



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>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The school will be holding a commemorative ceremony for Remembrance Day on Wednesday, 11 November. Parents will not be able to attend this event, due to COVID restrictions.



NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC Week is celebrated this year from 8-15 November. Our students will be participating in activities on Friday 13 November focused on the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Students will have the opportunity to explore key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander perspectives, peoples, histories and stories.

SKOOLBAG & FACEBOOK

Please remember to download and keep an eye out for new messages, alerts and reminders through these platforms.

A reminder to parents who have questions about school policies, changes and events are advised that the Facebook page is not monitored on a regular basis and they should not rely on a response. Parents are asked to call the office if they have a question or enquiry in regards to school business.

CAR PARK

We thank everyone for ensuring that our car park is a safer place.

LEADER'S ELECTIONS

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Friday 27 November with our elections carried out on the same day. Following tradition, our leaders will be announced that afternoon at 3pm. We wish them good luck as they present themselves to the rest of the school.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School infrastructure has asked our parents to complete the following survey to better understand the needs of our school community and OOSH. The 5 short questions survey can be accessed at:
<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>
Please complete the survey by Friday 27 November 2020.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

Our Annual Presentation Night and Class Awards Presentation will take place in a different format this year. At this stage, we are still cannot have parents attend large gatherings at school so our current programs will need to be modified. Please note that we will try our very best to make this experience available to you to view outside the school. This is an important occasion for our community and we are well aware of the disappointment you have felt this year because of the limited access you have had to the school grounds. We also feel the same way.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School accounts have been sent home today. These accounts are now overdue, please pay by the 30 November at the latest. If you require financial assistance contact the office.

CHANGE OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT DATES 2021

There has been a change to the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) which take effect from Day 1, 2021. To start the year, we will have two SDD instead of one. The extra day has been moved from the last day of the year where we have had two SDD after the students finish. There is no change to the actual number of days students are at school or the actual number of SDD.

The start date for 2021 K-6 is Friday January 29th.

COLOUR RUN

Due to COVID-19 we had to postpone our Colour Run until further notice. We will now be holding the event on Tuesday December 15 at 2pm. Unfortunately, due to restrictions our community will not be able to attend. Like you this makes us very sad as we have really missed having you participate in these events with us. Let's all have our fingers crossed that restrictions ease for 2021! **All Colour Run sponsorships are to be returned to school by 19 November 2020.** The company which organises these events cannot accept any donations after this date. We have sent home with all students a replacement donation form in case your original one has been misplaced.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thanks you to those community members who returned the survey this year. We appreciate your support. Your responses will be taken into consideration for our planning for 2021.

ORGANISATION

As we move closer to the end of the 2020 school year we need to ensure that we are organised for 2021. One of our annual challenges is to know how many students will start school each year and to organise classes based on these numbers. To assist, we ask parents with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who will be leaving the school at the end of 2020, inform the school at your earliest convenience via email iona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone the office on 49301415 by Friday, November 19 so we can continue planning for next year. This will enable us to plan our teachers and classes for next year.

CANTEEN

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

ROADWORKS – CLARENCETOWN RD

We have been informed by Port Stephens Council that roadworks on Clarence Town Road will begin within the next week and expect to take up to 6 weeks to complete. There will be no road closures, however the road will be reduced to stop/go traffic control arrangements for the duration of the works. This will affect our community with roadworks happening near the bridge coming from Maitland. Please allow more time to get to school during this period.

P&C SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

As of 12 November we are allowed to hold P&C meetings onsite after school hours. The P&C would like to hold a special fundraising meeting on Tuesday 17 November at 3:15pm.

BOOKCLUB

Brochure were sent home today. Orders are due back by 25 November. If you do not want your order sent home with your child please let me Mrs Mahony know.

UNIFORM ORDER

Term 4 uniform orders are due back to school by 25 November. This allows us to get the order delivered before the end of the year. Sports shirts, shorts, skorts and hats are available from the office.

