



Learning Together in Harmony

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I can't believe that this is the last newsletter for the term. Over the past few weeks it has been nice to see some form of normality returning to our daily lives.

The current advice for schools still states however that all non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal. We appreciate you continuing to following these guidelines, so that we keep our staff and other parents safe.

As of Monday 15 June the school can also resume school assemblies (no parents, sorry), choir and incursions/external adult providers to support the delivery of curriculum. Further easing of restrictions will occur after the holidays.

Canteen will resume in Term 3, with all parents/carers following DoE and AHPPC guidelines.

We thank Mr Allen for working with us two days a week this term. The students have certainly benefited by him being at our school. We hope he enjoyed his time at Iona and we are sure that we will see him in the not too distant future.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. We will see all students return on *Tuesday 21 July*.

Now Enrolling for 2021

We are now taking enrolments for next year. We are still able to take a number of out of zone students at Iona for 2021. These students will be placed on a waiting list and notified later in the year of acceptance. Please pass the word along. Please remind family and friends to contact the school regarding any students who will be enrolling next year.

Reports

Semester 1 reports are currently being prepared by class teachers. This year the school report will be modified as the COVID period has meant a reduction in time to fully assess student's progress. No A-E grades will be used in this reporting cycle. The reports will be sent home with all students on Thursday 2 July.

Payments & Orders

With Mrs Mahony not working in the office on Fridays it would be appreciated that all payments and orders now only be sent to school Tuesday-Thursday. We thank you for your understanding.

P&C Pie Drive

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C pie drive this year. The response was amazing!! We even had a few orders from outside the school community who saw our posts on Facebook.

Please don't forget that collection is this Wednesday. Keep an eye on Facebook and Skoolbag for communication of when they arrive. We appreciate collection as soon as possible after being notified as we are unable to refrigerate any items. Please ring the office once you have arrived at school so we can deliver them to the fence for you.

Hats

All students require a hat to play in our playground – this includes PE and Sport which occur on a daily basis. Parents, please check to make sure your child/ren have hats and remind them to bring them on Friday's so they can participate in sport.

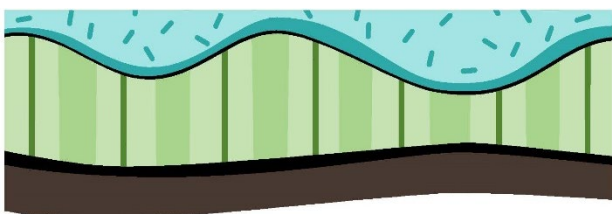
Premiers Reading Challenge

A number of 3-6 students are well on their way to completing this challenge, while others are yet to start. This is a little disappointing. We ask that parents ensure that all students are completing home reading at night as part of their homework routine. If all students do this they should all finish the challenge by August.

Students can choose 10 of their own choice books and must also read 10 from the PRC chosen booklist.

Year 6 Fundraiser

On Friday 3 July year 6 have decided to make their term 2 fundraiser as a Crazy Hair and Pyjama day. Students are reminded to bring in a gold coin donation. All students must still wear enclosed shoes. A prize will be given for the craziest hair!!!



Get ready for the...

PJ AND CRAZY HAIR DAY!!

Don't bother changing clothes for school, come in your PJ's. Just pack your bag and go!
(It's a gold coin donation)

Date: 3rd July (Last day of school)



Sadie turns 7 on 24 June
Harry K turns 9 on 24 June
Max K turns 10 on 30 June

Year 3-6 class report

The Astronauts have had an amazing two weeks of learning, with the highlight being the creation of our Cardboard City under the school COLA. Students have been working on this city all term - creating buildings, mapping the city plan and writing about the characters who live within the city limits. It all came together last Wednesday when the city rose from the ground. If you haven't seen the timelapse video of our city coming together, check it out on the school Facebook page. Congratulations to our city mayors Eliza, Grace and Duke, who came up with the winning design for the city plan. It was wonderful to see the cooperation from all students and the way they happily shared their creation with the Ninjas who were invited to play in the city during lunch and recess. And just when I thought these students couldn't get any more creative, they are now building their cities in Minecraft - and they are doing an incredible job. So much talent. Seeing as though this is the last newsletter before the school holidays, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their support and enthusiasm in what has been an unprecedented and somewhat crazy semester of learning. Have a lovely break, stay safe and I'll see you all in Term 3.

Ms Hartigan

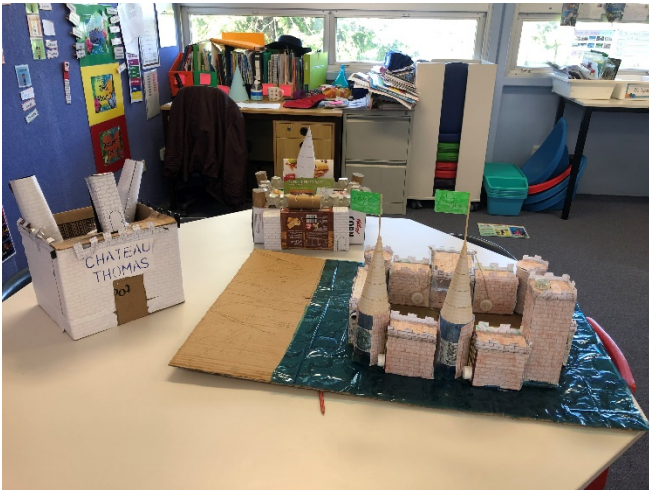


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As we enter week 9, our students are well and truly back into the swing of things!

The Ninjas are busily working on their narrative writing, making sure that they are including aspects of the Seven Steps in order to make their writing more interesting. I cannot wait to read their published stories! Many students have completed their art work and are proudly on display in the classroom. When creating this piece, they were asked to experiment with line, shape, pattern and colour. In maths, we are all enjoying listening to our Year 2's presenting their 3-dimensional castles. These are fantastic examples of problem solving and critical thinking skills. What a wonderful effort!

Happy and safe holidays to all Iona families.



Mrs Bird / Ms Tully

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