



Calendar

29 Nov	Yr 6 Orientation Day
30 Nov	Leader's Speeches
6 Dec	P&C Meeting
8 Dec	Presentation Day 2pm
9 Dec	Colour Explosion
15 Dec	Class Awards
16 Dec	Class Party - Last day of Term 4 for students
19 & 20 Dec	SDD for staff – no students on site

Library Books

Students can no longer borrow library books as of next week. It would be appreciated if all books can be returned by next **Monday 5 December**. Overdue notices went home last week with students as a reminder. Thank you.

End of Year Class Party - Reminder

Party day will be held on the last day for students, **Friday 16 December**. This will be held at school. The cost will be \$7.50 each. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return with payment by **Friday 9 December**. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted after this date. Additionally, please let us know if your child has an allergy or will be bringing their own lunch. We are so happy we can celebrate such a big year.

Christmas Raffle - Reminder

The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day. Please return tickets and money by 6 December. Tickets are \$2 each.

Prizes:

- 1st - Ham
- 2nd - \$50 Woolworths gift card and chocolate basket
- 3rd - \$50 Coles voucher and a Christmas Pudding

Invoices- Reminder

Invoices have been sent home and will need to be paid by the **end of November** thank you. Please see either Mrs Bird or Mrs Leary if you require help in paying school fees.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6 December** at 8:15am in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Also, a reminder to please like us on Facebook – Iona Public School Parents & Citizens Association.

Christmas Hamper - Reminder

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the office area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcomed donations.

Sentral Parent Portal App - Reminder

We will be trialling the Sentral Parent Portal App with the aim of becoming paperless for permission notes and newsletters in 2023. Please complete the attached form and returned to the front office. We apologise for duplication during this process as we will still be utilising Skoolbag while we trial Sentral.

End of year Presentations- Reminder

This year's presentation ceremony will be held on **Thursday 8 December** at 2pm at the Woodville School of Arts Hall.

The class award presentation assembly will commence at 9.30am on **Thursday 15 December** under the COLA.

All parents/carers/cheer squads are welcome to attend both presentations.

Leader's Elections-Reminder

Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Wednesday 30 November with our elections carried out on the same day. Following tradition, our leaders will be announced that afternoon at 3pm. We wish them good luck as they present themselves to the rest of the school.

League Tag Gala Day

A huge congratulations to our Year 1/2 league tag team that competed in the NRL Gala Day at Aberglasslyn on November 16. We played three games on the day - and we improved every time to finish with a nice win. Adharsh scored an incredible six tries throughout the day, Emma managed two tries and Riley beat everyone to score a spectacular try in the last game. The try scorers were supported in the field by Lara, Ivy, Clementine, Stella, Theo, Lucy and Thea. Thanks to the parents, grandparents and other supporters who cheered on the Iona PS team. If anyone is interested in giving league tag a go, there is a Christmas clinic at Charlestown on December 8. More details are available in the attached flyer.



Wellbeing Programs

The aim of the Rock and Water program is to teach young people skills of self-awareness, increase self-confidence and social functioning. Last week's Rock and Water lesson was called "Beach and Tunnel". In this lesson we explored what it means to be a "beach person" - someone who is calm and confident, they express this through their body language. When we are "beach" our head is held high, we make eye contact and stand straight. We explored how this posture makes us feel and how this posture impacts the way that we interact with others. When we are "tunnel" we are closed off to the world, we have retreated into ourselves, our eyes are cast down, our shoulders hunched. This body language tells people that we are not confident, not able to speak for ourselves, not able to stand up for ourselves.

Using these two ideas we explored the scenario of walking past a difficult group of strangers who were intimidating. The students each had their turn to be a "beach" and walk past the group without allowing the strangers to intimidate or scare them.

A fantastic way to consolidate learning is to *teach* what we know to somebody else. Perhaps families could find time to have their students teach them all about "beach and tunnel" and practice modelling being a beach at home.

PBL lesson focus was: 'Taking responsibility for my own learning.'



Awards Week 7

<u>Merit Awards</u> were presented in:-
K-1
Harley for giving his best effort in writing
Piper for always being a kind and helpful classmate
Sarah for responsibly caring for library books
1 – 4
Lucy for excellent skill and enthusiasm at the league tag gala day
Phoebe for being a good role model for our younger students
4 - 6
Max B for working on his concentration skills
Harry Mc for improving his collaboration skills
<u>Health & Safety</u>
Aishwarya for being safe on the concrete
<u>Sport</u>
Cameron for trying his best in handball
<u>Environmental</u>
Lainey for keeping the school tidy
<u>Peer Nominated Citizenship</u>
Cooper for being a good role model in front of younger students

Classroom News

K-1

As we are approaching the end of the year, it is important to breathe as it can be very busy and overwhelming.

In the next couple of weeks, we will start to wind down and reflect on our achievements. We look forward to celebrating these successes together next Thursday 8 December at our Presentation afternoon from 2pm and Thursday 15 December for class awards at 9.30am.

