



## *Learning Together in Harmony*

Ph.: 4930 1415 Fax 4930 1807 Email: [iona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:iona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Online: [www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Thank you all for your cooperation this week in meeting the new requirements for COVID19 restrictions which will impact our families. The Department of Education is continuing to work closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and other agencies to ensure our schools continue to operate in the safest ways possible during the COVID environment. As a result, advice regarding schools has been updated.

- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.
- NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.
- *Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.* Please either send a copy of your NSW Health COVID-19 attendance certificate and or text message of your negative test result, to the school email address or text it to the school phone on 0436 635 353. Thank you.  
Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3.

### **Absences – Arriving late**

We ask that parents make every effort to be on time of a morning! If student arrive late they need to come to the office to have the roll adjusted. Parents do not need to enter the school grounds but late arrivals still need to be explained (e.g. appointments). Parents MUST phone the school office or reply to the email to have the late arrival explained. If parents do not communicate the absence is recorded officially as unexplained and unjustified.

Each day emails are sent to parents requesting a reason for student absences. To assist staff with COVID-19 tracking please include as much detail as possible when responding to these messages. Staff will then be able to determine if further action is required. For example, responding with "sick" or "they are away" will require further follow up by staff members.

### **Parking and Afternoon Pick Up**

Please remember that when parking before and 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. We also remind you that this is a 40 zone. Students must also have a parent or carer walk them across the road to and from the gate. No student is allowed to cross the road by themselves. We certainly don't want any accidents.

### **Bookclub**

Bookclub brochures were sent home today. Orders and payment are to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 9 September.

## **2021-2024 School Planning Cycle**

Over the next three terms our school will be writing our new school plan. We are starting with a whole school situational analysis of what we will do well and areas we need to improve in. This plan will drive teacher professional development and programs across the school over the next four years. Students, staff and parents will all have the opportunity to provide feedback during Term 4 on what we are doing well, where we can improve and what they would like to see included in the next school plan.

## **Jump Rope For Heart - Reminder**

On the last day of the term, Friday 25 September we will be participating in JRFH skipping tabloid activities. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, parents and carers will be unable to attend. Don't forget that JRFH sponsorship are now available online. Our aim is to raise as much money as we can to support the National Heart Foundation and help in the research to prevent heart related death and disease.

Students will only need to bring recess on this day. They do not need lunch. The school is providing them all with something healthy and yummy. Stay tuned for further information.

## **Year 6 Fundraiser**

Year 6 would once again like to start to sell ice blocks/ice creams at lunchtime on Fridays. It would be appreciated if Year 6 parents could please donate a box (icy poles, splits – whatever is on special!) to once again start them off. Ice blocks will be sold from this Friday at \$2 each.

## **Stage 2 Maths**

Each Maths lesson Stage 2 start with a X table quiz. The students get 50 questions in 3 minutes. If they get these correct they move up levels to complete harder questions. ALL students should be practising their tables by saying them by rote every night. At this stage they really need to know their table facts with instant recall as multiplication is a skill which is used all the time in different mathematical operations. The students are also given their quiz at the end of each lesson so if they don't get them correct they can practise at home. It would be appreciated if parents could practise these with their children at home.

## **Father's Day Stall - Reminder**

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Wednesday 2 September. Prices range from \$1 to \$5. Please make sure that all students bring a bag to put their goodies in.

## **Canteen - Reminder**

All canteen orders **MUST** be placed in the green mailbox by **Friday** afternoon. This is so orders can be counted and items bought. Unfortunately, after this day no other orders can be processed – this means orders can no longer be handed in on Monday or Tuesday, if so they will be returned to your child.

## **Canteen Helpers**

Please contact the office if you wish your name to be placed on the roster.

1/09/20 –

8/9/20 – Annemarie

15/09/20 – Megan

22/9/20 – Annemarie

## **New Enrolments – Reminder**

If you have, or know a family who has, a child/children seeking enrolment in 2021, please note that now would be a good time to begin the process. We are now taking enrolments for 2021. Contact the school office for an enrolment pack. This can be posted to you or sent home with a sibling if more convenient.

We can also offer the new Online Enrolment System which is now operational. It is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android. The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will still be available for collection from the front office. You do not have to do anything further if you have already returned your enrolment form to the school office.

# Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

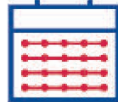
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks

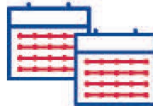


= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

## Classroom News

### K/1/2

It is speech week this week. Each student in K12 will be presenting their speech on their news day. Don't forget our Jump Rope for Heart Day will be in Week 10. Keep asking family and friends to support you (with Mum and Dads permission). Start practising skipping with a single rope and also skipping with a big rope.



Go to Jump Rope for Heart website  
 ---> kids ---> skipping skills  
 Father's Day stall is on Wednesday, don't forget your money.

Ninjas...here are some jokes for Dad on Father's Day.

Why do Father's who golf take an extra pair of socks? In case they get a hole in 1!

What did the Buffalo say when his son left? Bison.  
 Why did the biscuits cry? Because his father was a wafer so long.

Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful Fathers, Grandfathers and Father figures, we all hope you have a lovely day!



Layla turned 7 on 27 August

## 3/4/5/6 News

China will be in the spotlight this week as students explore the natural features of Asia's second largest country during our History lessons. Students will also be continuing their A-MAZING maths art and putting the finishing touches on their special Father's Day gifts for their dad, grandfather or other father-figure. We think our items look spectacular and really hope the dads do too. Next week we will happily reveal how we managed to create such spectacular items. A big congratulations to three students from our class who will represent Iona PS in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Lainey (Year 3), Eliza (Year 5) and Mia (Year 6) have submitted their video entries and are now waiting to hear if they progress any further in the competition. All three girls managed to share very strong messages about the importance of embracing multiculturalism and how acceptance of different beliefs and customs can enhance all of our lives.

## SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!