



Calendar

9 October	Welcome back to Term 4!
12 October	Staff Professional Learning @ 3.30 pm- Rutherford PS
16 October	School Photos
17 October	Swimming commences
18 October	JD's Catchment Crusader Show
20 October	K/1 Assembly Item
24 October	Swimming
26 October	Staff Professional Learning @ 3.30 pm- Rutherford PS
27 October	Grandparents Day – TBA
30 October	Kinder Orientation 9.00am-12pm
31 October	Swimming
1 November	Kinder Orientation 9.00am-12pm Yr 7 Information Evening @MHS
3 November	4-6 Assembly Item
6 November	Mrs Leary Back! Kinder Orientation and Parent Information Session 9.00am-12pm
7 November	Swimming
8 November	Staff Professional Learning @ 3.30 pm- Rutherford PS
13-15 Nov	3-6 Canberra Excursion
17 November	2-3 Assembly Item
20 November	Smart City Stem Expo Day: 4-6
21 November	Colour Run
22 November	Mini EV Day
28 November	Swimming Yr 7 2024 Orientation Day @MHS
30 November	Spring Fair
1 December	K-1 Assembly
5 December	Swimming
6 December	Presentation Day @ 9.30am
14 December	Class Presentation
15 December	Last Day of Term for Students
18 December	Staff Development Day
19 December	Staff Development Day

Term 4!!

I hope all Iona PS families had a lovely holiday break and are ready for the term ahead. As you can see from the calendar that Term 4 is shaping up to be an extremely busy term!

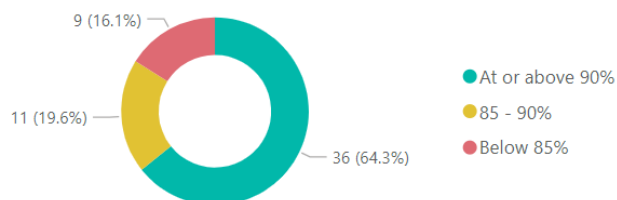
Mrs Leary is Returning!

Mrs Leary is currently having a well-earned holiday in Spain for the first 4 Weeks. She is excited to announce that she is looking forward to seeing you all Week 5 when she returns to Iona PS! Mrs Barber and Mr Burgess will remain on K/1 until the end of the year. This term, Mrs Barber is teaching on Monday and Tuesday and Mr Burgess will be teaching Wednesday-Friday.

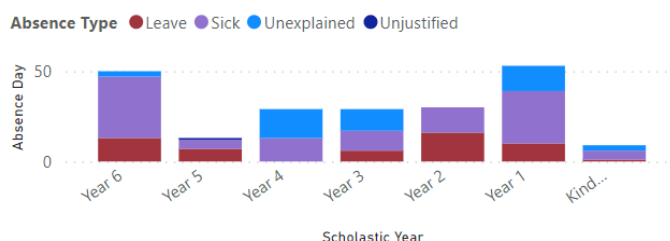
Attendance

We were pleased to see attendance levels trending positively last term, with 64% of students attending at or above 90%. Unexplained absences will be a target this term. Please notify the school of absences and partial absences by contacting the office or via Sentral.

Attendance Level



Absences by Cohort, Absence Type



Library Days – Term 4

Please bring your library bags on the following days:

K/1- Monday (Week 1- please bring library bags Thursday)

2/3- Tuesday

4-6- Monday

Spring Fair - Reminder

This year, Iona PS is organising and running a Spring Fair on Thursday, 30 November. This will consist of many stalls run by our Year 6 students. In preparation, we are asking for any donations (eg. toys, books, games etc) from your 'Spring cleaning' for our trash and treasure stall. Thank you!

Year 6 Fundraising Update

Year 6 students have been working hard this year raising funds to contribute to their end of year gift to the school.

