



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

17 Mar	P&C Athletics Carnival Meeting
20 Mar	Colour Explosion/Cross Country & Bullying No Way Day
24 Mar	Yr 6 Leaders' day at Tenambit PS P&C Meeting
26 Mar	Athletics Carnival
3 April	Zone Cross Country
9 April	Easter Hat Parade & last day of term.

Calendar Change

Please note change of date for the Athletics Carnival. **New date Thursday 26 March.** Amend the school planning calendar that was sent home last newsletter accordingly.

P&C News

What a fantastic turn out for our first P&C meeting for the year. We would like to thank the following parents who accepted the following positions: Claire Vollmer (President), Katie McMurray (Vice President), Rhonda Thomas (Secretary), Alison Mahony (Treasurer), Katy Mitchell (Canteen manager) and Alison Mahony/Katie McMurray (Uniforms).

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March at 8:15am in the library. The P&C want to ensure that many parents attend these meetings. Could you please complete the slip attached and return ASAP to see if another time would be more suitable for your family to attend. These results will be discussed at the next meeting. Proposed times are Tuesday 8:15am or 2:00pm or Thursday at 8:15am.

The P&C will need your support to run the BBQ and canteen at both the Athletics Carnival on

Thursday 26 March and the Zone Cross Country on Friday 3 April. Please see Mrs Mahony if you can help on either of these days. A meeting will be held at 8:15am on Tuesday 17 March to discuss the organisations of these two events. Please remember that all profits made at any events run by the P&C go back to supporting your children. We need everyone to help support these events.

Athletics Carnival – 26 March 2020

This year we will be running the Small Schools Athletics carnival on Thursday 26 March. This provides a great opportunity for our P&C to fundraise for the school by running the canteen. We will need helpers to transport BBQ's and goods, bake cakes, slices and biscuits and serve and cook in the canteen on the day. It would be much appreciated if you are able to offer some time to support this event. Please see Mrs Mahony in the office if you are able to help. A meeting date has been set for Tuesday 17 March in the library to organise this event.

Congratulations Mia!

Congratulations Mia (Yr6) for making it to the next stages in PSSA Zone Rugby League trials. Mia has made the U12's Maitland PSSA team who will be trialling for the Hunter team later in the month. We wish her all the very best!

Car Park – Thank you

Thank you to everyone for adhering to safe parking in the carpark and remembering to pick your children up at the gates in the afternoon.

Book Club

All orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday 18 March.

Easter Raffle

An Easter Egg raffle has been organised for Thursday 9 April. Donations for prizes and any raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Tuesday 7 April. Raffle tickets were sent home today.

Lunch Items

Please remember if your child needs utensils to eat their meals to provide them as well. We are currently low on these in the kitchen as they have grown legs and disappeared.

If you would like your child's food to be heated at lunchtime they need to have a label attached indicating the time required in the microwave. We cannot heat food up otherwise.

Canteen

Please remember that our canteen will now be run on a Tuesday starting tomorrow. All orders are to be placed in the green box no later than Monday morning.

Library News

From now until the end of term all students will be learning and using their visualising skills in library activities. This skill is essential for building reading comprehension.

Students will learn that as we read, we create mental images of what is happening in the story as it unfolds, based on what we already know and understand about the world around us. We are tapping into prior knowledge, making connections, inferring information, and paying attention to details. Characters are created in our minds and our own unique version of the story begins to play out in our imaginations, just like a movie. The great part of these lessons that excite students the most is that simple fact that there are no right or wrong answers. When readers visualise, they create pictures in their minds that are unique to them. Visualising also allows students to develop their listening skills.

This is a skill, which as parents, you can reinforce at home when you are reading to your children.

As of last week, all students have begun the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students in Years 3-6 have to read a total of 20 books between now and August, 15 of which are selected texts and 5 of their own choice. Students have been shown how to log these books on the PRC website.

Students in K-2 will have their books read to them during class times.

March 20 - BULLYING NO WAY day activities, Cross Country Trials and Colour Explosion

Following our assembly on March 20 all students will be participating in Bullying No Way Day peer activities for the morning session. Parents and community members are more than welcome to stay for these activities.

