



Calendar

14 Feb	K/1/2 Class meeting
25 Feb	P&C AGM; 3-6 Class meeting
2 March	Yr 6 Leaders Day - Sydney

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

What a wet but enjoyable day we all had at the Small School Swimming Carnival last Friday. We were extremely proud of the sportsmanship and manners shown by all of our students. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents on the sidelines. Congratulations to Shaleea for winning 12 years girls champion.

School Contribution Fee

All families in NSW public schools are asked to make a contribution to the ongoing costs associated with providing a quality education. Unlike some schools, Iona Public School does not have text book fees and provides writing booklets, exercise books, worksheets and access to subscribed Internet-based literacy programs such as Spelling City and Ziptales. Accordingly, we ask you to make a small contribution of \$20 to cover the cost of folders, photocopy paper, exercise books, headphones and computer consumables. Our Creative and Practical Arts contribution is \$40 (\$10 per term) This year we have subscribed to Sound Waves, Mathletics, iMaths and Reading Eggs. These will be used weekly in class and can be accessed from home. The cost of covering the licence fees for these is \$80. The voluntary contribution fee is \$49. This means the total fee contribution is set at \$189. This can be paid in cash at the office or using our online payment system which is available through our website, using the \$ make a payment button. <http://www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Class Meetings

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend class meetings. During this meeting teachers will outline their expectations for the year and how their classes are organised. We invite all parents to this meeting, starting at 3.15 and it should go no longer than 4.00 (depending on questions!)
K/1/2 – Tuesday 18 February
Year 3-6 – Tuesday 25 February

Welcome BBQ

The P&C and staff would like to welcome everyone to our school with a BBQ on Thursday 27 February from 5:00-7:00pm. All attending families are asked to either supply a salad or a dessert to share on the night and bring their own plates, cutlery and drinks. (As this is a school event *NO ALCOHOL* can be consumed during the event or on school grounds.) The school will supply the sausages!

Could you please return the expression of interest note by Tuesday 25 February for catering purposes as we would hate not to have enough sausages! It is a great night and gives our new families a chance to meet our old families.

Year 6 Fundraising

Could all Year 6 families please supply the school with a box of ice creams (e.g. choc tops, bulla crunches, splices) to begin the Yr. 6 fundraising initiatives for the year. The leaders will be selling these on Fridays during Term 1 and 4 for \$2 each.

Book Club

Book Club catalogues were sent home today. Please have your order back to the office by Thursday 13 Feb.

Music

Private music lessons with Mrs Bithrey (guitar, ukulele or flute) commenced last week. Mrs Tuyl (keyboard) will be starting on Wednesday 19 February.

Canteen

Canteen will begin this Wednesday. Please make sure all orders are in by tomorrow morning. If you have a couple of hours free on Wednesday mornings the P&C would love your help in the canteen. It's also a great way to meet our community. Please see Mrs Mahony if you are interested.

Professional Learning

At the end of last year we were very lucky to gain inclusion in the University of Sydney STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy Newcastle Primary Program for 2020. This Thursday and Friday Mrs Bird, Ms Hartigan and Ms Tully will be travelling to Newcastle for some PL on this program and beginning to draft our STEM strategies for 2020.

Ms Hartigan and Mrs Bird will also be attending a PL on 7 Steps to Writing on Monday 24.

Mrs Leary and Mrs Mahony will be attending budget training on Thursday 20 February.

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school approach to proactive, school-wide behaviour management. It is research and evidence-based practices and strategies for all students to increase academic performance, improve safety, decrease problem behaviour and establish a positive and inclusive environment. This fortnight's lessons are 'I speak politely to everyone' and 'I listen to other's points of view'.

Star Struck 2020

Expression of interest forms have been sent home with all students in Years 3-6 for those interested in joining our Star Struck Team for 2020. Students were asked to write their names on the list in the office if they were interested AND had their parents' permission by this Friday. A decision will then be made whether we have enough students to participate in Star Struck for this year.

Student Health

Have your child's health needs changed over the school break?

It is important that the school has up-to-date information about student health needs. Allergies and other medical conditions that need to be managed by the school. Please contact the school if you need to update our school records.