In class we are focussing on revising concepts learnt this year in Literacy and Maths. Hands on activities and games will help consolidate learning in a fun and engaging way!
Mrs Bird and Mrs Fraser

1-4

We are definitely on the downhill run now - just three weeks to go until all of our students

graduate to the next year of their schooling. The year has really gone by in a blink. Here's a quick look at what we're squeezing in during the last few weeks of the year.

Author study: Students continue to work on their digital Aaron Blabey book reviews. They are showing a good understanding of their chosen books and are displaying excellent technology skills as they bring it all together.

Maths: In Week 8 the focus will be on number sentences and patterns as well as volume and capacity. We will revisit fractions, chance and probability in Week 9 and will enjoy some STEM activities in Week 10.

News:

Week 8 - Free choice

Week 9 - If you were a famous author, what would you write about?

Week 10 - Free choice

History: We are continuing to learn about first contact. We will be creating a soundscape to represent traveling on a ship bound for Australia.

Science: Students have finished their unit on night and day, and it's been amazing to see the growth in their understanding of how our Earth, Sun and Moon interact. For the next couple of weeks we will be exploring Scratch coding.

Ms Hartigan and Ms Tully

4-6

Author study: We have been finalising our Author study paper. Students have been collecting information about their chosen author and reading their book series in class and at home. Students will be presenting their papers in class in week 10.

Maths: The focus of this week will be revising time, in week 9 we will be revising fractions and decimals.

History: We will be investigating how a law is passed in the Australian Parliamentary system.

Science: We will be focusing on their assessment of the solar system. Students are busy creating an interactive website as their assessment.

Mr Tarry

End of Year Party Day – Friday 16 December

Name: _____

Class:- _____

\$7.50 per person, includes pizza, drink and treat bag. Additional Pizza \$4
Pizza Choice (Dominoes Mini Pizza)

Pepperoni		3 Meats	
Spicy Veg Trio		Ham + Cheese	
Margherita		Cheese	

Drink Choice

Bottled Water		Can of Lemonade	
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14 November 2022

Sentral Parent Portal

The Sentral Parent Portal has arrived! Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the Sentral Parent Portal. Our aim is to move into the digital era and create an environment of paperless communication between parent/carers and the school by the end of 2023. This will be our main communication method and will replace paper permission notes and newsletters.

To do this we need to check we have the right **email address** for you and understand any problems you might have in making this change.

What do you need to do??

Tell us the email address you would like to use to access the portal.

Email address: _____

I _____, parent/carer of _____ agree to being sent permission documents via the portal and this email address.

Signature _____ Date _____

Download the Portal App, search Sentral For Parents in your App store, don't worry if you do not have a smart phone/device, the portal is available in a desktop version as well.

Please return this note to the school office. Once we have received this, we will send out an email with an access key and further instructions.

Need Help?

We know change can be hard, so we've arranged help.

- Have a problem? Please email the school and we will get in contact with you
- Please call or drop into the school at any time to discuss any issues you might have.

Kind Regards

Rachel Leary
Principal



HUNTER KIDS

Vacation Care Paterson

We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program has commenced.

Note: This is just a general guide.

Activities/location are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, educator ratio, etc.

Hat, Lunch box with snacks, drink bottle, closed in shoes are required every day.

Service cost: \$70.50 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

Excursions and Incursions \$80.50 (Includes transport and entry fees)

Date	Activity Description	Cost	Location
Monday 19 th December 2022	 Grinchmas Grinch has arrived!! Cupcake decorating, Grinch movie and lots of Grinchmas fun.	\$70.50	In Service
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	 Kids on Congas 'Kids on Congo's' is a 2-hour incursion filled with rhythm and percussion. Children will be able to drum using Congo's, bass drums and snares.	\$80.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	 Tye Dye Santa Sacks Today you will learn the art of Tye Dye by creating a Christmas Santa Sack to place under the Christmas tree.	\$80.50	In Service
Thursday 22 nd December 2022	 Nearly Christmas Gingerbread baking, help construct a Gingerbread House, Get into the Christmas spirit	\$80.50	In Service
Friday 23 rd December 2022	 Bush Christmas Come and join us for a fun day! Play Cricket and have lots of outdoor fun. Make your families Christmas gifts and bake Christmas cookies.	\$70.50	In Service








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Monday 16 th January 2023	 JD'S World of Magic Let the magic begin as children explore, learn, and watch the magic unfold with JD's Magic Show.	\$80.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Tuesday 17 th January 2023	 Irukandji Shark and Ray Encounters Excursion to Irukandji that offers incredible opportunities to encounter the animals that live there and take an in-depth look at the importance of ocean ecosystems. Enjoy the ankle deep water adventure and feed the baby sharks and stingrays.	\$80.50	Excursion to Irukandji Shark and Ray Centre Anna Bay
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	 Cross Stitch + String Art Stitch and weave, learn techniques that you may have not learnt before. See where your creative mind takes you. You will get to take home your stitched creation.	\$80.50	In Service
Thursday 19 th January 2023	 Hunter Kids Inflatables world Slip and Slide into the wet and wild. Bring your swimmers, towel, rashie and hat and enjoy a fun day cooling off. (Please pack a plastic bag and spare clothes)	\$70.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Friday 20 th January 2023	 Hunter Kids in the Kitchen Put on your chef hat and learn cooking skills while having fun in the kitchen. Taste test and prepare some fun food ideas.	\$70.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School



