



Calendar

December 12	Music Recital PBL Reward Day
December 15	Class awards, parent helpers morning tea and class party
January 30	Students return 1 - 6
January 31	Kindergarten start

Some Dates for Term 1 2018

Tuesday 30 January- ALL students return **except** Kindergarten (Best start testing).

Wednesday 31 January – Kindergarten start

Friday 9 February – Swimming Carnival

Please note that as of next year, our start and finishing times are changing to:
9am – starting time and 3pm finishing time.

Students should not be at school before 8.30am **or** if you are dropping your child earlier, you must wait until a teacher is on the grounds. If teachers are here they are preparing lessons for the day. Morning playground duty is provided from 8.30am.

PBL Rewards Day

Our PBL reward day will be tomorrow, Tuesday 12 December. Students will be given the choice of watching a movie or making Christmas decorations and craft. Students will be charged \$2 per craft item. This will need to be paid on the day. Students may complete as many craft items as they wish.

Musical Recital - Reminder

Tomorrow, Tuesday 12 December at 9.15am music students will be presenting a music recital in the Woodville Hall for parents and community members. *It would be appreciated if Students who are performing bring a plate to share with*

parents and fellow performers for morning tea after the concert.

Classes for 2018

As mentioned at the past P&C meeting our numbers for next year look like we will have 2 classes (we are 2 students short of keeping the 3rd class. (Spread the word about our great little school!). However every day these numbers are changing, so we may not exactly know until the first few days back how many classes we will have for 2018. At this stage, there will be a K-1-2 and a 3-4-5-6 class. If you would like to discuss this with me further, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. Rachel Leary

Thank you and Merry Christmas

The staff would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Iona PS this past year. Without your support we could not possibly provide the students with the many wonderful opportunities they currently receive. We would also like to say farewell to the following families; Daniels', Dawsons', Hicks', Irwins', Lawrences', Bruvells', Anderbergs' Szabos', Swans' and Gales'. We thank you for all that you have contributed to Iona and wish you all the very best during the next stage of your education journey with your children. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Musical Instruments on Loan

All students who borrowed instruments from the school will need to return them on the Tuesday of the musical performance. This includes recorders, guitars, flutes and keyboards on loan. Recorder students are also asked to return their recorder folders.

Music Lessons – Expressions of Interest – PLEASE RETURN BY THIS FRIDAY

We intend to continue the music program at school next year and will be able to offer guitar, flute, ukulele and keyboard lessons with a qualified teacher. We have half-sized guitars which we can lend to students. Keyboard, flute and guitar lessons will be \$20 for an individual lesson (approximately 20 minutes).

For students in Years 2 to 6 only, could any parents who are interested in music lessons for their child/ren please indicate on the return slip at the bottom of the newsletter which instrument they would like to learn. NOTE: Students need to choose between guitar, flute, ukulele and keyboard. They cannot do more than one at school. Free recorder lessons will be available during lunch or recess. Students need to be prepared to make that commitment if they wish to do recorder.

Class Party Day - Reminder

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be this Friday 15 December. This is **NOT** an out of uniform day as we are having class presentations in the morning. We have arranged to go swimming earlier in the day so we can come back to school for the party. A range of pizzas have been ordered for students. TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR PAYMENT. IF STUDENTS HAVE NOT PAID BY TODAY THEY WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH. Each child will also be given some soft drink, chips and an ice block. For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will **not** be attending that day.

Ice Blocks at lunch time

Supa doopers are on sale for \$1 at lunch time until the end of this term. All proceeds will go to African Aids Foundation.

A Message from Ms Hamer

Having spent 22 years teaching at Iona, there are so many beautiful memories that I will take with me as I move into the next phase of my life. I have had the privilege of watching so many children grow and learn during my time at Iona, and I would like to thank all of the families with

whom I have been involved for the wonderful support I have received over the years. To have had the joy of working with parents to help their children learn to the best of their ability and maximise their potential is something that I will always treasure. It has made my working life thoroughly enjoyable and incredibly satisfying, and few people are able to say that after such a long time teaching.