P&C AGM- Reminder

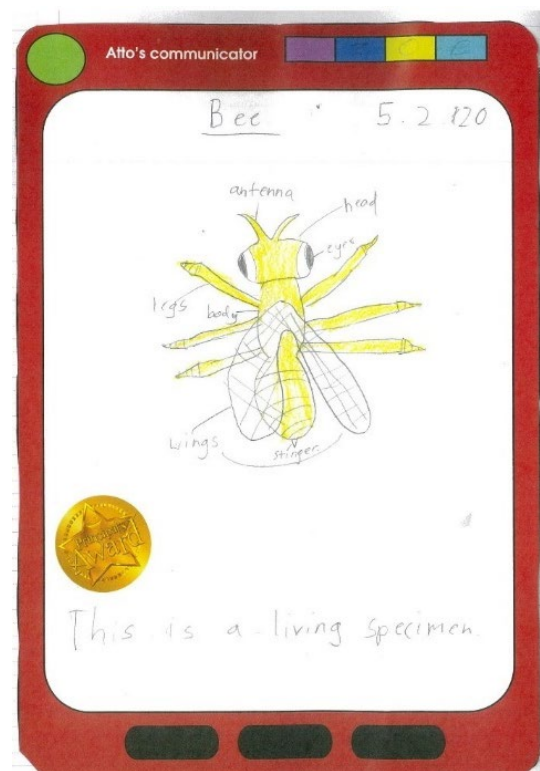
Our next meeting will be our AGM on Tuesday 25 February at 8:15am in the library. Please come along and support our wonderful school.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Iona Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday 25 February, 2019 at 8.15am in the school library. In accordance with the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association guidelines the following will apply:

The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider nominating for one of these positions.

CLASS NEWS

Congratulations to Zoe for receiving the Principal's Award this fortnight. Zoe produced a quality example of a scientific drawing of a bee.



K/1/2 News

This term in Science we will be exploring Amazing Animals and Peculiar Plants. As a class, we discussed what we may like to learn along the way and K/1/2 came up with some brilliant questions...

What is the biggest bird in the world?

How do camels store water?

What is the largest shark?

It is going to be very interesting discovering the answers to these questions.

Just a reminder as well that homework is due every even week Friday (Assembly Fridays).

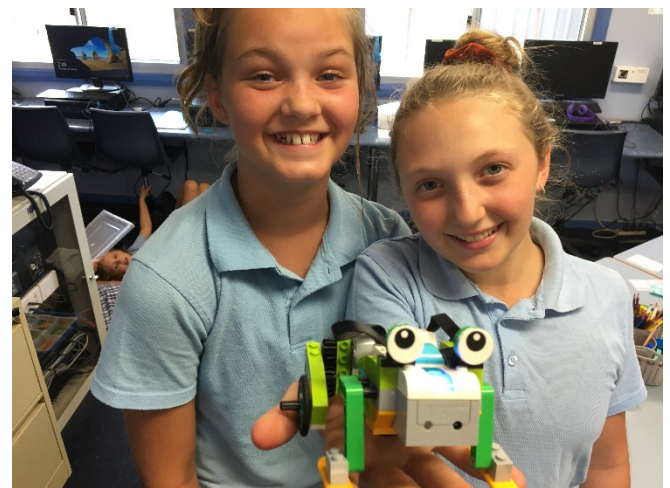
Little Laughs

Q. How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair?

A. Eclipse it!

3-6 News

What a wonderful start we've had to our new year. Students are settling in well and already impressing with their artistic ability and their skills with technology. Our Science unit on living things is crossing over to our art and technology with some fabulous leaf mini beasts being created, impressive pencil drawings of bees and the creation of odd little Lego We-Do critters. We have started our unit on persuasive writing so expect some good arguments in the household in the coming weeks.



CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2020

Canteen Day – Wednesday. Orders **MUST** be in by Monday Afternoon.

Helpers are always welcome, canteen roster is in the office

See Katy Mitchell for any special dietary requirements

Place orders with money in brown paper bag (available in kitchen) in the letterbox

FRESH / TOASTED SANDWICHES ON WHOLEMEAL BREAD	PRICE	SALAD	PRICE
Salad (cheese, tomato, lettuce, carrot, cucumber & pineapple)	\$2.50	Salad on a plate (cheese, tomato, lettuce, carrot, cucumber, pineapple)	\$2.50
Ham & Salad	\$3.00	Ham, Salad plate	\$3.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.00	Chicken, Salad Plate	\$3.50
Ham	\$1.50	Extras: - egg or avocado	\$1.00
Cheese	\$1.20		
Ham & Cheese	\$2.00		
Baked Beans	\$1.50	HOT FOOD	PRICE
		Nemo Burger (fish fingers, lettuce, mayo on a roll)	\$2.50
EXTRAS	PRICE	Lean Beef Burger (lettuce, cheese, carrot, tomato & sauce)	\$3.00
wraps, egg or avocado	\$1.00	Chicken Burger (lettuce, mayo)	\$3.00
tomato, pineapple, cheese	\$0.50	Chicken Burritos	\$3.00
Sauces:- tomato, BBQ, mayo or pickles	Free	Beef Burritos	\$3.00
		Lasagne	\$3.00
DRINKS	PRICE	Pizza – Ham/Pineapple	\$3.00
Milo	\$1.50		
Popper	\$1.00		



