Iona Public School Newsletter Term 4 Week 3



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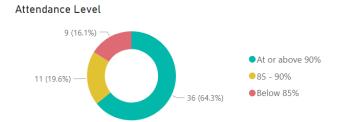
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Attendance

School Attendance Level



Please note that any unexplained partial and full day absences should be reported to the office, via email, or through the Parent Sentral app within 7 days.

Professional Learning

All teaching staff are attending professional learning at Rutherford Public School on Thursday 26 October at 3:30pm. We ask that your child / ren be picked up promptly on this day. Thank you

Library Days – Term 4

Please bring your library bags on the following days: K/1- Monday 2/3- Tuesday 4-6- Monday

Colour Explosion Date Change

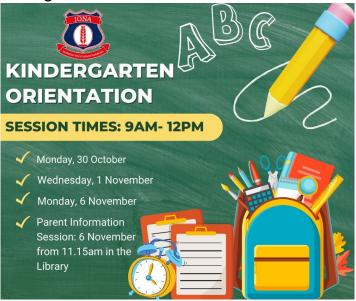
The colour explosion event has been moved to Friday 24 November due to a date clash with High School Orientation days. Activities will commence from 2pm.

Working BEE!!

Calling all volunteers! If you are available to lend a hand during weeks 7 and 8, please save the date. A list of jobs and dates TBA.



Kindergarten Orientation dates:



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!



Grandparents Day Breakfast

We extend a warm invitation to all families to join us in celebrating the wonderful people in our lives – our Grandparents! On Friday 27 October, we invite you to a delightful pancake breakfast commencing at 8:30am beneath the COLA, followed by a fun-filled game of Bingo! To assist with our preparations, please RSVP with the total number of family members attending, including your school-age child/children. A notification has also been sent via Parent Sentral for your convenience.



You will be lovingly served a delicious pancake breakfast surrounded by loved ones, followed by games of bingo!

RSVP Via the Parent Sentral notification, Please indicate the total number of family members attending, including your student/s.



Isla turned 7 on 21 October Jack turns 8 on 30 October Thea turns 8 on 1 November Sierra turns 12 on 3 November

AWARDS WEEK 10

Merit Awards

K/1

Gwen for fantastic work around time connectives and conjunctions

Ari for always giving it his best during writing tasks 2/3

Piper for independently creating noun groups in writing lessons

Robert for fantastic use of similes in his writing 4-6

Elliot for being a positive role model in the classroom

Lainey for writing an engaging introduction for a story

Health & Safety

Ivy for always responsible on hard surfaces Sport

Adharsh for consistent displays of sportsmanship Environmental

Thomas for taking pride and care for our gardens Peer Nominated Citizenship

Bonnie for being kind and thoughtful toward her peers

PBL

Isla for always being proud of the work she completes

Lailah for always following instructions

Keziah for always following instructions and being helpful

Clementine for presenting beautiful work to be proud of

Home reading
75 nights – Clementine, Sophie
100 nights – Clementine
125 nights – Clementine, Harley
150 nights – Tom, Clementine, Lara, Lucy
175 nights – Clementine, Emma, Imogen
200 nights – Clementine

Class News

K/1

It has been a busy start to Term 4 for the Waratahs, but the champions in our class have been working extremely hard and have gotten a lot done over the last 2 weeks. During our writing lessons we have been looking at the book 'Three' by Stephen Michael King while exploring characters in novels to describe their physical and personal traits. This led to us creating our very own character and using adjectives to describe them. We began a new unit in science 'Look Up and Around'. In our first lesson of the unit, we explored the path that the Sun takes, creating artworks to display sunrise, solar noon, and sunset. Amid all our hard work we have also been preparing for our class item at assembly, which is based around the Disney short film 'Lava' and volcano's. The students have been working hard with Mrs Barber creating volcano art works and writing interesting facts which was shown during the Week 2 assembly. Overall, we have had a fantastic start to term. Mrs Barber and I are very excited to be here and look forward to the rest of Term 4.



2/3

The Dolphins have had a fabulous start to the term, and we are really into the swing of things, knowing how busy this term can be! In Mathematics, we have been practising how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and have also been completing some work on fractions. We are continuing to look at the language that authors use in their texts to help us improve our own writing. 2/3 have been reading superstars with lots of reading awards handed out at assembly. Keep up the great work, Dolphins!

This term, 2/3 are learning about water during science lessons, playing lots of games in drama sessions and looking at Australia's history on a Wednesday with Mrs Baxter.

4-6

We have started our planning and preparation for the Mini Electric Car challenge which will be held in November. All students will be given a chance to work on the vehicle with Mr Gliddon during class time however only a select few will be given the opportunity to represent our school at the race at Newcastle TAFE in November. Parents will receive a permission note if your child has been selected. We are also lucky enough to be chosen to enter a boat in the boat challenge and will be working on that in class as well.

We are still asking for donations for our Spring Fair. 4/5/6 have been brainstorming various games and activities that they will be running.

In class students are completing multiplication quizzes every Monday and Wednesday, perfect time to brush up on those multiplication tables and earn class dollars ready for our auction at the end of the year.

To wrap up our Dung beetle website last term students created clay amazing scarab beetles. Ms Tully







The G.O.A.T.S have had a busy start to the term, our Year 6 group definitely understand why Term 4 is so busy. In Mathematics we have been practising identifying the properties of 3D Shapes and how they to create nets. We have started a couple of different writing units this term with Mr Tarry looking at ways we can create both an imaginative and informative text at the same time through build an extensive range of vocabulary.

On a side note, we would like all Year 6 parents to start to have little chats to their child about Year 7. We know that this is a time of great change for them which also brings a wide range of emotions. Just having a quick check in with your child can do wonders to their mental wellbeing. Mr Tarry

School Photos

MSP have taken photos of all siblings. If you wish to purchase these photos contact MSP on 49668292. Newcastle & Districts Softball Association

Email: secretary@ndsa.org.au



Are you looking to do something on a Saturday. Try Softball. Fun for family & friends. From ages 4 and up!

Same Place. Same Time

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www.camels.org.au		
Maitland City Softball Club -		
Www.maitlandcitysoftball.org		
Wolves Softball Club -		
https://www.revolutionise.com.au/newcastlewolves www.ndsa.org.au		

Sunsmart Snippet

Sun safety is everyone's responsibility.



By being role models ourselves and leading the way with our own sun safety, we can inspire our children to be SunSmart when they step outside.

sunsmartnsw.com.au



THE BRIGHTEST DAY AT SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Thank you so much for supporting our school to be the best it can be, especially through fundraising. This term we are fundraising with a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Friday 24 November 2023.

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe.
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request.

How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at <u>www.australianfundraising.com.au</u>. At the end of our fundraiser students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Please note: all cash donations must be converted to online donations before Friday 17 November. We cannot accept any cash donations for this fundraiser.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For further information, please contact Alison Mahony 4930 1415

FUNDRAISING DATES:

EVENT DATE:	24 / 11 / 23		
FUNDRAISING START DATE:	16 / 10 / 23 @ 8:00am		
FUNDRAISING END DATE:	17 / 11 / 23 @ 11:59pm		
PRIZE ORDERING START DATE:	18 / 11 / 23 @ 12:01am		
PRIZE ORDERING END DATE:	24 / 11 / 23 @ 11:59pm		