



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

7 Mar	P&C Meeting 8:15am
15-27 Mar	NAPLAN period
21 Mar	Harmony Day – Canteen Day
24 Mar	Hot Cross Bun Order Due
6 April	Last day of Term 1 – Easter Hat Parade 2:15pm
24 April	SDD – No students on site
25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday and service at Morpeth
26 April	Students return
17 May	SS Athletics Carnival

P&C Meeting- Tomorrow 7 March

The March P&C meeting is on tomorrow, 7 March at 8:15am in the library. Mrs Leary and Mrs Bird will be presenting the School's Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 for those who would like to consult after the meeting at 9:00am.

Easter raffle tickets are going home today, please return to front office by Tuesday 4 April. The raffle will be drawn following the Easter hat parade on Thursday 6 April. Additional books can be purchased from the office.

What an amazing response already for the donations to go towards our Easter raffle. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and if you would like to help with our Easter fundraiser please drop donations of Easter goods to the front office. Remember all money that is raised goes back into our kids' education so keep them coming!

P&C would like to thank all the support from our school community. Remember, if you can't make our P&C meetings and would like to help all donations and fundraising purchases make a difference, and we couldn't do it without you. Any questions please see Kim Taylor

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 6 April students will participate in an Easter Hat Parade at 2:15pm. This is always a wonderful afternoon of celebration that the students thoroughly enjoy. Students will make these during class time. Teachers will provide more information in the coming weeks. Parents/carers and community members are most welcome to attend.

Baker's Delight Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

Once again, we will be having a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. Please find the order form at the bottom of this week's newsletter. Orders must be returned to the school **no later than Friday 24 March**. Orders will be ready for collection from the school on Thursday 30 March.

3-Way Goal Setting Interviews- Wed 29 March

Student, parent, and teacher goal setting interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 29 March 8:15am – 4:30pm. Parents will be able to book a time with their child's teacher to discuss goals and needs for 2023. These interviews are a very important part of your child's learning and student attendance is expected. Each meeting will be 15 minutes, if this day or length of appointment does not suit, please email your teacher to arrange another time. Please contact the office on 4930 1415 to organise a time.

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Book Club

Book Club will go home today. Orders to be returned by Wed 22 March.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition 2024

Dear parents/carers of Year 6 students.
To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. The EOI process is now available online. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school. If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required form.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made. The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible. For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

For more information about moving to high school, visit [Going to a public school](#).

The following is the link directly to the EOI
<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=2211>

Soccer Gala Day

Some Stage 2 and Stage 3 students attended the Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 28 Feb in Tenambit. It was such a hot day, but I was so impressed with the effort and commitment of our Iona students. Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped on the day. It was lovely to see our students making new friends and interacting with students from such a wide range of schools.



Harmony Day – Tuesday 21 March 2023

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. On Tuesday 21 March students may wear orange clothes, school uniform with an orange accessory (e.g. socks or hair ties) or traditional cultural dress to show support for inclusivity and diversity.

Students will be participating in Peer Support activities until 1:15pm. We would love to have some of our community support our day by sharing stories of other nationalities, cooking, teaching another language/dance and so on to our students. If you would like to come and share any of these with us, please contact your class teacher prior to the day.

The canteen will also be offering an international lunch on this day. Keep an eye out on Skoolbag and Facebook for further information. This means there will be no canteen on Thursday in Week 9.

Professional Learning

Over the next few weeks staff will be attending a variety of professional learning opportunities which focus on Literacy and supporting students with disabilities and complex needs.

Car Park

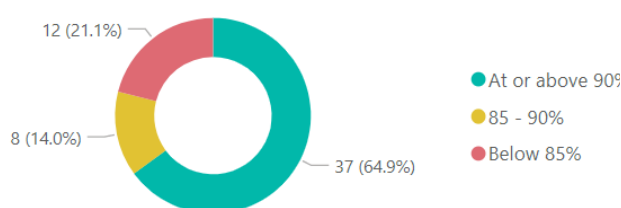
Thank you to everyone for following our safety guidelines for the car park, especially reverse parking on the slope. We still have concerns about parents stopping on the road and letting their children out rather than parking. We ask that all parents reverse park in front of the school or parallel park across the road and walk their children to and from the school gates. Our neighbours have also requested that we **do not** park in the vacant block next to the school as this is private property. This is for all our safety.

Rock and Water

During our Rock and Water session this week, students learned the importance of language choices and the role they play in our lives. Dark red words are the words we want to avoid, they have too much "rock" and can be aggressive. Weak words are also to be avoided, they are too much "water" and can be too submissive. Both dark and weak words are a sign we have lost our

physical, mental or emotional balance. Power and calm words are our focus. Power words are assertive, strong and determined. They are not conflict words but are firm. Calm words are patient and flexible, not weak or submissive but caring and supportive. As a school we explored words and phrases which were classified as each of these. We also learned some strategies for managing "dark" and "weak" words when they happen, finding our centre of power through breathing, connecting with others and regaining balance. Families are encouraged to try to adopt this language at home, supporting students in their use of these fabulous strategies for managing relationships and emotions.

