Iona Public School Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

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Welcome back everyone to term 4. We hope that you had some down time over the break and took the time to recharge the batteries.

While there have been some easing of COVID-19 restrictions for this term many still remain. These include:

- Parents/carers and non-essential visitors are still not to enter the school and must socially distance outside of the school gates.
- If your child is late to school or you need to pick them up early please do not enter the school grounds, rather ring the office to explain their absence or to collect your child.
- If any parents or non-essential visitors do enter the school grounds you must complete an external visitors form at the office. This includes those parents who enter the school grounds even for a minute or two!
- Parents and carers are reminded that students must not come to school if they are unwell.
 Even with very mild symptoms and just like last term we must sight a negative COVID-19 result for all students to return to school.

The good news is that as of Term 4 we are able to hold/run:

- Interschool activities;
- Singing and chanting with strict restrictions;
- School formals, dances and graduations with a COVID-19 Safety Plan. How this will look remains undecided and will be in line with the health advice at the time;
- Excursions and day camps with strict restrictions;
- Kindergarten orientation and
- Year 7 transition to high school.

Parents can access further information about COVID restrictions at https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We have been advised that we are able to run Kindergarten transition from the beginning of November. At the end of last term Ms Tully worked really hard on organising a 'virtual' kindergarten transition program for our new enrolments. We are still going to run with this program and are in the process of organising an on-site visit for our new Kindergartens for late November. Further information will be sent out about this date later in the term.

BOOK WEEK

We are celebrating Book Week on Friday 23 October (Week 2). Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character or something affiliated with this year's theme which

is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds! Unfortunately, parents and community members will not be able to attend but we promise we will upload videos and photos to our Facebook page for you to have a look.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday 26 October. All students must be in full summer uniform, including black shoes. Envelopes have been sent out today. If you would like a family envelope please contact the office by Friday 23 October.

INTERRELATE

Largs Public School are hosting Interrelate and have invited us to attend as well. Please see the permission note from Largs PS attached.

SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY

New parents - If you have not already applied for the school drive subsidy please do so ASAP.

CANTEEN

There is no canteen tomorrow. Please contact the office if you wish your name to be placed on the roster for this Term.

JUMP ROPE

We all had an awesome day on the last day of Term 3 completing the Jump Rope For Heart activities. It showed that our skipping skills have made huge improvements over the past term.



Will turned 9 on 3 October Grace turned 11 on 9 October Tasmyn turns 12 tomorrow, 13 October Sharleigh turns 11 on 22 October James turns 6 on 24 October

CLASSROOM NEWS K/1/2

Welcome back everyone!

This Term is going to be a busy but fun Term! In Creative Arts we will be practising our drama skills hopefully culminating in an in class play. In Geography and Science we will be exploring People and Places and Technology. In Literacy we continue with our Literacy Sprints, Reading groups, spelling and soundwaves as well as conducting our first author study for the year on Mem Fox. In Maths all Ninjas will start a unit on sharing, division, equal groups and for Stage 1 early multiplicative strategies. In PDH we continue to develop our Fundamental Movement Skills.

Next week is Book Week with the theme of 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' and even though we can't celebrate as we usually do we will definitely be exploring some curious creatures in class.

3/4/5/6

Welcome to Term 4 - the final few months of our school year. After such a crazy start to this year, it's so hard to believe we've almost made it through to the end! Our term will be filled with lots of learning and plenty of fun too. In Science we will be looking at digital technologies and our area of focus will be artificial intelligence. In English we will be studying prolific Australian author Emily Rodda and our visual arts unit will look at perspective, with some very impressive artworks to be created by our students. We will also continue our Geography unit on the Earth's Environment and consolidate our learning in Maths by completing some hands-on investigations. There's a lot to squeeze into 10 weeks but with students who are so eager to learn I'm sure we'll make with a little time left over for special Year 6 celebrations and Christmas activities.

Good for Kids good for life

BUSH TUCKER FRUIT AND VEG

There are lots of Aboriginal bush tucker ingredients becoming more readily accessible and available. Here are a couple of examples to mix things up and get your daily fruit and veg.



LILLY PILLY

Lilly pillies are a popular garden and street tree. They grow in many conditions and can be found all over Australia. The berries have a tart, cranberry-like flavour. Try eating them:

- Fresh and whole just watch out for the pip inside!
- Chopped and added to salads Chopped and added in to
- muffins, the same way you would blueberries.



WARRIGAL GREENS

Warrigal greens are a herb with arrowshaped leaves, common in coastal regions. They are a great substitute for spinach, silverbeet or bok choy in recipes. Try adding to:

- Soups
- Stews
- Stirfries Omelettes.





POSITIONS VACANT

Permanent Part Time Cleaner

Job share position – ten hours a fortnight 4.30pm-6.30pm

Casual Educators

Casual Certificate III or Diploma in Children's Services for casual shifts

For further information please contact Susan Chand on 49385454 or email

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NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun







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Interrelate - Tuesday October 27 Stage 2 (Years 3&4) Stage 3 (Years 5&6)

6 - 7pm Where did I come from? Recommended for Stage 2 students.

- Develop student's understanding of male and female reproductive systems, conception, foetal development and birth
- Discuss different ways children can join families, e.g. adoption, fostering, blended families
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

7.15 - 8.15pm Preparing for Puberty. Recommended for Stage 3 students.

- Develop students understanding in relation to the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

\$30.00 per session or \$35.00 for both sessions (to be paid by Friday, 23rd October please)

Due to Covid restrictions this will be a webinar that you can watch with your child/children from the comfort of your home $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{G}}$

Cheers Sharon Palmer		> %
<u>Interrelate</u>		ild/children on Tuesday October 27.
□ Stage 2 session - Where Did I Come From? \$30 □ Stage 3 session - Preparing for Puberty \$30		
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☐ I HAVE MADE AN ONLINE PAYMENT THROUGH THE SCHOOL WEBPAGE.		
MY RECEIPT NUMBER IS:		
Name	Signed:	Date: