



Calendar

7 Feb	P&C AGM 8:15am in library
20 Feb	Captains Morning Tea
15-27	NAPLAN period
Mar	
7 April	Last day of Term 1

Welcome back!

Welcome to a new school year! An exciting time for our students as they start or return to their school journey. We would like to especially welcome our new families as you begin your education journey with us. We do hope that all our families had a relaxing holiday!

Classes for 2023

Our classes for this year will be as follows.

K/1 Mrs Fraser (Monday – Wednesday - Term 1) and Mrs Bird (Thursday – Friday)

2/3 Ms Fiona McDonnell, Ms Baxter (Wed)

4-6 Ms Tully (Monday - Wednesday) and Mr Tarry (Thursday - Friday) Mrs Clarke (SLSO)

Mrs Leary and Mrs Bird (Term 1) RFF, LaST and Library for all classes.

Mr Gliddon (SLSO) will be supporting all classes on Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 1:15pm

Year 6 Fundraising

Could all Year 6 families please supply the school with a box of ice creams (e.g., Choc Tops, Bulla Crunches, Splits) to begin the Yr. 6 fundraising initiatives for the year. The leaders will be selling these on Fridays for \$2.00 each.

Icees are also back!!! These will be sold Monday - Thursday for 20c each during first break.

Library News

Students will have library on the following days:

K/1 - Tuesdays

2/3 - Tuesdays

4-6 - Mondays

Please ensure all students have a library bag on these days.

P&C AGM

Our 2023 AGM will be on Tuesday 7 February at 8:15am in the library. The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Canteen manager. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider nominating for one of these positions.

Please come along and support our wonderful school. We would love to see new faces at our meetings. If you have a spare hour, join us, and see what P&C all is about!

P&C membership is only \$2!

Newsletter and Communication

This year we will be sending out all notes and newsletters via the **Sentral Parent Portal**. If you have not done so already, please complete and return the Parent Portal note attached to this newsletter so we can commence with the issuing of parent access keys.

Our Monday newsletter will continue to be sent home fortnightly, on *odd weeks* of the term. It is extremely important that all families have liked Iona Public School on Facebook. We will continue with the Skoolbag app until the end of Term 1 while we transition to the new Sentral Parent Portal App.

Student Health and Contacts

Have your child's health needs changed over the school break or have you changed contact information?

It is important that the school has up-to-date information about student health needs and contact information. This includes allergies and other medical conditions that need to be managed by the school. Please contact the school if you need to update our school records.

COVID Smart Measures Term 1 2023

We are continuing our COVID-smart measures into 2023.

While the community continues to transition towards living with COVID-19, NSW Health advised that the unpredictable nature of the virus will continue to present a health risk to the community, with new waves of transmission expected this year. Our school will continue to operate with baseline COVID-smart measures in place this term to minimise transmission. These include a combination of layered safety measures, such as:

- Staying home if unwell and test for COVID-19 if showing any symptoms
- Boosted day cleaning of high-touch areas in our schools
- Strongly encouraging masks to be worn by all students, staff and visitors, particularly when indoors or outdoors when physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- Strongly encouraging up-to-date vaccinations for our staff and students, including COVID-19 booster shots for anyone eligible
- Maintaining natural ventilation with windows and doors open whenever possible, including when cooling/heating systems are in use
- Continuing to provide RATs and other hygiene products to schools free of charge.

Class Meetings & Welcome BBQ – Wed 15 Feb

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend class meetings followed by a welcome BBQ on Wednesday 15 February. During this meeting teachers will outline their expectations for the year, how their classes are organised and answer many of your questions. Please see the following times for meetings

Yr K/1 - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Yr 2/3 - 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Yr 4-6 - 3:15pm - 4:00pm

At the conclusion of the meetings, we would love you to stay and welcome in the new year by meeting our community and teachers with a welcome sausage sizzle from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Please complete the slip attached with this newsletter if you will be attending the BBQ for catering purposes.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the students of Iona PS for showing amazing sportsmanship and exemplary manners last Friday at the SS Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Emma, Thomas and Sierra.



Third Party Website and Software Consent

Iona Public School is committed to providing a technology-rich environment for our students. Our school community considers the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) fundamental in teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum.

The school uses **third-party providers** offering web-based educational resources and cloud-based storage to support our administrative functions and enhance student learning outcomes. The department has a service agreement with some providers it has assessed as meeting privacy and security standards required of the department. The school offers students access to several services in addition to these. Your consent is required for your child's information to be provided to these third-party providers. Before giving your consent, it is important you understand what student information is collected, how it will be used and who may have access to it. If you require further clarification of these services, please get in touch with your classroom teacher. Students **will not** be able to access these programs without a signed copy being returned to the office. A permission note will be sent home this week.

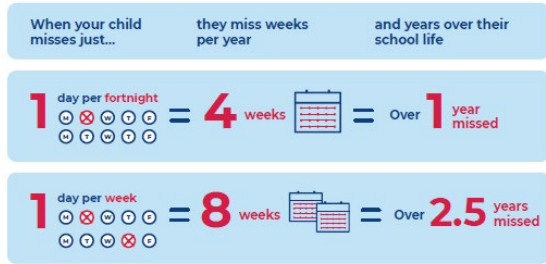
Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

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



Sport Term 1

Sport this term will be held every Friday, so the school sports uniform needs to be worn on Fridays. All classes will be focusing on Athletics skills this term in readiness for our Small Schools Athletics Carnival held later this term.

Leaders 2023

The Year 6 leadership team for 2023 includes:

Captains: Lainey & Ben Andrei

SRC: Sierra

Term 1 Leaders

Environmental: Cooper, Will and Hallee

Sport: Harry H and Zac

Health and Safety: Harry Mc, Anne and Scarlett

Congratulations on your new roles.

SENTRAL FOR PARENTS

Empowering parents to track their child's education

Class News

K/1

Welcome to Term One, 2023! A special warm welcome to our new Kinder families, we hope you enjoyed a restful and fun holiday season. Weeks one and two are already behind us and what busy weeks they were! We were so proud to see how all the students have settled into their new routines. This a reminder to please label ALL items, we have already had some disappearing hats and drink bottles. Many display folders and wallets have already arrived at school, if you haven't yet sent yours in, please do so ASAP. Mrs Fraser will be the classroom teacher for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Mrs Bird will be the classroom teacher on Thursday and Friday. This will be the case for all of Term one. Tuesday is library day and Friday is sport day. This term the students will be participating in an athletics skills program.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending home reading logbooks for families to begin working on and the roster for our class mascot 'Ted' will begin.

In 2023 the K/1 class have elected to be called the Waratahs, named after the beautiful native Australian plant. We enjoyed researching name options together and participating in the voting process.

Thank you families for the support and encouragement you have offered the students as they begin their 2023 schooling journey. Hearing positive talk about school and discussing the school routine helps students to feel secure about the school environment. Please reach out to Mrs Bird or Mrs Fraser if needed, we are very happy to help!

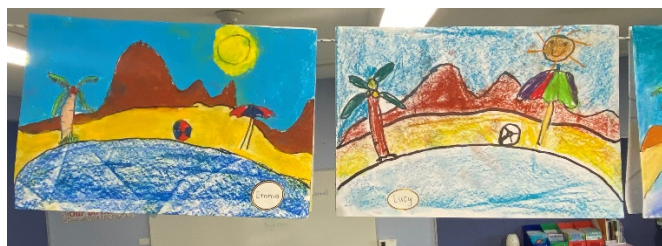
Keep reading, keep active and keep up the fabulous work!

2/3

It has been a very busy start to the new school year for Year 2/3 students. Everyone has settled into the new year beautifully and Ms McDonnell is so impressed with their manners and work habits.

A big welcome to Logan, who joins us this year! Each morning, 2/3 have been working on some writing and spelling. We have looked closely at the use of verbs and how choosing great verbs can make our writing more interesting! For the

next few weeks, we will be focusing on persuasive texts. Home readers were sent home on Friday. Students are asked to read them regularly and return them a couple of times a week to swap them. Some students might now be reading novels, therefore, reading a chapter or a few pages per night. They will need to keep those books longer to be able to read the whole book. In math sessions we have looked at place value in three and four-digit numbers. We've also been looking at mathematical problems and discussing the most efficient way to solve them. Throughout this term, we will be studying "Living Things" in Science, features of places during Geography sessions and talking about our wellbeing in Health lessons. 2/3 students will also complete some artwork based on these themes. Next Wednesday, we welcome Ms Baxter, who will teach 2/3 every Wednesday.



4-6

Welcome back everyone! It was so lovely to see all the bright, smiling faces back at school. 4-6 have hit the ground running with a busy few days, as well as the swimming carnival.

We are pleased to say all students have settled in nicely and have shown they are ready for a year full of fun, friendship, and learning.

We welcome Hallee to our 4-6 family and look forward to our year together.

