Iona Public School Newsletter Term 2 Week 8



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Calendar

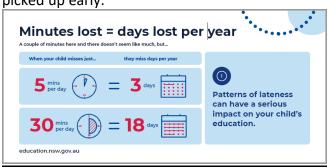
2 June Musica Viva incursion
 9 June Koala Sanctuary Excursion
 15 June Pink Sock Day- Cancer fundraiser
 25 June Pyjama Day

COVID Guidelines

Please follow the link below to find out the latest advice and guidelines for our return to school: https://bit.ly/3sA4a4k #FirstDay2021

Attendance

We are committed to providing safe and supportive learning environments for all students which address their educational needs. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their academic and social potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children and school staff are responsible for the monitoring of part or whole day absences. We also need to be aware of the amount of learning time that is missed for those students who arrive late or picked up early.



Our target this year is to have our daily attendance above 95%. Unfortunately, we are not hitting the mark:

Week 6 -89.7%

Come on Iona – I know we can do it!!

Parent Survey - Out of School Hours Care

We have had a number of enquiries in regards to OOSH for current and new parents. We are lucky enough to currently have this option through Kindy Patch at Largs, if you need this service. I have been in contact with Maitland Baptist Church Out of School Hours Care, and have had discussions around the possibility of a centre on our site or connecting with another local school. They have asked for families to complete the survey attached to the newsletter to get an indication of need for now and the future. This will allow Maitland Baptist OOSH to gauge future interest for the possibility of accessing one of their centres.

This is your opportunity to express interest in access OOSH, so please complete the form and return ASAP.

Thank You P&C

A big thank you to our amazing members of our P&C for their ongoing support to ensure that your children have access to resources that support our vision of a quality education for all students. On Friday 28 May, with very short notice, they went into action to run the canteen, with Paterson PS, at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Tocal. Our whole school community appreciates the time and effort that this took.

K-6 Excursion- Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary

All students will be travelling to the Port Stephens Sanctuary on Wednesday 9 June. Money and permission note are now overdue. Please return by tomorrow.

Professional Learning

Mrs Leary will be attending the Primary Principals Association meeting on Friday 11 June. Mrs Bird will be attending the Connecting to Country 3 day PL on 16/17/18 June. All teachers will be travelling to Newcastle to present their STEM presentation to the STEM Academy on Tuesday 22 June.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Grace, Eliza, Sierra and Lainey who have made it to the next round of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Rutherford Public School on 18 June. Permission notes have gone home with these students. Please return ASAP.

<u>Small Schools Soccer Knock-Out – 1st game</u> <u>Report - Simon</u>

On Thursday 3 June, Students from Iona PS competed against students from Millers Forest Public School. Iona Students displayed fantastic sportsmanship during the game and thoroughly deserved the 3-0 win.



Athletics Carnival- Reminder

Due to the recent rain, the athletics carnival has been postponed again. Our new date is Thursday 15 July at the new Maitland Athletics facilities.

Paver Fundraiser- Reminder

Iona Public School's P& C warmly invites all past and current families, staff and community members to support our brick fundraiser, which we hope raises much needed funds for our little school. These pavers will be used to pave the area between the play equipment and the walkway, allowing us to remove the gravel and tidy up the area. See the order form at the end of the newsletter for more information.

P&C Meeting

It was great to see a few new faces at our P&C meeting last week. We would like to welcome our whole school community to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 3 August in the 4-6 room at 3:30pm.

Musica Viva

Recount by Eleanor

Yesterday afternoon the whole school saw the Musica Viva performance at Iona Public School under the COLA.

Firstly they introduced themselves. Then they make a dog and flying fox with string.

Next they sang us songs and we had a spinning top race. The lady had a bunch of flowers made out of feathers and when she opened them inside was a firefly.

Lastly they sang a song about the past and then they told us the instruments they used and what they were made of.

It was amazing, great and it amazed me!



1-3

In Literacy this week our students have been learning about imaginative text writing they have all had the opportunity to write their own story following the 7 steps writing program. In maths this week students have been focusing on their times tables in particular 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables.

We have had a busy few weeks at Iona. The Rollers have enjoyed a visit from Healthy Harold and a visit from Wyniss through the Musica Viva Program. From all accounts, it sounds like both visits were enjoyed immensely.

In Science last week students created a utensil or tool from natural material they could find at school. We had so many unique designs and creations ranging from bird feeders to koala scratching poles.

On Friday this week, students will be analysing the design and materials used to make an apple slinky tool. Any student in the Rollers who brings in an apple for crunch and sip can have it as an apple slinky if they choose.

In geography this week students researched the weather of a place they would like to go camping in the world. Students were then required to write a list of appropriate clothes, food and camping supplies they would need to pack for their camping trip.