Iona is a very special place, and I will always remember it as the best possible place to teach. I can't begin to explain how grateful I will always be for the care and kindness I have received from the community when life has not gone according to plan. However, all things must pass. My time at Iona has come to an end and, as many of you will know, much to my delight, my future will now include a large dose of grandmothering, so I will continue to enjoy the company of children. There is much that I will miss, but the wonderful memories I take with me of this magnificent little school will sustain me. I can leave knowing that the school is safe in the hands of Mrs Leary, Ms Tully and Mrs Mahony, who will ensure that Iona continues to be renowned as a wonderful place of learning which always "punches above its weight". Thank you all for making Iona such a wonderful place to teach.

With my best wishes to all, Gail Hamer



Star Struck 2018

I am looking for expressions of interest from any student in Yr 3/4/5/6 in 2018 who would be interested in joining our Star Struck Team. Parents, please keep in mind that it is a big commitment and there will be a cost involved.

There will be a sign on the front notice board for names.

Students need parent /caregivers permission before they put their name on the list.

When choosing the team, preference will be given to Yr 6 down.

Our audition videos are due in late February so once schools returns we will be go go go!

Alysha Tully



FootGolf is a combination of soccer and golf. It's great for children and families! Come to Horizons on Sat 16 Dec for a FREE family event

Saturday 16 December

2pm Learn about FootGolf - snacks provided
3pm Watch a FootGolf World Tour comp live!
330pm Everyone plays for FREE!

FootGolf will be open 7 days a week from 3:30pm (inc school hols!)

www.horizons.com.au/footgolf

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to stop junk food advertisers in their tracks.

Cancer Council NSW recently launched the **Our Kids, Our Call** campaign – to increase awareness and build community support for tougher junk food advertising regulations.

Did you know kids pester their parents on average 15 times in every supermarket trip and they are successful in half of these attempts? Marketers target your child with memorable slogans, logos, jingles, characters and highly appealing packaging designed to encourage your kids to pester.

Visit ourkidsourcall.com.au and get behind this campaign – let's stop junk food advertisers targeting our kids.



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



Rutherford Football Club



Registration Dates 2018

Thursday 1st February 4pm till 7pm
Sunday 4th February 10am till 1pm
Tuesday 6th February 4pm till 6pm
Saturday 10th February 10am till 1pm
Tuesday 13th February 4pm till 7pm



Registration Cost Will be announced soon
We also offer Family Discount

All new registration will need a copy of birth certificate or passport

Don't Forget ACTIVE KIDS REBATE

Families with school children enrolled in community sport are set to benefit from the Active Kids Rebate. From 2018, parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school-aged child, per year, as a voucher to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership fees for after-school and weekend sport, and active recreation activities.

The Active Kids Rebate is a key initiative in the 2017-18 NSW Budget and supports the Premier's priority to reduce overweight and obesity rates of children by five per cent over 10 years.

Sports Minister Stuart Ayres said the annual rebate would be available for every school child wanting to get involved in community sport and fitness.

"We would love to see more young people participating in sport, we know promoting active habits early is a key factor for ensuring a generation of healthy kids and tackling rising obesity rates," Mr Ayres said.

Parents will be able to register online and can take a sports voucher to a registered sports club or provider to receive their rebate.

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SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM JANUARY 2018

✔ Life skill ✔ Fun
✔ Water awareness ✔ Safe

The Office of Sport delivers Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program in regional areas of NSW where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for nine consecutive week days.

Prices for nine lessons are \$72 for school aged children and \$51 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry).