Our literacy activities this term include investigating different text types including flowcharts and informative texts. We will be developing some strategies to help with comprehension and visualisation when reading a text. We are also learning about the structure of persuasive texts so they can improve their writing skills.

In Maths, students will be working in small groups for explicit lessons focused on their stage outcomes, will reflect on previous learning through number warmups and number talks and will complete daily maths mental to solidify mental maths strategies. Students will also complete a range of skill-based activities such as maths-based games and problem solving challenges.

4-6 will complete Science lessons with Ms Tully, History and Geography with Mr Tarry and for this term, Creative Arts with Mrs Bird.





SEASON 2021 WINTER COMPETITION

Eligible kids play

FREE!

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Gresford Vacy Football Club

Catering for players of all ages, levels and abilities

Teams from Under-6s (players turning 5 or 6 in 2021) to All Age Men and Women
Junior mixed and girls-only teams available

Register and pay online at: playfootball.com.au



Rego Info Days – Thursday, February 11, at Vacy School of Arts and
Thursday, February 18, at Gresford Sporting Complex, 3pm-5pm

NB: New players **MUST** bring a copy of their birth certificate

>> Every NEW player receives a playing strip & dress shirt <<

>> All juniors receive a free training ball <<

Category	EARLYBIRD Rego Fee	Less \$100 Active Kids Voucher	GVFC Game Fees	Total EARLYBIRD cost for the season
Entry 5 years (preschool)	\$50	N/A	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$50 rego – no game fees
Entry 6-7 yrs	\$100	\$0	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Nothing if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids Voucher (otherwise \$100)
Youth 8-11 yrs	\$120*	\$20	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$20 if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher (otherwise \$120)
Youth 12-18 yrs	\$170*	\$70	nil, zero, zilch, nothing (included in rego fee)	Only \$70 if using Service NSW \$100 Active Kids voucher (otherwise \$170)
Senior amateur	\$250*	N/A	Saturday & Sunday: \$100 upfront or \$10/game Friday nights: \$130 upfront or \$13/game	Saturday & Sunday: \$350 (rego + game fees) Friday nights: \$380 (rego + game fees)

* Eligible Kids Free* are school-aged children aged 5 – 7 years who register using their Service NSW \$100 Active Kids Voucher

* Earlybird prices valid until February 28, 2021. Regular registration fees are \$140 (8-11 years), \$190 (12-18 years), \$270 (seniors)

* All registration fees to be paid online at time of registering

* Voucher information available at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

For more information contact:

Club president Jim Doyle on 0407 307 800 or Club secretary Jack Cowled on 0427 385 603

Web: www.scorps.com.au

Email: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com

DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 5/6 INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY, 2023 5pm

Students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at Dungog High School to learn about the school, the facilities and what we have to offer future students.

Guests are welcome to tour the school and have the opportunity to meet with our staff.

Located in the Dungog High School Multi-purpose Center (MPC).

A free sausage sizzle will be provided.

RSVP Monday 13 February - 4992 3022



Welcome BBQ Consent

The _____ family would like to attend the Welcome BBQ at Iona Public School on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 5:00pm.

_____ adults attending.

_____ children attending

Dietary requirements:



**P&C Association
Iona Public School**

**Membership Form
2023**

Iona Public School Parents & Citizens Association Incorporated under the Federation of Parents & Citizens Association of NSW Incorporated (Amendment) Act 1991.

I hereby apply for membership of the Iona Public School Parents & Citizens Association for **2022**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you willing for your contact details to be distributed to P&C Members? Yes / No

Your \$2.00 per person membership fee entitles you to vote in all P&C Meetings and also to stand for office.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Office use only:

Date: _____

Receipt #: _____



**P&C Association
Iona Public School**

**Nomination Form
2023 Office Bearers**

Iona Public School Parents & Citizens Association Incorporated under the Federation of Parents & Citizens Association of NSW Incorporated (Amendment) Act 1991.

I, _____, being a financial member of Iona Public School Parents & Citizens Association in 2021, do _____ hereby nominate for position of:

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|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| (Please circle) | <i>President</i> | <i>Vice President 1</i> | <i>Vice President 2</i> | <i>Secretary</i> |
| | <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Fundraising Coordinator</i> | <i>Uniform Coordinator</i> | |

Signature of Nominee

Endorsing Financial Member

Date

Date

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6 February 2023

Central Parent Portal

The Parent Portal has arrived! Our school has undertaken a new initiative, the 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 Central 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