I'd like to extend an invitation to both Year 6 parents and students to brainstorm ideas for this year's gift. Our fundraising endeavours have encompassed a variety of activities, including:

- Selling Icees
- Selling hot chocolates
- Selling ice creams on Fridays
- Selling food and snacks at the disco
- Organising and manning the stalls at the Spring Fair (Coming in Term 4)

This has raised \$960 so far, including \$350 that was raised at the disco!

Your input is greatly valued in determining the perfect gift that will benefit our school community.



Will turned 12 on 3 October
Eadie will turn 7 on 10 October
Gwen will turn 6 on 13 October

AWARDS WEEK 10

Merit Awards

K/1

Cameron for always contributing to class discussions

Eadie for fantastic compound sentence writing

Lakai for excellent progress in reading and writing throughout Term 3

Bonnie for Fantastic efforts in dance sessions

4-6

Scarlett for talking time to improve her vocabulary knowledge

Marcus for writing a creative and engaging story

Health & Safety

Jack for ensuring his peers take responsibility for their equipment

Sport

Ari for organising equipment after breaks

Environmental

Bonnie for being conscious of the school's impact on the environment

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Eleanor for being a responsible role model

PBL

Sarah for always listening to, and following instructions

Keziah for always showing pride in her work

Lailah for always following instructions when asked

Georgie for always presenting beautiful work

Elliot for listening carefully to instructions

Sierra for completing work of she is proud of

Home reading

75 nights - Bonnie

125 nights – Tom

150 nights - Emma

200 nights - Stella

Class News

K/1

Welcome back to Term 4! This term K/1 has Mrs Barber and Mr Burgess back on class, however Mrs Barber will be teaching Monday and Tuesday and Mr Burgess will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Literacy groups will continue as normal along with our focused writing lessons. Mathematics will also continue as normal, with new concepts being introduced throughout the term. This term we have our swimming lessons, and Spring Fair, which are both going to be lots of fun. Starting Week 2 there is a change to our library day to a Monday. I am sure Term 4 is going to go by very fast but we are going to enjoy every minute of it!!

NEWS TOPICS - TERM 4 K/1

Week 1- What I did in the holidays

Week 2- My favourite dinner

Week 3- Free Choice

Week 4- If I was the teacher for a day....

Week 5- Mystery Box- bring in an item that you can fit in the reward box, give the class 5 clues to see if they can guess what it is.

Week 6- Free Choice

Week 7- If I could be an animal for a day....

Week 8- Tell the class one thing you have improved in or learnt this term

Week 9- What is favourite thing about Christmas time

Week 10- Free Choice

2/3

Welcome back to our final term for the year – and it's always a busy one! This term we will continue to work hard in literacy sessions, improving our reading and writing skills. Mathematics will continue as normal with a focus on knowing when to pick a particular operation to solve a task – addition, subtraction, multiplication or division. Swimming will be our sport focus and this will happen every Tuesday afternoon. I have no doubt this term will fly! We look forward to sharing our learning journey with you!

4-6

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing break ready for a fantastic jam packed Term 4.

This term we will start swimming for sport, have our Spring Fair, help with Kinder orientation and head off on our 3/4/5/6 camp to Canberra.

Yr 5 will be busy preparing captain speeches while Yr 6 will also be busy with various transition events getting ready for high school.

I have a feeling we will be celebrating Christmas before we know it!

Ms Tully

Welcome back everyone!

The G.O.A.T.S will be getting straight into it! We have many great events coming up and a very busy Term 4. Our class will start to put the finishing touches on their Smart City Stem Project. They are very excited and can't wait to show you what they have been working on all year.

Mr Tarry

Reminder – Canberra Excursion

Final payments for the Canberra Excursion are due by this Friday 13 October.

Nutrition Snippet

3 TIPS FOR FUSSY EATERS

Feeding kids can feel like a struggle at times.



Here are our top 3 tips to help your kids:

- 1. Role model.** If you eat the food, your child is more likely to follow.
- 2. Share your meals together.** Having family meals is important, make sure you include some options your child likes.
- 3. Take the pressure off** and trust your child's appetite.

Read more tips to take the pressure off feeding fussy eaters at:

healthylunchbox.com.au