We will then be holding the school cross country trial inside the school grounds at 1.30pm (weather and grounds permitting) for those students turning 8 and up this year.

All students will then be involved in Colour Explosion activities from 2pm, concluding with a colourful run around the oval. We are hoping that parents and our community will come and join in the fun!

Glasses and a Zooper Dooper will be provided to students on the day. Students require an old white T-shirt, a change of clothes or a towel to go home as the children will be very colourful and wet! Please don't forget to keep finding sponsors for the Colour Explosion on Friday as this is the school's major fundraiser for the year!

All money is to be returned to the office by Wednesday 18 March.

NAPLAN -Year 3 and Year 5

In preparation for national NAPLAN testing in May, Ms Hartigan last week completed test administrator training. The official NAPLAN online testing will take place for Year 3 and Year 5 students between May 12 and 22 and there will be an online practice test on **Monday, March 23**. The practice test is designed to introduce students to the NAPLAN format and ensure all computer hardware at a local and national level is ready to support the testing. It will not be marked. Ms Hartigan is beginning to introduce Year 3 and 5 students to the NAPLAN format in numeracy, reading, language conventions and writing and is confident they will all do their best come test time. The NAPLAN timetable for our students will be released shortly. If you have any queries about NAPLAN, please see Ms Hartigan.

Music

Mrs Bithrey is back teaching as of this week – please remember your instruments.

Student Representative Council

All students attended our first Student Representative Council meeting for the year last Tuesday. School captain Mia lead the meeting with the assistance of school leaders David and Nathan and Term 1 SRC representatives Theresa and Edison (K-2) and Harry H and Aliyah (3-6). The students discussed a range of topics and came up with some wonderful ideas to improve our school, including the installation of a light in the sports shed. The leaders are preparing a report, with recommendations, to present to Mrs Leary. The students are to be congratulated on the way they participated in the meeting and worked together for the betterment of our little school.



Young Leaders Day Report

Last Monday Year 6 travelled to Sydney for the Halogen Young Leaders Conference. We had to be at school before 5.30am! We travelled in pitch black for a while, then the sun started to rise above the horizon making the whole sky an orangey-pinkish colour. We drove for nearly four hours through lots of traffic before we got to the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. Ms Hartigan and Ms Murphy thought we were going to be late because of the traffic and they were right, but luckily, we were only five minutes late. Other schools were walking in with us, so we weren't the only ones arriving late. The hosts for the convention were DJ Raf and social media entrepreneur Jade Salter who works with the Cotton On Foundation.

At the start of the event, our hosts called a schoolboy called Mikey on to the stage and they pretended he was the best musical statues player in the world (which is an actual thing by the way). His musical statues record was two days after a party. We had to practise welcoming him on stage.

Our first speaker was Erin Molan who was the first female on the NRL Footy Show. She told us all about her journey to where she is now. Erin got rejected 98 times before making it to The Footy Show. Our second speaker was Rove McManus. He is a children's author who wrote Rocky Lobstar and Disgusting McGrossface. He talked about why he wanted to be a children's book author. Our third speaker was Bianca Chatfield. She explained to us how she got into netball. Bianca said she started with gymnastics but was too tall to continue. She watched her sisters play netball and decided it was for her. She made it all the way to the Australian Diamonds. Our last speaker was John Coutis. He was born with legs that didn't work and as a teenager he made the decision to have doctors cut off his useless legs. He now rolls around on his skateboard. When he was born he was the size of your two palms put together. The doctors said he wouldn't live the rest of the day. But look at him now. He turned 50 this year! All these inspiring people helped us be a better people. To believe in ourselves. If we ever get the chance to see them again we will thank them very greatly for sharing their inspiring stories.

By Mia and Shaleea.