Dallas Crockett and Alysha Tully

Kindergarten

This week saw kindergarten welcome our new teacher Miss Anderson to Iona Public School, who will be here for the next 4 weeks on her 3rd year Practicum from Newcastle University.

A lot of this week's learning has been centred around our maths investigation Goldilocks. Miss Anderson taught a fantastic lesson which saw students learning about halves and quarters at the teddy bears picnic and patterns when designing their placemats for the picnic. Another great lesson was the crime scene investigation that students were presented with when returning to class after lunch on Wednesday.

In Science this week students were assessed on their knowledge of Natural and Man-Made objects. Students created a great understanding of how natural products are used to create wood, paper, clothes, metal, glass and plastic.





Melissa Bird and Dallas Crockett



Classroom News

4-6

This week in class we have been working on understanding how to use maps. We have been looking specifically at Longitude and Latitude, compass points and how to locate specific objects on a map.

We have continued exploring the features of narrative text types. This week we have looked at narrative text features. Students explored how to identify descriptive language within a text. Students were able to identify descriptive nouns and verbs.

In science this week students have looked the effects that solids can have on liquid substances. We would also like to welcome Mr Faust who will be assistant teaching on 4-6 until the holidays. Mr Faust is studying a Bachelor of Education at Newcastle University and is currently in his 3rd year practicum.

Simon Tarry

Meet the teacher

Mr. Faust



About me:

Hello! My name is *Haydan Faust* and i am a student at the University of Newcastle. I am in my 3rd year of Bachelor of Education (Primary). I enjoy travelling and watching/playing football.

Throughout my placement, my main goals include creating positive relationships with staff, students, and their families. Whilst, engaging with students and enriching their learning capabilities. I have already met a few families, but if you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me.

Pink Day Donations- Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for our Pink Day raffle. Please keep them rolling in! Donations can include:-

- Coffee, tea, milo, hot chocolate
- Chocolate biscuits, biscuits, lollies, chocolates, chips, popcorn etc
- Cake mixes, cake supplies, decorations
- Craft activities, art and craft supplies, paints, pencils etc

All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the office.

Raffle tickets went home with all students last week. If you need more please contact the office. *Kim Taylor on behalf of the P&C Assoc.*



Congratulations to Duke and Clementine in Kindergarten, Thomas, Lara and Lexi in 1-3 and Sierra from 4-6 for receiving Merit awards.

Peer Award – Keziah

Teacher Award – Arjun and Zoe **Health and Safety Award** – Lara **Sports Award** - Arjun



COMBINED SINGLE & DOUBLE NAME PAVER ORDER FORM

Iona Public School, Woodville

Iona Public School's P& C warmly invites all past and current families, staff and community members to support our brick fundraiser, which we hope raises much needed funds for our little school. All proceeds will go directly to supplying additional learning resources, as well as improvements to our playground. The bricks will be laid later in the year, along the path adjacent to the play equipment. What a wonderful way to be remembered as belonging to the Iona Public School community!



OFFER 1: \$40.00

INDIVIDUAL PAVERS

Your donation of \$40.00 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the grounds of Iona Public School Woodville, proudly showing your donation.



OFFER 2: \$80.00

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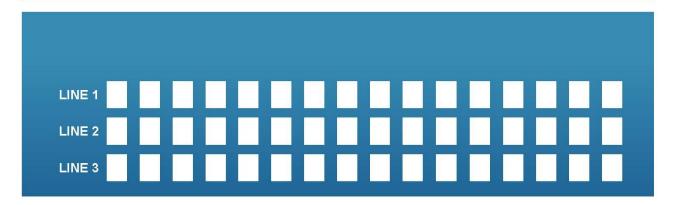
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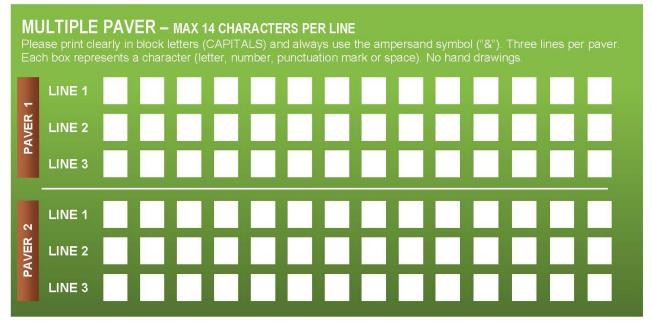
Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment in cash by Friday 25 th June Or Direct Deposit: Iona PS P& C BSB: 062813 Account: 00904129	Iona Public School Paterson Rd, Woodville NSW 2321	
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Offer 1 Offer 2	Our Donation \$	
Please return this form and payment by Friday 25 th June For engraving details please complete the form on the reverse.		



COMBINED SINGLE & DOUBLE NAME PAVER ORDER FORM

ENGRAVING DETAILS





Thankyou for supporting this P& C fundraiser.

The children of Iona Public School thank you for your contribution.