



Learning Together in Harmony

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COVID-19

Parents are asked to refer to the 'Advice for Families' page on the Department of Education's website for information on when students are allowed to school after being unwell. If your child presents to school with even mild flu-like symptoms, we are required to send them home. After providing evidence of a negative COVID test, your child **MUST** remain at home until they are symptom-free.

We appreciate that this situation is challenging; however, we would like to remind you that our staff are following NSW Health guidelines.

P&C MEETING & RAFFLE

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 December at 3:15pm in the school library. All community members are welcome. At this meeting Mrs Leary will be discussing anticipated classes for next year. At the conclusion of this meeting Mrs Leary will be discussing the school's Strategic Directions for the next 4 years. If you are interested in learning about, consulting and providing your feedback on the school plan for the future please come along.

The P&C are running a raffle to conclude the end of the year. We would appreciate your support in selling these. Tickets have gone home with all students today. Tickets are \$2 each. Prizes are a Christmas Ham and a \$50 McDonalds Book voucher. If you need more books please ring the office and we will send them home with your child. We thank Rhonda and Bob Thomas for donating the ham. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10 December at 3pm.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

We are once again collecting gifts and groceries for the Salvation Army. Please send in any donations with your child.

COLOUR RUN

We would like to thank those who supported the Colour Run this year which will be held on Tuesday 15 December. You raised \$250 for the school which will be used towards an Intensive Reading Program.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

With all of our 2021 planning, we have not taken our eyes off the end of 2020. Reports are being written and our Presentation Day assembly are being planned. (See below) We are currently finalising our end of Year 6 day out, colour run, and plans for our party day to ensure they are COVID safe and following DoE and NSW Health guidelines. Our staff are working extremely hard and as always, we appreciate your support in these times. Please keep an eye out over the next few weeks for more updates via Skoolbag and Facebook.

PRESENTATION DAYS - (COVID SAFE)

Class Awards and our Major Awards Presentation will be held over 3 afternoon assemblies this year due to the COVID restrictions. All assemblies will take place at 2:40pm under the COLA. Each class will be presented with their class awards for the year and perform an item. Unfortunately, parents are not allowed on site but if socially distanced may watch the assembly from outside the gate. The assemblies will occur during Week 9:
3-6 Class awards – Tuesday 8 December
K-2 Class Awards – Wednesday 9 December
Major Awards Presentation – Thursday 10 December

YEAR 6 CAKE AND CLAP OUT - WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2:45PM

We are making every effort to have a special Year 6 celebration. The Year 6 clap out will take place this year as COVID restrictions have eased, however, the final decisions regarding community members on site will be made closer to the date and inline with departmental protocols. The Year 6 Cake and Clap Out consists of students cutting a celebratory cake and walking through an archway made by all students and staff at Iona Public School as they clap and cheer on Year 6.

LEADER'S ELECTIONS- REMINDER

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- REMINDER

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.

ROADWORKS – CLARENCETOWN RD- REMINDER

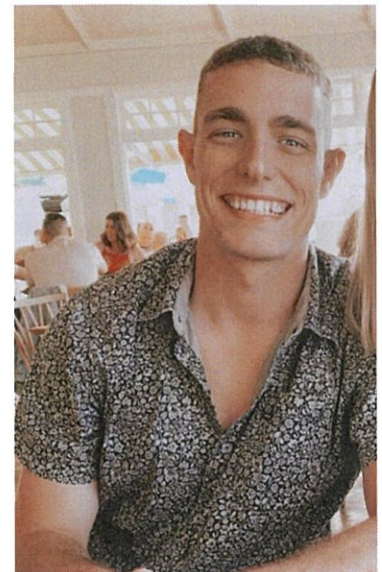
We have been informed by Port Stephens Council that roadworks on Clarence Town Road will begin within the next week and expect to take up to 6 weeks to complete. There will be no road closures, however the road will be reduced to stop/go traffic control arrangements for the duration of the works. This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

UNIFORM ORDER- REMINDER

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.

MR CALLINAN IN THE CLASSROOM

Hi, my name is Ethan Callinan and I'm halfway through my first university teaching placement at Iona Public School. I have spent the past two weeks in the Years 3-6 classroom gaining knowledge and experience in the teaching field with guidance from Ms Julie Hartigan. It has



been an absolute pleasure getting to know all the kids, not only in the classroom but also in the playground, and building connections to understand how each student ticks! I have thoroughly enjoyed the first two weeks and I'm looking forward to getting to know each student individually and building experiences within the classroom in the coming weeks!

Sunsmart Snippet

Create good habits



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
- Slap on a sun smart hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Creating good sun protection habits from childhood helps reduce exposure to UV and the risk of skin cancer and eye damage.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



PEER SUPPORT

Our Year 5/6 students have completed two days of Peer Support training and have delivered their first sessions to students from Kindergarten through to Year 4. The training was quite intensive but also had plenty of fun elements and our leaders enjoyed the experience with Mrs Murphy, Ms Hartigan and Mr Callinan. Last Tuesday the leaders did a fabulous job of leading their small peer groups for the first time. They will continue delivering activities based on the topic "transitions" for the next three weeks.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students commemorated Remembrance Day on November 11, paying tribute to all soldiers who have served our country. They also made poppies, a symbol of remembrance, and wore/carried them with pride.



NAIDOC WEEK

Our students came together in Week 5 to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We participated in three NAIDOC Week activities - the ball game Koolchee, dot painting and beading. It was a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate Australia's First Nation people.





THREE

Our students experienced a live drama performance last week when Craig and Debbie from Meerkat Productions presented Three, based on the book of the same name by children's author/illustrator Stephen Michael King. Three is a story of understanding, acceptance, empathy, being thankful and following your own path.



