



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

25 Feb	P&C AGM; 3-6 Class meeting
27 Feb	Welcome BBQ 5pm-7pm
2 Mar	Yr 6 Leaders Day - Sydney
20 Mar	Colour Explosion/Cross Country & Bullying No Way Day
24 Mar	Yr 6 Leaders' day at Tenambit PS
3 April	Zone Cross Country

Parking – Safety Alert

Please remember that when parking after school to drive to the top of the hill before safely turning into the school lane, then *REVERSE* park into the parking area in front of the school. Please don't drive from the road onto the grass as it is very unsafe—the brow of the hill makes this a blind spot for cars travelling past our school.

We would also like to remind parents that students need to be collected from a gate in the afternoon. No student will be allowed out the gate without a parent or caregiver.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter as we certainly don't want any accidents!

Class Meetings- Reminder

All parents for students in Years 3-6 are invited to attend a class meeting THIS Tuesday 25 February at 3.15pm. During this meeting Ms Hartigan will outline her expectations for the year. We invite all parents to these meetings; they should go no longer than half an hour, depending on questions.

Buddy Chair

Bunnings have kindly donated to the school a Buddy Chair for our playground. Last Friday, they came and allowed the students in 3-6 to decorate it. It looks amazing!!

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

This fortnight's lessons are 'I look after myself and 'I care for others'.

P&C AGM- Reminder

Our AGM is on tomorrow 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, 2020 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.

Welcome BBQ - Reminder

A reminder that the welcome BBQ is on this Thursday night from 5-7pm. Currently, we only have 5 families who have returned their expression of interest note. If you are attending please ensure that you return this by tomorrow afternoon so that we can purchase enough meat for everyone attending. We certainly don't want anyone missing out.

Computer Use Agreement

Last week all students received a computer use agreement note to sign. Please ensure that you discuss this with your child. All notes are due by this Friday, after this date students will have no access to computers until they are returned.

Mud Kitchen

Some of our K/1/2 students have been demonstrating their cooking abilities during lunchtime in our Mud Kitchen. We would like to encourage and extend their play by creating a play restaurant in the weather shed. If any families have any kitchen utensils, measuring cups, bowls, small saucepans that they no longer want or need we would love to have these for our kitchen (no glass items please). We are also looking for a plastic table and 2-4 chairs for the customers to enjoy their delicious lunch, a plastic vase for the table, anything that we could have to help convert our weather shed to an amazing restaurant. Please leave any donated items in the office.

If you are able to spend any time designing and helping create this play space, please see Ms Tully. We are also collecting any cars or dump trucks to keep in the sports shed.

Cross Country Trials and School Colour Explosion and Bullying No Way Day! Save the date!

From today, we commence collecting sponsorship for the School Colour Explosion. This is the major school fundraiser this year, so we do ask for your support. The money raised will go towards supporting school resources.

We will be running both these events in conjunction with each other on Friday 20 March starting at 2pm. We will run our cross country first and then students will participate in colour explosion activities at its conclusion. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for further details. All parents and community members are welcome to participate. We look forward to seeing you!!

Star Struck

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in Star Struck 2020, unfortunately, we did not receive enough expressions of interest that would allow us to enter. We will hopefully try again next year, so keep your dancing shoes on!

Zone Swimming

Congratulations Shaleea for making the Newcastle Regional Swimming Carnival, representing Maitland PSSA Zone.

Student Health - Reminder

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.

Awards Week 4

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K-2

Eleanor for trying her best at all times

Jacki for trying hard in all classroom activities

3-6

Sierra for excellent efforts in art

Max for showing maturity in his learning

Library Award

Arjun for displaying a love of reading

Anastasia for a love of reading

Peer Nominated Award

Eliza for always looking out for other students

Teacher Nominated Award

Theresa for showing kindness to others

Environmental Award

Ava for always ensuring icee cups aren't left on the playground

Health and Safety

Harry K for playing handball safely

Sports Award

Ryan for always having a go during PE and sport activities

Whole School PBL

Lainey for speaking politely and treating everyone with respect



Maddison turned 6 on 9 Jan

Sarah turned 5 on 9 Jan

Ryan turned 10 on 27 Jan

Scarlett turned 8 on 8 Feb

Arjun turned 10 on 15 Feb

STEM Academy

Our school has been selected to join Sydney University's STEM Enrichment Academy and our teachers travelled to Newcastle in Week 3 to attend the first two-day session with the inspiring academy convenors. Mrs Bird, Mrs Tully and Ms Hartigan were challenged with a number of STEM activities, which they will test out on our students in the coming weeks, and also started planning a major STEM project that will involve every student in the school throughout the year. The teachers will return to the academy for further training in June and will present our school project to fellow academy members in November.



CLASS NEWS

K/1/2 News

Thank you to all parents who attended last Tuesday's class meeting. An information note outlining what was discussed during this meeting is being sent home with this newsletter. Lessons are in full swing where 'the ninjas' are involved in their first investigation in mathematics: All about birthdays. Students are busy learning about days, weeks, months, calendars and time, as well as collecting data and graphing. During our maths and literacy rotations we are enjoying lots of hands on activities that further consolidate our learning. K-2 joined 3-6 in setting up a silk worm habitat to compliment our living things unit. We are looking forward to observing these changes at each stage of their life cycle.