Awards Week 6

Merit Awards were presented in:-
K-2
Sarah for trying hard in reading groups
Theresa for trying hard in all classroom activities
3/4/5/6
Grace for 100% effort with all her work
Duke for great team work during STEM activities
Principal's Award
Anne for producing quality work
Caleb M for producing quality work
Peer Nominated Award
Jacki for making friends at her new school
Teacher Nominated Award
Caleb P for helping out a friend in need
Environmental Award
Harry M for looking after the new school bins
Sports Award
Emma V for having a go at skipping
Whole School PBL
I look after myself



Harry Mc turned 9 on 5 March

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to wash away germs.

Washing hands before eating is important.

1. Wet hands with warm water
2. Apply soap
3. Lather & Scrub for 20 seconds
4. Rinse hands with warm water for 20 seconds
5. Turn off tap
6. Dry hands thoroughly



healthylunchbox.com.au

Aboriginal Dance Classes at Mindaribba LALC!

Aboriginal dance classes for both boys and girls from school age (kindergarten) upwards are commencing for Term 1 2020. This is a great opportunity for young people to learn and experience Aboriginal dance & culture while connecting with our local community.

When: Each Monday afternoon from 4:30pm till 5:30pm commencing 24th February 2020

Where: Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Metford NSW 2323



CLASS NEWS

K/1/2 News

On Monday 6th April, between 2-3pm, we will be making Easter Hats in class.

Parents are welcome to join in with Easter Hat making.

Students are asked to bring in a 'base' hat (plastic, sparkly, straw...) and any Easter decorations they would like to use. We will be using hot glue guns to attach all Easter decorations so any decorations that will be light enough to attach with hot glue would be wonderful.

We will provide some Easter decorations and crowns for those who do not wish to wear a hat.

Little Laughs

What did the left eye say to the right eye?
Between us, something smells!



3-6 News

It's been another busy fortnight in the 3-6 classroom with Science experiments, Year 6 excursions, an introduction to NAPLAN and completion of the first part of our History unit. Our silkworms were growing nicely as they chomped through juicy mulberry leaves (check out the pictures) but unfortunately there has been a sad development over the weekend with the demise of the entire stock. There is no obvious reason for this turn of events and we will continue with our studies using research to follow the lifecycle of the silkworm. We had better luck with our seeds which sprouted beautifully in our experiment jars. If you haven't checked out our time lapse video that shows mung beans coming to life, jump onto the school Facebook page and have a look. We are nearing the end of the first part of our History unit which saw students act out the Dreamtime story of the black swans using Playdoh characters. Students will complete an in-class assessment on the topic today before we start looking at Changing Communities. A big congratulations to our five Year 6 students who attended the Halogen Young Leaders Conference last week. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and returned full of inspiration and tips on how to be great leaders.



Iona Public School P & C AGM. 25 Feb, 2020.

Meeting opened 8.35 am

Welcome and attendance:

Rachel Leary, Julie Hartigan, Alison Mahony, Clare Vollmer, Kathryn Mitchell, Katie McMurray, Rhonda Thomas.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were tabled by: Rhonda Thomas

Moved : Alison Mahony
Seconded : Rachel Leary

Business arising from those minutes: Nil

Moved : Clare Vollmer
Seconded: Julie Hartigan

Apologies were received from
Nick Leonard

Correspondence : Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Bank reconciliation for the period ending November 30, 2019

Business arising from the correspondence : Nil

Moved : Rachel Leary
Seconded: Alison Mahony

Presidents Report: Nil

Secretary's Report

Membership Fees were paid to the P & C by Alison Mahony, Rachel Leary, Julie Hartigan, Clare Vollmer, Kathryn Mitchell, Katie McMurray, Rhonda Thomas

Moved : Kathryn Mitchell
Seconded: Katie McMurray

Treasurers Report as at 23/02/20

Opening Balance \$4452.94

Income 2020 329.40

Expenditure 2020 ———

\$4782.34

Bank Balance \$4782.34

Outstanding income ———

Outstanding expenses

\$4782.34

Moved :Clare Vollmer
Seconded: Julie Hartigan

Principals Report

Rachel thanked all for their support in 2019 and we look forward to a successful 2020

