Iona Public School Newsletter Term 2 Week 10



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<u>Calendar</u>

5 July Last day of Term 2

22 July Staff return – staff development day

23 July Students return for Term 3

Special Canteen Day

Pie and a drink (can or popper) \$5.00 Sausage roll and drink \$4.00 Return orders with payment by Tuesday 2 July. No other items available from canteen this day.

Child Safety

Can all parents and caregivers please remember to reverse park their cars in the parking space in front of the school. This ensures that all students are safe, can be easily seen and provides more car parking space for everyone. Students cannot cross the road without an adult and must be picked up under the COLA in the afternoon.

Staff Changes

Due to health reasons Mrs Genge will not be returning next term. Miss Flanagan will be replacing her until Ms Tully returns in Term 4.

School Reports

Semester reports will go home on Friday 5 July. We will be holding 3-way conferences for all parents during the second week back next term.

Chicken Roster – VERY URGENT

We have no home yet for our chickens for the holidays. Please see Mrs Mahony if you can help!

Earn and Learn Stickers

Please return all Earn and Learn stickers this week as we need to send them off to claim our rewards. Thank you to all who have collected stickers for our school.



Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1

Spike for displaying a resilient attitude **Anaston** for working hard to complete set tasks in class

2/3

Zoe for major improvements with her public speaking

Ava for always being willing to be extra helpful 4/5/6

Zali for her creative art installation which showed her consideration for animals

Lila for showing a keen interest in learning about Ocean wildlife

Peer Nominated

Ben T for being positive in all his activities

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award

Caleb P for always being there to help people in need

Sports Award

Caleb P for good sportsmanship

Whole School PBL

David for being respectful on the soccer field



Caleb M turned 9 on 11 June Sadie tuned 6 on 24 June Max turned 9 on 30 June Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe holiday. See you all on Tuesday 23 July.

NAIDOC Day Photos













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uly School Holidays

Take A Closer Look At The Wetlands



Guided Canoe Tours for Families - Monday 8th & 15th July

10.30 am - 12.30pm \$20 per person Bookings essential phone 4951 6466 View the Wetlands from the water as you paddle to the Rainforest Shelter. Two & 3 seater canoes available. Children must be 4 years + & accompanied by an adult.

Wear enclosed shoes. Bring a hat, water bottle & snack.

Buggy Tours for Families - Tuesday 9th & 16th, Thursday 11th & 18th July

9.30am - 12 noon \$5 per person (plus \$5 Wetlands entry). Book at Reception on the day. Take a closer look at the Wetlands on a 30 minute guided buggy tour.

Behind the Scenes Tour (for 8-12 year olds) - Wednesday 10th July

10am -12 noon \$20 per person. Booking essential. Book online www.wetlands.org.au Help out & learn what happens behind the scenes at the Wetlands - prepare the food for the ducks & reptiles, clean enclosures, prepare seedlings & pull out weeds. Wear enclosed shoes, work clothes & a hat. Bring a water bottle & snack.

Waterbird Drawing with Alison Ellis (8-12 year olds) - Thursday 11th July 9.30am - 11am \$15 per person. Bookings essential, online www.wetlands.org.au Observe birds looking at feet, bills and body shape. Learn how small details can bring your picture to life.



Bird Watching with Hunter Bird Observers Club - Mon 8th, Thurs 11th, Tues 16th & Thurs 18th (Free)

Every Day

- Explore the Wetlands Pick up a Scavenger Hunt List & go exploring.
- Discover what's on the pond watch the birds being fed (10.30am daily).
- Ride around the Wetlands bring your bike & ride to the Rainforest Shelter.
- Climb the Egret Tower.
- Check out the Discovery Playground.
- Take a closer look at the reptiles in the tanks at the Visitor Centre.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 Per person, Children 3-5yrs \$2 & Children under 3 free.



More details at: www.wetlands.org.au

Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.

Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30am to 2.30pm daily

Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.

Entertainment Book

Don't forget to check your Entertainment Book for school holiday savings! Books are still available at Iona Public School or digital memberships available online www.entbook.com.au/34688X





Iona Public School P & C Meeting July 28 2019

Meeting opened at 8.25am

Welcome and Attendance

Alison Mahony, Bree Vollmer, Clare Vollmer, Nick and Nina Leonard, Laura Brown, Julie Hartigan, Nicole Smith, Rachel Leary and Rhonda Thomas.

Apologies. Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled by Rhonda Thomas Moved. Clare Vollmer Seconded. Nicole Smith

Presidents Report

Nick Leonard spoke about the parking at the school. Would all parents/caregivers please reverse park when dropping off and collecting children. This is for safety and allows more space for parking.

Parents / caregivers are asked to cross the road and collect their child/children at the gate.

Moved Alison Mahony

Seconded Bree Vollmer

Treasurers Report

Bank Reconciliation as at 20/6/19
Opening Balance \$10,039.05
Income 631.80
Expenses 3,270.28
Total. \$7,400.57

Bank Balance \$7,790.85

Outstanding Income 0.00

Outstanding cheque's

Cheque no 642871 274.53

Cheque no 642874 115.75

Total \$7,400.57

Moved Nicole Smith Seconded Nick Leonard

Fundraising Report

Gary from The Woodville Store has agreed for the school to hold a barbecue and cake stall on the verandah at the shop. Clare suggested we hold this on the day of the Black and White Garden Ramble.

Volunteers will be needed to help on the day.

This will be held on a Sunday, half way through next term when the date of the garden ramble is known.

Moved Julie Hartigan Seconded Bree Vollmer

Canteen Report.

The P & C will purchase recycled lidded cups for the canteen to prevent milo spillage and staining the concrete.

A pie and sausage roll day will be held on the last day of term.

Moved Nick Leonard Seconded Rachel Leary

Uniform Report NIL

Principals Report Testing of the tank which has been an ongoing problem has been completed. Broken pipes are causing the problem. The plumbers have been on site to repair the damage. Moved Alison Mahony Seconded Laura Brown

General Business

There is a volunteers' grant for kitchen appliances available that the School can apply for. The grant is for \$2,000. Some suggestions that were made are to update the oven, refrigerator, sandwich press, barbecue, cooking utensils and to purchase a coffee machine.

The P & C agreed for the school to purchase Lego We Do Kits, and iPads to the value of \$5,000 and the P & C will refund the purchase price. Julie spoke about the benefit of this for the children. There is also a Community Grant for \$50,000 that the school is going to apply for when it becomes available. Julie Hartigan has offered to write the application.

There were several suggestions made for this grant. The major one being new playground equipment and storage sheds. This is where the parents of the children need to become involved in what they wish for their school.

Now is the time to put your opinions forward and attend our next P & C meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 July 2019.

Moved Nina Leonard Seconded Julie Hartigan

Meeting closed at 8.50