Paterson River Netball Club

PRNC is holding its information/uniform day at John Tucker Park Paterson on the **8th of Feb 2020 from 10am - 1pm**. The whole family is welcome, come along and meet the coaches and have some fun! There are Teams for all ages. \$100 Active Kids voucher available

Register on the at <http://patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

Important Dates

- Early Bird Registration 1st-31st of Jan 2020
- Normal Registration 1st - 13th of Feb 2020
- Registrations close on the 13th of Feb 2020
- PRNC Information/Uniform day 8th Feb 2020
- Round One Commences 28th of March 2020

Games
Drill/skill practice
Prizes to be won



2020 SEASON WINTER COMP

Eligible Kids play FREE !

Soccer Registrations

Under 6's to All Age Men's & Women's – Gresford Vacy Football Club
Children turning 5 in 2019 can play as Under 6's - We cater for junior Mixed and Girls only Teams

'Eligible Kids Free' are school aged children between 5 – 7 years old where their family has utilised the governments' \$100 Active Kids Voucher from Service NSW
Older juniors have minimal out of pocket cost after the voucher, please see table below

For voucher information: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

You must register online at: playfootball.com.au

WIN rebel vouchers & refunds !!!

4x weekly prize draws of vouchers and merchandise during Feb - All registered players eligible.
Major prizes drawn on March 1st. Juniors Major prize is Rebel Vouchers - 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50. Seniors Major prize is - 1st prize = full rego refund, 2nd prize = half rego refund. **Must be registered and paid in full to be eligible for Major prizes**

Rego Info Days – Tues 18th & Tues 25th Feb, 3pm-5pm at Vacy sportsground
NB: New players **MUST** bring a copy of their birth certificate

Every NEW player receives a playing strip & dress shirt
NB: all juniors receive a free training ball too

Category	GVFC Rego Fee	Less Active Kids \$100 Voucher	GVFC Game fees	Season Total Cost
Entry 5 years (Preschool)	\$50.00	NA – Still \$50	nil, zero, zilch, nothing, included in Rego Fee	Only \$50 Rego – No game fees
Entry 5 - 7 yrs	\$100.00	\$0	nil, zero, zilch, nothing, included in Rego Fee	Nothing if Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher utilised – else \$100
Youth 8 - 11 yrs	\$120.00	\$20	nil, zero, zilch, nothing, included in Rego Fee	Only \$20 if Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher utilised
Youth 12 - 18 yrs	\$170.00	\$70	nil, zero, zilch, nothing, included in Rego Fee	Only \$70 if Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher utilised
Senior Amateur	\$250.00	NA – Still \$250	Saturday & Sunday: \$100 upfront or \$10 per game Friday nights: \$150 upfront or \$15 per game	Saturday & Sunday: \$350 Friday nights: \$380 for rego and games fees

For more information or help contact:
Club President Jim Doyle M: 0407 307 800 -- Club Secretary Jack Cowled M: 0427 385 603
Web: www.scorpis.com.au Email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com

WANT TO JOIN THE MORPETH BULLS IN 2020?

UNDER 5-9s \$130
UNDER 10-14s \$150
UNDER 15-17s \$160
-\$100 ACTIVE KIDS

VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED FOR PART REGISTRATION - NEW PLAYERS TO THE CLUB RECEIVE FREE SHORTS & SOCKS

REGISTRATION DAY: SUNDAY 8th March 2020
RIVER ROYAL INN MORPETH 11AM-2PM
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SECRETARY Kelly Laver 0447027159
morpethbullsjrlcsecretary@gmail.com



Newsletters in 2020

Thefamily would like to receive their newsletter by

- Email, our email address is: _____
- Paper Copy
- I will read direct from the website
- Skoolbag

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Welcome BBQ -Expression of Interest

Thursday 27 Feb 5pm to 7pm

Please return this slip by Tuesday 25 Feb

The P & C would like to welcome everyone back for 2020, especially new families to our school. On Thursday 27 February from 5pm we will be having a welcome BBQ.

Name:..... number of people attending.....

I will be able to bring along a Salad or Dessert to share.

Swimming Carnival 2020



Iona Public School - Absentee Note



To be returned to school first day back after absence

Student's Name:-.....Class:-.....

Date of Absence:-

Whole Day

Partial Day Late arrival time:- Early leaver time:-..... Between:-

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