



COVID-19

Our COVID-19 restrictions remain in place at this time. Parents can access the department's latest advice here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

This Friday our students are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of their favourite sporting team as we support Footy Colours Day. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Fight Cancer Foundation which helps kids with cancer. We will have some special sporting activities as part of the Footy Colours Day action.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the Burkitt and Mogg families to our school. We certainly hope that you enjoy your time at Iona. We also welcome Mrs Jade Hoytink, who will be team teaching 4 days per week with Ms Hartigan until the end of the year. At this time of year, we certainly are looking forward to having a second pair of hands.

MEERKAT PRODUCTIONS

On Monday 16 November at 2:00pm students will be viewing a performance of the text 'Three' by Stephen Michael King. We are still in the process of writing the permission note for the performance which will be sent out later this week but just wanted to inform parents that approximate cost to attend the performance will be \$15 and must be paid prior to the event for your child to attend.

BOOK WEEK

It was fantastic to see so many of our students dressing up for book week last Friday.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday 19 November 9.30am – 11:00am and Thursday 26 November 9.30am - 11.00am. We look forward to meeting all of our new students who will commence Kindergarten in 2021. Unfortunately we will not be able to have parents remain on site. Our 2021 Kinders will need to be signed in at the front gate and enjoy time meeting new friends in the Kinder classrooms. Your child will then be collected from the front gate once signed out by their parent/carer. We are very excited to welcome our new Kinders and their families to the Iona PS community.

CAR PARK

We have received several concerned phone calls in regards to unsafe use of our car park and would just like to remind parents of a few expectations we have to keep our students safe.

- 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 will not let students out the gate without an adult.
- In the morning, please park your car and walk your child across the road. As of late we have noticed quite a few of 'drop off on the road' and run incidents. We would appreciate parents not doing this please.

ALLERGIES

A reminder that due to allergies we ask that parents do not pack nuts or nut products for recess or lunch. We thank you in your support.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

A reminder that the school community survey is due back by this Friday. We appreciate every family completing this survey. Your ideas and feedback are extremely useful for school future planning as we strive to continually improve the school. Please place your surveys in the Perspex box placed outside the front of the school.

YEAR 7 2022 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

If you were interested in applying for a government selective high school in 2022 (Year 5 students) now is the time to act. You must apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-highschools-and-opportunityclasses/year-7>

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

World Teachers' Day is celebrated this Friday. I would like to take this opportunity to give all of my teachers, office staff, SLSO's and support staff a huge pat on the back and my gratitude. Despite the many challenges 2020 has offered us, they have ensured education for our students has continued (with your support). I am very, very lucky to have this amazing team who work tirelessly for your children and support me in so many ways. This year has reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities. Mrs Leary

TERM 4 SPORT – TAEKWONDO

Due to our success in applying for a grant through the Sports in Schools program all students will be participating in a Taekwondo program run by Southern Cross Tae Kwon Do on Fridays. There is no cost to parents for this program.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

You will notice some improvements and maintenance jobs happening within the school. Our front gardens are looking much healthier with the addition of some coloured ground covers and Mr Crocker has been working hard at tidying the forest area before the really hot weather hits. We had the large palm trees removed from in front of the eating area and have applied for a grant to fill this area with another low maintenance garden. We will update you with photos when this occurs over the next few weeks.

PRESENTATION DAY TROPHIES

If your child received a perpetual trophy at Presentation Day last year, it is now time to return it to the school office so we can prepare for this year. Thank you.

CANTEEN

Please contact the office if you wish your name to be placed on the roster for this Term.

CLASSROOM NEWS

K/1/2

Wishing all of our lovely Grandparents a wonderful Grandparent's Day. We spoke about our Grandparents today and the Ninjas had so many lovely stories to share.

This week for news it is free choice.

Remember Ninjas it is Footy Colours Day this Friday!

Don't forget to bring in home readers on Friday. We have started our Author Study on Mem Fox and have read quite a few books already including Possum Magic which seems to be a favourite.

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 are all working on sharing in maths and making equal groups.