MEERKAT PRODUCTIONS- REMINDER

Students in K-6 are attending a performance of 'Three' by Stephen Michael King next Monday 16 November at 2pm in the Woodville School of Arts Hall. Permission notes were sent home in Week 4. Payments must be received by Friday 13 November 2020 for your child/ren to attend.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION- REMINDER

A reminder that Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday 19 & 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.

PRESENTATION DAY TROPHIES- REMINDER

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.

CLASSROOM NEWS

K/1/2

This week Kinders are learning the sound oo and u as in book and put. Yr 1 and 2 are learning oy and oi as in boy and boil and eer and ear.

In Technology, we will be discussing data, the purpose of data and the range of ways we can present data.

In Maths, Yr 1 finished their fruit cup investigation last week and explored ways to share equally, planning an event and allocating time to different activities and discussing halves and quarters.

Kinder are still working on their Billy Goats Gruff investigation on ordinal numbers and sharing equally.

Yr 2 will begin a similar fruit cup investigation this week.

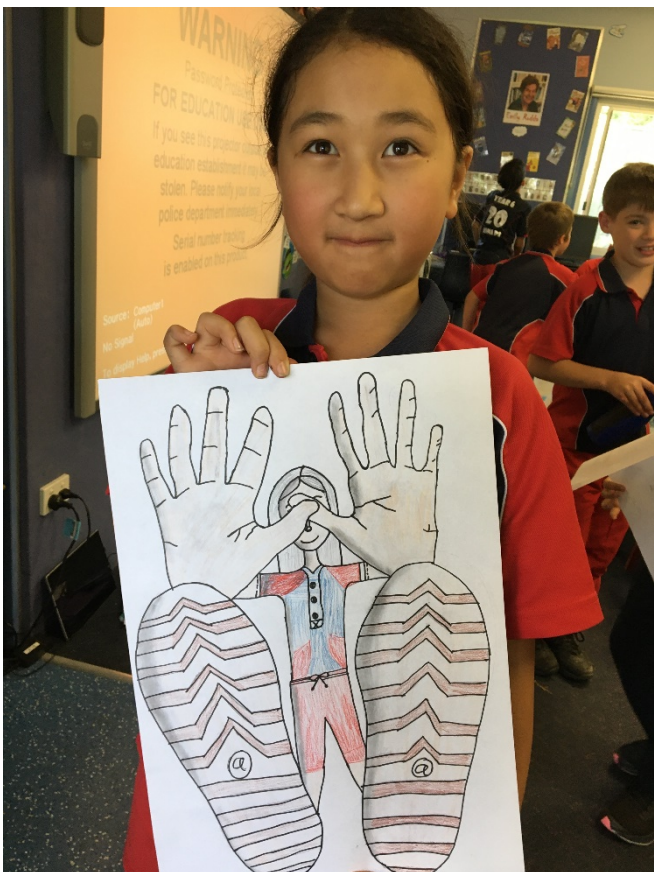
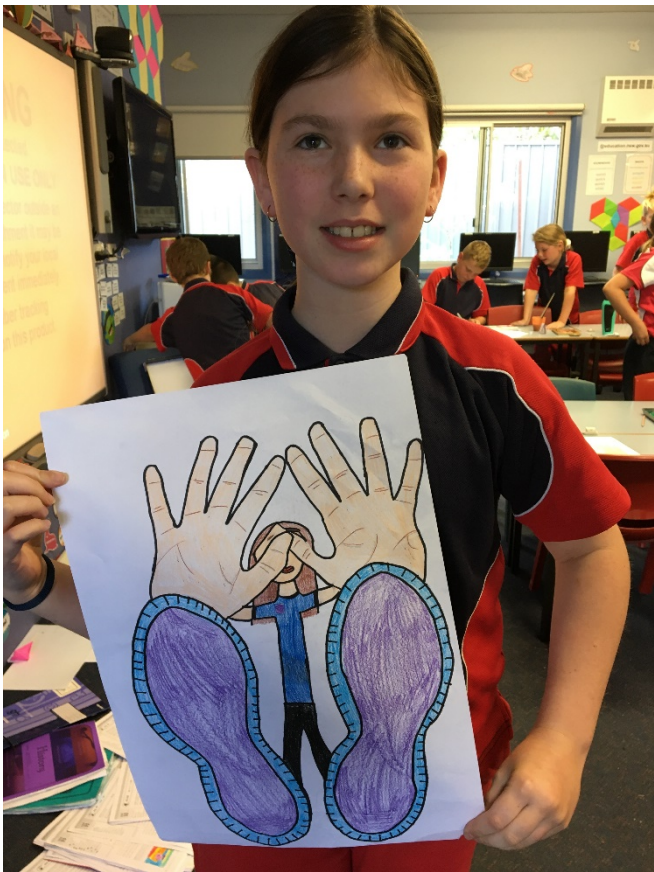
This Friday we will celebrate NAIDOC Day with a series of rotating activities in the middle session.

