proud of their results (as we are) and we would like to make special mention of the following students for their efforts;

Merit Certificate – Fang-Chi, Katelin, Fred, Lochlan and Hillary.

Distinction – Kyan, Zac, Oscar and Lachlan.

All students received participation certificates last term, while the above students were awarded their certificates at last week's assembly. Congratulations!

Christmas Hamper

Our wonderful 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. Thank you for your support.

Staff Professional Learning

Over the next few weeks staff will be attending numerous professional learning activities. Ms Tully will be attending a Creative Thinking/STEM Professional Learning day. Mrs Leary and Ms Mahony will be attending a Budgeting Tool Professional Learning day.

Mrs Leary will also be attending the PPA Conference, FLOURISH training course and be spending a few days on planning for next year. Mrs Leary will also be on LSL from Thursday 23 and return on Wednesday 29 November.

Theatre Thursday

This Thursday 23 November, Year 6 will be holding "Theatre Thursday". Dress up as your favourite movie character for a gold coin donation.

Entry to the movie costs \$1.00. This includes popcorn. Cupcakes will also be available to purchase at \$2.00 each. Please support the 2017 Year 6 fundraiser.



School Accounts

All school accounts need to be finalised as soon as possible as the end of school financial year is 30 November. Invoices were sent home last week. Thank you!

Whiddon Group Visit

Last Wednesday our choir and recorder groups travelled to the Whiddon Groups at Largs to perform.

They sang beautifully and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the residents. Thank you to Ms Hamer and the students for giving up their lunch times to practise, it has definitely been worth it – you sang beautifully.

The community will be lucky enough to hear them sing on presentation night. Thank you also to parents for transporting the children.





Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1/2

Eliza – always being a kind and helpful member of our class

Zoe – working hard in all activities

Ruby- being a steady and respectful listener

Jacob- achieving outstanding results in his spelling tests

PBL. Max for being a respectful and caring member of our class

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David- working hard to write well-formed joined NSW Foundation handwriting

Shaleea- great work in writing activities

Madeline- being a self-regulated learner

Jack- thoughtful contributions to class discussions

PBL. Tasmyn- always being willing to help tidy our classroom

5/6

Marni- not giving up in Maths

Lachlan- great editing skills

Kyan- persevering with a task

PBL - Eaden - always willing to help

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award

Abigail —working hard to learn our school dance and being a role model to other students

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award

Max – always including others

Library Award

Fang-Chi - reading a wide range of texts

Sport Award

Jacob - being fair in sports

Environmental Award

Harry - helping clean the payground

Healthy Food Award

Duke – helping pick up icee cups

Whole School PBL

Eaden – always helping to care for her classroom

Merit Awards Ms Tully

Sierra- working hard to improve

Sophie- taking pride in her work

Zac - trying hard during dance practice

A Piece of History

Last Tuesday we were visited by Mr Jones and Mr Allen from the Raymond Terrace RSL Branch in conjunction with the ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park, Soil Project. The gentleman came and collected a sample of soil from our grounds in memory of the men on the Honour Roll at the school and Woodville Hall. This sample (collected by Lachlan and Oscar) will be collected as one of 1700 sites and become part of an artwork at Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park. Mr Jones spent a lot of time answering questions from our students and presented us with two books from the RSL. We thank him for his time.



Please check name on shorts!

Dear parents, please check that your child has their own red shorts. There was a mix up and Mrs Bird has a small pair of red shorts belonging to someone who has taken a pair home with "McMurray" on the tag. Please swap them over by Friday this week. Thank you.

Cancer Council NSW

Nutrition Snippet

The simp√est woy

...to make fruity ice creams.

Watermelon

200g watermelon flesh 200g low-fat vanilla yoghurt 8 mint leaves

Mango raspberry

Flesh from 1 mango 1 banana, peeled 200g low-fat mango yoghurt 24 raspberries, fresh or frozen.



Method

Place all ingredients into a blender. Blend until smooth and pour into the cups or moulds. Freeze for 4-6 hours or overnight until solid. Stand at room temperature for a few minutes before removing from the cup or mould.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simp<mark>√</mark>est w⇔y

...to add fruit and veg to a barbecue.

There are plenty of ways to add fruit and veg to your backyard barbecue menu.

Kebabs – add capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms to pork, chicken or lamb.

Grilled fruit – grill some pineapple pieces or nectarine halves. Enjoy on their own or add to a salad.



Chips – slice potato or sweet potato and grill on the hotplate.

Salad – grab some green leaves and toss in tomato, cucumber, carrot, beans, capsicum or whatever takes your fancy! For a fruity twist add one of these – sliced mango, strawberries, apples or grapes.

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Bailea Smith & Bethany McLoughlin



Please support our local girls and the Dungog High Girls Volleyball Team attend the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne

The girls, along with their team mates will be hosting a Fundraising BBQ at <u>The Coffee Cubby</u> at <u>Woodville</u> <u>General Store from 7am on Saturday 25th November to help cover costs to attend this event.</u>

There will be Egg & Bacon Rolls for \$4.00 each

The team is also running a raffle with wonderful prizes!

1st **Prize** = Anchorage Port Stephens Signature Experience Accommodation for 2, Dinner, Breakfast, Champaign on arrival, Therapeutic massage & facial

2nd Prize = Mixed Half Dozen Wines + \$50 ITunes Voucher

3rd Prize = Beauty pack + \$20 ITunes Voucher

Prize Draw: 30th November 2017

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5