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Date	Activity Description	Cost	Location
Monday 9 th January 2023	 Carnival Time The Carnival is in town, make fairy floss, snow cones, have your face painted and play carnival games. Guess the amount of jellybeans in the jar and take it home.	\$70.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	 Mini Golf Putt away with your peers and Educators. Create your own golf course and see how far you can Putt your ball. Aim for that HOLE IN ONE.....	\$70.50	In Service
Wednesday 11 th January 2023	 Kym the Reptile Man Learn, Connect, Explore Australian Wildlife in a fun, entertaining and hands on environment. Take a walk on the wild side	\$85.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Thursday 12 th January 2023	 Dolphin Cruise Travel to Nelson Bay Marina and embark on a cruise to see the dolphins frolic and play. See them in their natural habitat.	\$85.50	Excursion Nelson Bay Marina Dolphin Cruise
Friday 13 th January 2023	 Clay Creations Learn the technique of making your own clay bowl. Let it dry, then decorate and paint your own unique way. Take it home and enjoy.	\$85.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School



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Monday 23 rd January 2023	 NAIDOC: Heal Country, heal our nation Create Aboriginal sand art on a canvas and Aboriginal symbol stones. Learn and play the traditional games Boogalah and Brambahl and learn how to make damper from scratch.	\$70.50	In Service
Tuesday 24 th January 2023	 Kite Making Prepare for a windy day and design your own kite and see how high you can make it fly.	\$80.50	In Service
Wednesday 25 th January 2023	 Survival Skills Adventure Binoculars, magnifying glass, compass, What else do you need to survive. Take the extraordinary Bushwalk challenge	\$80.50	Excursion to Coal Point Public School
Thursday 26 th January	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED!		Closed
Friday 27 th January 2023	 Paint and Sip Spiders Find your creative side and paint a picture with your peers while you enjoy Fizzy Fruity drinks.	\$80.50	In Service
Monday 30 th January 2023	 Let's Start 2023 with a Bang Today we will get ready for the new school year. Let's create new rules for DSHC, make new friends, let your educators know your menu ideas and activities to entertain you for the start of Term 1.	\$70.50	In Service

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE at
hunter20kids@gmail.com OR 0410647153

Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend.

Includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea.

Hours of operation

7.00am-6.00pm

Excursion days there will be strict drop off times These will be made available.

Hunter Kids Paterson

Vacation Care Booking Form

December 2022/January 2023



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Vacation Care Booking Form

December 2022/January 2023



Fees Per Day:

Service Based \$55.50

Excursion
\$70.50/\$80.50

Incursion
\$70.50/\$80.50

CONDITIONS

- All fees need to be paid seven days after invoice. Fees are payable for days booked, irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program commences.
- No swapping of days once program has commenced, only adding on days is allowed.
- Our service is open daily from 7:00am - 6:00pm. We are unable to provide care outside of these hours. A late fee of \$5 per 15 minutes or part thereof per child will apply for children collected after 6:00pm.
- Excursions. Staffing will be based on risk assessment. In the event the activities are cancelled, service-based activities will be offered.
- Hunter Kids does not accept any liability for personal injury, property damage, personal items (including jewelry, glasses, and electronic devices) or any loss sustained by any child when attending the Vacation Care Program due to any cause whatsoever unless this has been caused by proven negligence of by the independently owned operator. I have read, understood, and approved the information, policies and procedures on this form, the enrolment form, family handbook and centre policies and procedures.

Family/Guardian Name: _____

Family/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number Mobile: _____ Date: _____

Bookings (please tick the box each day the child will be attending)

CHILD 1:		Family Name:			First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:			School:		
DATE:	MON 19/12	TUES 20/12	WED 21/12	THURS 22/12	FRI 23/12	ALL	
DATE:	MON 09/01	TUE 10/12	WED 11/01	THUR 12/01	FRI 13/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 16/01	TUE 17/01	WED 18/01	THUR 19/01	FRI 20/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 23/01	TUE 24/01	WED 25/01		FRI 27/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 30/01						

CHILD 2:		Family Name:			First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:			School:		
DATE:	MON 19/12	TUES 20/12	WED 21/12	THURS 22/12	FRI 23/12	ALL	
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DATE:	MON 30/01						

CHILD 3:		Family Name:			First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:			School:		
DATE:	MON 19/12	TUES 20/12	WED 21/12	THURS 22/12	FRI 23/12	ALL	
DATE:	MON 09/01	TUE 10/12	WED 11/01	THUR 12/01	FRI 13/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 16/01	TUE 17/01	WED 18/01	THUR 19/01	FRI 20/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 23/01	TUE 24/01	WED 25/01		FRI 27/01	ALL	
DATE:	MON 30/01						

What do children need each day?

- Ensure each child has a complete lunchbox with snacks and lunch. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea is provided as per the menu.
- Dress children in appropriate clothing & footwear for activities and bring a broad brimmed hat. No hat, no play!
- Bring a water drink bottle every day or even two on hot days.

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