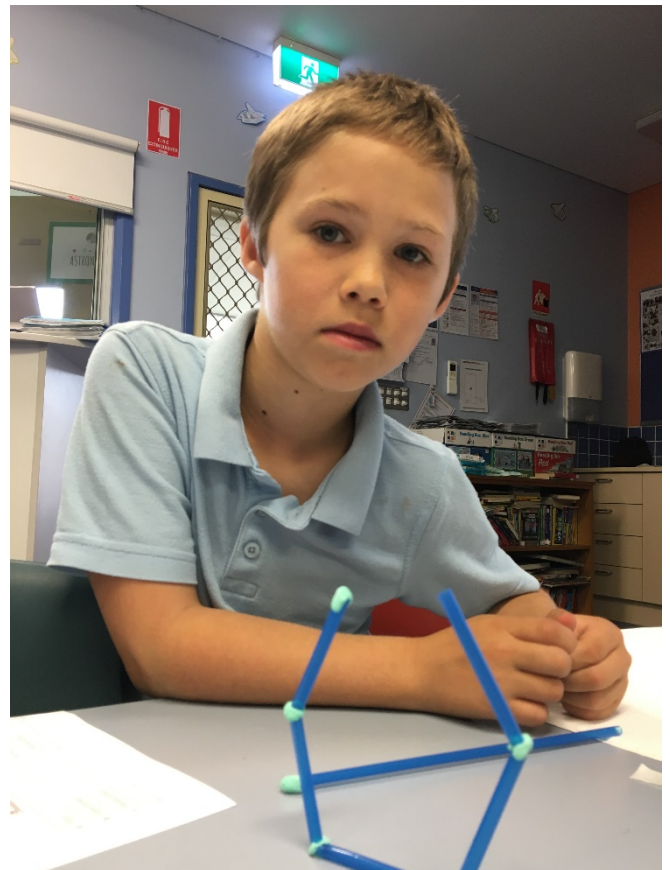
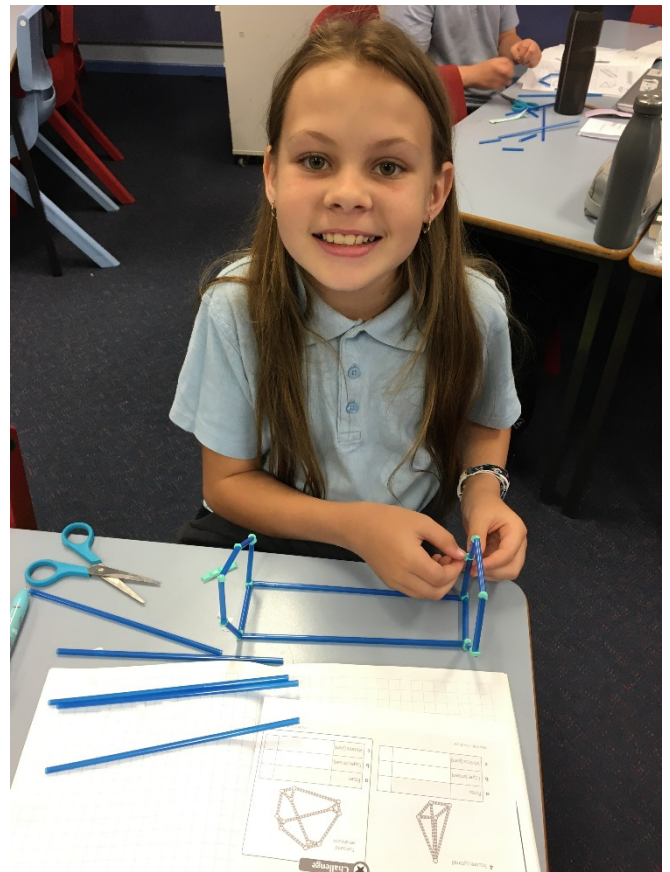
Kindergarten are sharing concrete objects, Year 1 are working on splitting a quantity into equal groups and Year 2 will begin formal division soon.



2019 Grandparents Day

3/4/5/6

The Astronauts are well and truly back into the swing of school life after the recent holidays. In the past week we have been exploring 3D shapes, gaining “perspective” with some cool art activities and learning volleyball skills. We have also started exploring the life and works of Australian writer Emily Rodda. We are reading her novel *His name was Walter* and although we are only a short way into it, we are all intrigued by the story so far and are keen to see where it goes from here. This week we also welcome two new students to our class – Taylor and Cooper. We hope you both settle in well and love our little school as much as we do.



Awards Week 2

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K-2

Tom for striving to increase his bank of sight words

Edison for his keen and enthusiastic approach to learning

3-6

Ian for his commitment to improving his time management skills

Grace for her improvement with her reading skills

Library Award

James for his excellent persuasive arguments

Caleb P for always displaying a love of reading

Peer Nominated Award

Max B for helping his peers with their volleyball skills

Environmental Award

Tasmyn for helping and taking care of the garden

Health and Safety

Zoe for being safe on the playground

Sports Award

Ben T for caring for sport equipment

Good for Kids good for life

MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines: www.health.gov.au



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



Tickets essential for all events. See <https://tocal.com.au/tocal-events-2/> or phone 4939 8901

OLD FASHIONED PICNIC DAY When: Sunday 1 November Time: 10am - 3pm



SANTA PHOTOS When: Sunday's 8, 15, 22nd November Time: 2pm - 6pm



CBCA Book Week
CURIOUS CREATURES,
WILD MINDS