3/4/5/6

The Astronauts have welcomed some new faces to the classroom in the past fortnight. Mrs Hoitink now joins us for the morning literacy sessions as well as Year 3-4 maths in the middle session. This will continue for the rest of the term. Today Mr Callinan, a teaching student from Newcastle University, begins a four-week practicum on our 3-6 class and our new students Taylor and Cooper have settled in well and delighted classmates with speeches about the rocks and shells they collected on their travels around Australia. Year 5-6 students have been putting their maths skills to practical use as they study the Pyramids of Giza, construct scale models of the site and create timelines of Egypt's pyramid building dynasties. We are all enjoying our author study on Emily Rodda. As a class we are reading *His Name Was Walter* and students have written letters to Emily to tell her a little about our school and share their enthusiasm for her books. Our focus on perspective in art lessons continues to result in some outstanding works being created. Last week's focus was self-portraits with foreshortening and linear perspective. Today and

tomorrow our Year 5/6 students, leaders of the future, are participating in peer support training. The two days of activities will culminate in our students leading small groups of peers on a range of wellbeing activities later this year and next year.





Awards Week 4

<u>Merit Awards</u> were presented in:-
K-2
Maddison for striving to improve her word building skills
James for fantastic work using ordinal numbers
3-6
Zoe for creativity when presenting quality artworks
Duke for improved reading skills
<u>Library RFF Award</u>
Sophie for excellent work in Maths
Will B for excellent work in Maths
<u>Peer Nominated Award</u>
Eliza for helping our new students feel welcome
<u>Environmental Award</u>
Max B for taking care and respecting the environment
<u>Health and Safety</u>
Sophie for being careful on the play equipment
<u>Sports Award</u>
Riley for always caring for equipment



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December and voucher two is valid July to December.** After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



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KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL

As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.

Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.



Sierra turned 9 on 3 November
Adharsh turned 6 on 8 November
Caleb P turns 10 on 12 November



IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2020

CODE	ITEM	Colour (circle)	SIZE	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY
52205	Short sleeve sky polo	Sky blue	3-16		\$12.50	
5220LS	Long sleeve sky polo	Sky blue	3-16		\$14.00	
3886BP	Box pleat Short	Navy	4-16		\$22.00	
G386SK	Skort	Navy	4-16		\$17.00	
4310SL	Track pant	Navy Red	3-16		\$17.00	
5270ZS	Rugby short	Navy	3-16		\$12.50	
5310JK	Jacket fleecy zip	Navy Red	3-16		\$20.00	
5310LR	Jacket hood Fleecy zip	Navy Red	3-16		\$26.00	
5880JK	Polar fleece Jacket	Navy Red	4-16		\$22.00	
5880VE	Polar fleece Vest	Navy Red	4-16		\$16.00	
5963DC	Dry Jacket lined in polar fleece	Navy Red	4-16		\$35.00	
PSW	Box Pleated Tunic	Navy	4-10		\$50.00	
TOTAL	-	-	-		\$	

HATS, SPORT SHIRTS, SHORT & SKORTS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE.

CASH , CHQ (PAYABLE TO IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C) OR

DIRECT DEPOSIT – BSB 062 813 Account Number 0090 4129 Ref (name)

CHILDS NAME:

ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE 25 NOVEMBER 2020