More Information

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swmandsurvive | 13 13 02
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










Music Lessons Choices - For students in Year 2 and above in 2018 only

My child/ren would like to do music lessons at school next year. would like to learn:
(please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Flute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukulele |

Summer Fun at Medowie & Raymond Terrace Vacation Care 3rd - 25th January 2018

Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th Week 1	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th Week 2	Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th Week 3	Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th Week 4
<p>Contact us 49880308 or email: childcare@portstephens.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Week 1 <i>Operating <u>ONLY</u> at the <u>Raymond Terrace</u> Vacation Care Centre</i></p> 	<p>Monday 8th <u>Jurassic Park</u> </p> <p>Dinosaur Jars Lava Rocks Dino Hangers Volcano Eruptions Dinosaur Bob Pterodactyl Puppets</p> 	<p>Monday 15th <u>Around the World</u> </p> <p>Sombrero Art Wattle Art Rain Sticks English Soldiers Parol Cherry Blossom Fans Special Lunch: Fried Rice, Fruit Juice & Spring Rolls. </p>	<p>Monday 22nd <u>Under the Sea</u> </p> <p>Tropical Shell Fish Foil Fish Seahorse Hangers Beaded Starfish Jellyfish Sun Catchers Bottle Cap Fish</p> <p>Incursion: Food Web Game</p> 
	<p>Tuesday 9th Excursion: <u>The Kavan</u> </p> <p>Party Food Lunch Live Performance Play in Lambton Park <i>Dress up in a spooky costume</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 16th <u>Super Science</u></p> <p>A Colour Symphony Skittle Mania Bleeding Crepe Paper Sweet Colours Time is Colour Bubble Painting Catapult</p> 	<p>Tuesday 23rd <u>Back to School</u> </p> <p>Bookworm Bookmarks Apple for the Teacher Chalk Creations Pool Noodle Pencil Craft Workshop: Pencil Storage</p> 
<p>Wednesday 3rd <u>Amphibian Fun</u></p> <p>Peg Alligator Snake Chains Plate Frog Floating Toad Crazy Frog Amphibian Colours</p> <p>Craft Workshop: Hoppy Friends</p> 	<p>Wednesday 10th <u>African Safari</u></p> <p>3D Lizard Panda Prints Safari Binoculars Jungle Slime Spiral Python Tiger Foam Print</p> 	<p>Wednesday 17th <u>Marsupial Madness</u> </p> <p>Hedgehogs Animal Friends Kitty Bookmarks Furry Faces Newspaper Koalas Dot Painting</p> <p>Incursion: Koala Fun</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th <u>Circus is in Town</u></p> <p>Just a Nose Tattoo Fun Crazy Cupcakes Happy Hats Face Painting Pin the Nose on the Clown Games Workshop: Silly Clowns</p> 
<p>Thursday 4th <u>HAPPY NEW YEAR</u></p> <p>Fireworks Chihuly Cups Pop Up Kirigami Flowers Paper Flying Disc Fireworks Ring</p> 	<p>Thursday 11th <u>Summer Fun</u> </p> <p>Balloon Yoyo I'm Your Fan Ice Boats Egg Carton Bee Sparkling Jellyfish Workshop: Wet'n'Wild</p> 	<p>Thursday 18th <u>Ahoy There Matey</u> </p> <p>Treasure Maps Pirate Faces Message in a Bottle Origami Boats Hooked Pirate Puppets Pirate Flags</p> 	<p>Thursday 25th Excursion: </p> <p>Maitland Gaol Excursion</p> <p>"Paint Your Place" Tour and workshop</p> 
<p>Friday 5th <u>Beetle Mania</u> </p> <p>Pet Rock Bugs Spider Web Flutterby's Scavenger Hunt Butterfly Topper Puffy Bugs Crawling Caterpillars Incursion: Bugs Beautiful Bugs</p>	<p>Friday 12th <u>Dress Up Day</u> </p> <p>Herringbone Art Ballerina's Glitter Foam Monsters Ninja Turtles Superhero's Cooking: Chocolate Spiders Wear your favourite costume</p>	<p>Friday 19th <u>Sail Away</u> </p> <p>Foam Octopuses Sea Critter Fish Puppets Float Boats Jellyfish in a bottle</p> <p>Craft Workshop: Sand Bands</p>	<p>Picnic and Play in Maitland Park</p>   <p>Maitland Gaol</p>