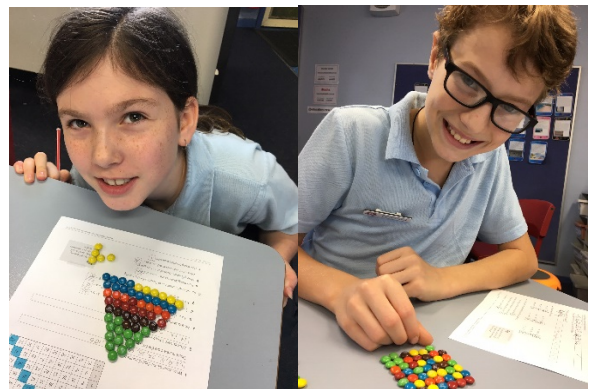
Little Laughs

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

You rocket!

3-6 News

It's been another busy couple of weeks in the 3-6 classroom with all students now well and truly settled into our day-to-day routines. Students continue to hone their debating skills as we study persuasive texts and in History we are gaining an understanding of the strong bonds Aboriginal people have with country. These studies allowed students to explore the language of the Wonnarua people, the traditional custodians of the land where our school sits, and they shared this learning with all students at Friday's assembly. Science was a lot of fun last week as K-2 joined us to look at our own lifecycles; matching up our baby pictures with photographs of us today. We also took delivery of some precious silkworm eggs and we will document their lives as they hatch, grow and transform in the coming weeks. In maths, yummy M&Ms have helped our Year 5/6 students to explore square and triangular numbers. The M&Ms not only allowed the students to visualise the concept, but also acted as motivation for them to complete their work quickly!



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: _____

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Welcome BBQ -Expression of Interest

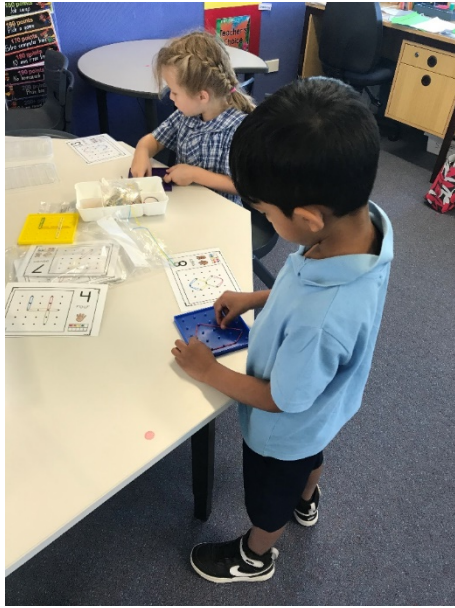
Thursday 27 Feb 5pm to 7pm

Please return this slip by Tuesday 25 Feb

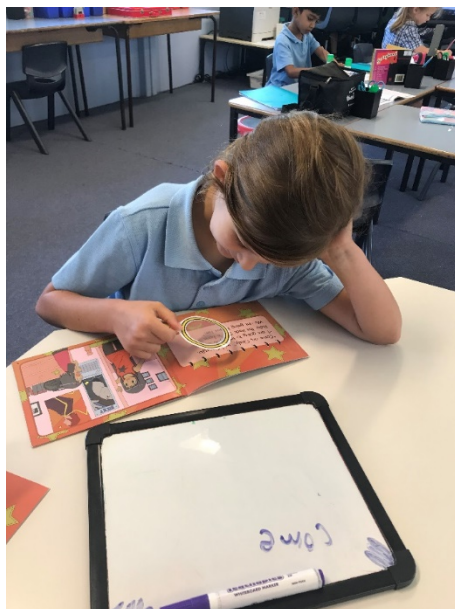
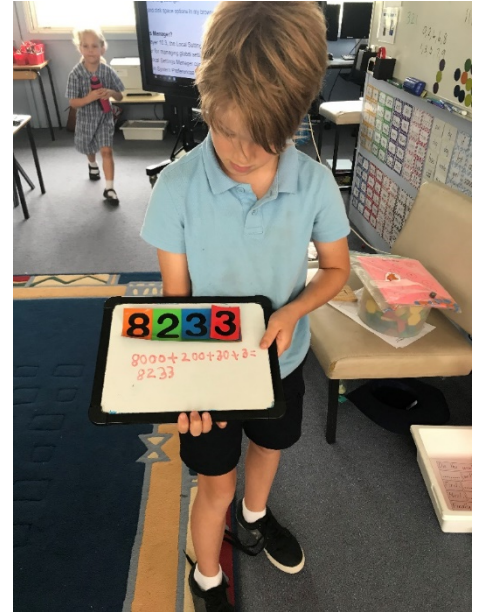
The P & C would like to welcome everyone back for 2020, especially new families to our school. On Thursday 27 February from 5pm we will be having a welcome BBQ.

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

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



K-2



Iona Public School Term Planner

Term 1 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	27	28	29	30	31	01	02
2	03	04	05	06	07 Small Schools' Swimming Carnival 	08	09
3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4	17	18 K-2 Class meeting 3.15pm	19	20	21 Assembly 3-6 performing	22	23
5	24	25 P&C AGM 8.15am 3-6 Class meeting 3.15pm	26	27 Welcome BBQ 5.00pm 	28	29	01
6	02 Yr 6 Halogen Young Leaders Day	03	04	05	06 Assembly K-2 performing	07	08
7	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20 Assembly 3-6 performing Cross Country & Colour Explosion Bullying! No Way	21	22
9	23	24 P&C Meeting 8.15am Yr 6 Leaders Day Tenambit PS	25	26 Athletics Carnival	27	28	29
10	30	31	01	02	03 Assembly K-2 performing Zone Cross Country 	04	05
11	06	07	08	09 Easter Hat Parade  Last Day Term 1	10	11	12

** Correct as at 17/02/20 – subject to change and additions. Check skoolbag / facebook / newsletter for updates**