Eleanor turns 7 on 24 November
Duke turns 11 on 25 November

CLASSROOM NEWS

K/1/2

Last week was a busy week!

On Thursday our Kinders of 2021 visited Iona Public School, where we engaged in various fun activities. We can't wait to see them again this Thursday.

In Maths, Kinder and Year 1 completed their final assessments and Year 2 finished their fruit cup investigation where they experimented with fractions and division when cutting the fruit and distributing it evenly between them. The fun bit was getting to eat it!

In Geography, the Ninjas are exploring Australia's location in the world and will look at other countries and continents.



3/4/5/6

Students in 3-6 are beginning to wrap up the Term 4 learning programs, with units in science, geography and spelling nearing completion. Students have loved the science unit that looked at artificial intelligence and its real-world uses and will this week use the machine learning program Autodraw to document their creative versions of what AI might look like in the future. Our geography unit has focussed on the Earth's environment and how it changes – over time and around the world. The underlying message is the need to protect the environment to ensure it continues to sustain humans as well as the multitude of animals and plant life that are essential to a healthy biodiversity. This week students will complete the final unit of their Sound Waves spelling program and that means this is also the last week of homework for the year (I can hear the cheers from here)! Our visual arts unit on perspective continues and the latest student works created an optical illusion that had them

being sucked into a vortex. This has been a valuable unit of work and the care and precision taken by the students each week is to be commended. The Astronauts have also discovered Kahoot! this week. The online group quiz can be tailored to suit any topic and has proven to be so much fun as the students pit their skills against each other. A huge congratulations to Ben T and Cooper who were the winners of our first full-class Kahoot! on mental addition and subtraction. We will definitely be doing more of these in the future.



Awards Week 4



Merit Awards were presented in:-

K-2

Max B for consistently beautiful bookwork

Emma for excellent work in mathematics

3-6

Mia for a huge positive shift in her attitude towards mathematics

Scarlett for commitment to practising the fundamental movement skill of sprinting

Library RFF Award

Jacki for great retell of the story "Three"

Theresa for great retell of the story "Three"

Harry H for his effort in mathematics

Teacher Nominated Award

Peer Nominated Award

Aishwarya for being a friendly face in the playground

Max K for taking care of our school environment

Environmental Award

Aliyah for helping in the vegetable garden

Health and Safety

Ben L for being safe when playing volleyball

Sports Award

Duke for always returning equipment to the sports shed

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

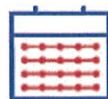
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

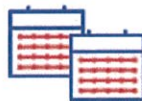


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



WOODVILLE

School of Arts

Serving Woodville and district since 1876

We're at the heart of this community

Please join us!

For the first time in more than 150 years, our much-loved community hall has stood silent for months this year as COVID-Safe regulations changed how we could gather and celebrate.

Many wedding receptions planned for autumn, were optimistically rebooked for spring - but ultimately cancelled as the regulations continued to hold their grip. Birthday parties, engagement parties and other family celebrations were cancelled too.

Our volunteers managed this sad turn in personal and community disappointments as best we could. Prudent management of WSoA funds meant we could refund in full the deposits paid - some small comfort for those who had hoped to celebrate significant life events amid family and friends in our hall.

We're all yearning for a better 2021 and the WSoA committee hopes to resume planning for hall improvements that were shelved this year.

We're a not-for-profit, community-owned and managed association, since 1876. Unlike many halls, we are not government subsidised.

We need a strong **membership** list to demonstrate our community's support when seeking grants for hall improvements, or when we need to raise our voice on behalf of the community.

Under the statutory rules that govern us, memberships must be renewed each year. If you're not sure if your membership is current send us an email to woodvillesoa@gmail.com or call us on 0414 385 308.

Please take time to become a **member**, or renew your membership, on the form on the next page. **Or you can make a donation**. And please come to our Annual General Meeting if you can make the time.

We wish you all a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year and hope to see you soon when community events can again resume at the Woodville School of Arts hall.

Kind regards from WSoA Management Committee.

AGM

WOODVILLE HALL
THURS 3 DECEMBER

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm, Thursday 3 December 2020.

WHERE:

Woodville School of Arts Hall, at 868 Paterson Rd, Woodville, NSW, 2321.

If you'd like to attend, or get involved as a volunteer for WSoA, PLEASE COME and be seated before 7pm.

The president will review our year, new office holders will be elected, and the AGM will be followed by a short meeting of the new committee.

WSoA hall is a registered COVIDSafe premises. Current maximum capacity is 39. Social distancing is required. Bottled water will be available.

For all hall hire: woodvillesoa@gmail.com General hire: 0408 660 638. Weddings 0412 947 386

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WOODVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS Inc. [ABN 69526337627]

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[Full name]

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[Signature] (As a member I agree to be bound by the
WSOA Constitution and Rules).

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[Date]

Contact details: Circle preferred- phone/email/postal

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[Postal address]

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[Email]

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[Phone]

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[Phone]

Membership category: please circle

Single \$20

Family \$30

Do you wish all information, other than your name, to remain private? YES/NO

Please return this form to woodvillesoa@gmail.com; drop into the Woodville Store, or mail to:
The Treasurer, WSOA, c/- Woodville Store, 229 Clarence Town Rd, Woodville, NSW 2321.
Enclose membership fee or donation and pay to: Woodville School of Arts; BSB 637 000. Account 7324 58455
Please send an email if direct depositing so we can identify your funds woodvillesoa@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

I'D LIKE TO DONATE TO WOODVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS Inc. [ABN 69526337627]

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[Name]

\$.....
[Amount]

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[Contact details, optional]

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THANK YOU!

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