Moved : Rhonda Thomas
Seconded: Katie McMurray

Election of Office Bearers
President : Clare Vollmer

Moved : Alison Mahony
Seconded : Katie McMurray

Vice President: Katie McMurray

Moved :Alison Mahony
Seconded :Clare Vollmer

Secretary : Rhonda Thomas

Moved : Julie Hartigan
Seconded : Clare Vollmer

Treasurer :Alison Mahony

Moved : Katie McMurray
Seconded :Julie Hartigan

Canteen Committee: Kathryn Mitchell

Moved : Julie Hartigan
Seconded : Alison Mahony

Uniform Committee: Alison Mahony

Moved :Rhonda Thomas
Seconded :Kathryn Mitchell

Merit Panel : Clare Vollmer

Moved : Alison Mahony
Seconded : Kathryn Mitchell

Rachel congratulated the committee members and thanked them for their involvement in the school. Annual General Meeting will be held on Feb 23 ,2021.

Meeting Closed 8.45am

Iona Public School P & C Meeting. 25 Feb, 2020.

Meeting opened 8.45

Attendance: Alison Mahony, Julie Hartigan, Clare Vollmer, Katie McMurray, Kathryn Mitchell, Rachel Leary, Rhonda Thomas

Apologies: Nick Leonard
Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled by Rhonda Thomas.

Moved : Clare Vollmer
 Seconded: Alison Mahony
 Treasurers Report
 Bank reconciliation as at 23/02/20
 Opening Balance \$4452.94
 Income 2020 329.40
 Expenditure 2020 ———
 \$4782.34
 Bank Balance \$4782.34
 Outstanding income ———
 Outstanding cheque ———
 \$4782.34
 Moved : Julie Hartigan
 Seconded: Rhonda Thomas

General business

The family barbecue will be held this Thursday night 27/2/2020.
 The Easter hot cross bun fundraiser will held again this year. There will also an Easter raffle, parents are asked to donate please.
 The cross country carnival is to be held on Friday April 3.

The Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 26 March.

Bunnings BBQ will be held on Saturday 30 May
 As these three events are our major fundraisers help will be required with cooking cakes/ slices and serving at the sports events and cooking/ serving at the Bunnings Barbecue.

The transport of equipment has been arranged.
 A chocolate fundraiser will be held in term 4
 It has been suggested to change the time of the P & C Meeting from Tuesday Morning, 8.15 to Tuesday Afternoon at 2pm, we hope this change will allow more parents to attend and support your school.

Principals Report

Assets works have been completed.
 We have had a great start to the new year, the students have settled and all classes are working well.

Next P & C Meeting March 24
 Meeting closed 9.10am

NSW Education & Communities
Public Schools NSW

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

**Have Your Say
 Proposed times for P & C meetings**

Please return this slip by Tuesday 24 March

At the P & C meeting on 24 March we will discuss if an alternate time would suit more families. We would love more parents to be able to attend these meetings. Please indicate on the slip below your preference for P & C Meeting times.

Name:.....

Tuesday 8.15am

Tuesday 2pm

Thursday 8.15am

IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2019/2020

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 Red	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		24.00	
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		40.00	
TOTAL	-	-	-		\$	

HATS, SPORT SHIRTS & SPORT SHORT 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 need to be returned to school by Thursday 19 March



HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM EASTER 2020

Bakers Delight Green Hills and Rutherford would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for **Iona Public School**.
The more buns you purchase the more profit your school will make.

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight will give **\$2** to Iona Public School.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to school by **FRIDAY 27th MARCH** and your buns will be ready to collect on **THURSDAY 2nd APRIL**

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

Student's Full Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Name	Traditional Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.50 per 6 pack	Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.50 per 6 pack	Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.50 per 6 pack	Mocha Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.50 per 6 pack	Fruitless Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$7.50 per 6 pack	Total \$	Paid

Bakers Delight Holdings Ltd and its associated companies ("Bakers Delight") require the personal information requested in this order form including name, school/club and class, in order to make your order. Without such personal information, we will be unable to accept and deliver your order. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any third party in Australia or overseas and will not be used for any purpose other than to deliver your order.

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