Attendance Level



Parent Tip and Tricks – Literacy at Home

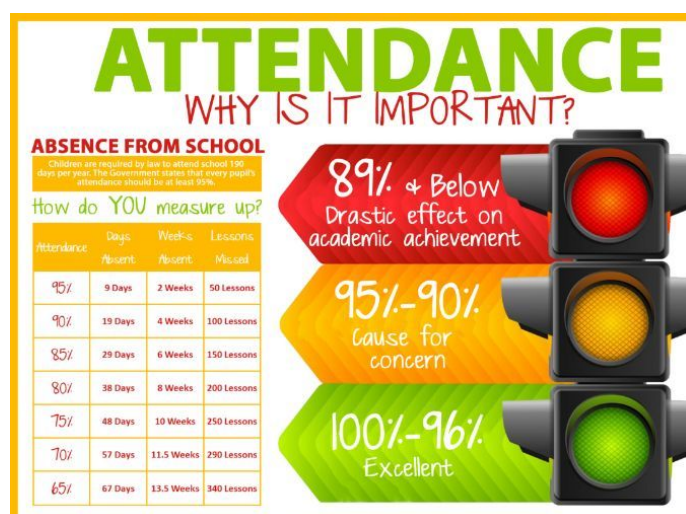
Literacy involves listening, speaking, reading, writing, and spelling. It is the ability to communicate thoughts and emotions, ideas, and opinions and to make meaning from spoken and written messages.

Speaking and Listening- Part 2

Speaking and listening skills build the foundation for your child's learning at school. These skills help a child to be able to talk with others, create friendships and actively participate in all activities at school. **Communicating a message:**

- Retell a story. Talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.
- After reading, talk about the characters or your child's favourite part of the book.
- Share ideas on what might happen when going to an event like a celebration or going to school. After the event, talk about what happened and ask them to share their thoughts and feelings.
- Support your child to create their own story from their imagination. Ask questions such as "What is the story about?" "Who is in the story?" "What happens in the story?"
- Teach your child their full name, address, age, birthday and phone number.

- After school, ask your child how their day was and ask for more information, for example, "Why did you feel that way?"



Awards Week 6

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K-1

Imogen for always trying her best in all learning activities

Isla for her effort in forming 5-star sentences!

2 - 3

Piper for working hard in Math's lessons

Lucy for always trying her best in all subjects

4 - 6

Ben Andrei for using excellent descriptive language in his writing.

Pheobe for gaining confidence to contribute during Maths class discussions

Library

Clementine for sharing her enjoyment for reading

Health & Safety

Lara for always wearing a hat and playing in the shade

Sport

Adharsh

Environmental

Elliot for consistent effort and willingness to help during environmental groups

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Clementine for being kind-hearted and respectful at all times



Caleb turned 7 on 23 February

Lucy turned 7 on 25 February

Harry Mc turned 12 on 5 March

Class News

K/1

The last few weeks have seen the Waratahs learn and explore new concepts. In Literacy the book of focus has been 'A bag and a Bird' by Pamela Allen. We investigated environmental issues, as well as writing our own prepositional phrases. A focus in our writing is writing '5-star sentences' to improve the quality of our sentences. We know we have achieved 5-stars when:



We have commenced our buddy reading program with the senior class. Our buddies listen to us read our decodable reader and play a literacy game with us. We love it!



2/3

This week we have continued to work hard in literacy and mathematics. We are learning how to write narratives and have been working on patterns in Maths with Mrs Baxter and measurement in lessons with Ms McDonnell. Today we planted some bean seeds as part of our learning for our Science unit "Living Things". We will water our plants daily and record any changes we see. We have also been working on another piece of art based on the Science unit. We used bok choy stems dipped in paint to print flowers and drew stems to complete it.





using a compass to draw their own circle. In geography we explored the area of Tuggerah Lakes on maps to identify landmark features.

4-6

We have had quite a few busy weeks so far, thank you to all that participated in the soccer gala day. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to cheer on our Iona team.

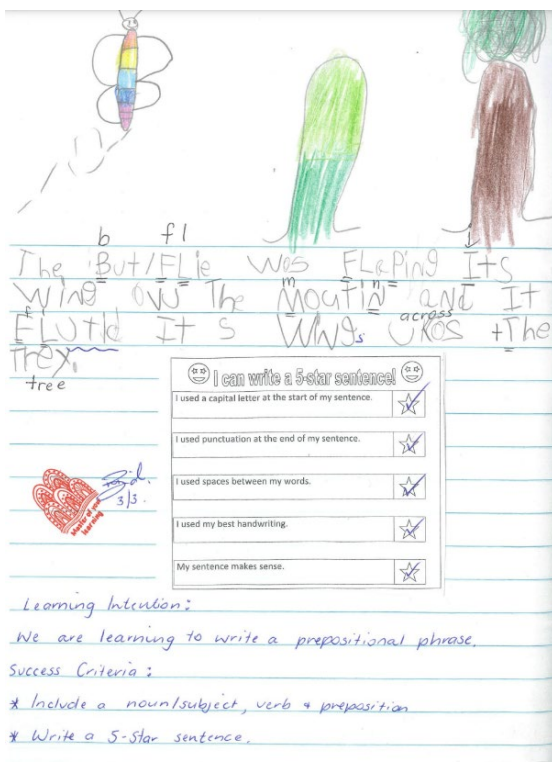
Homework will be revisiting/learning your 5x tables ready for the quiz on Friday Week 8. Remember there are Study ladder tasks set to help you practise your tables.

Keep on reading 4/5/6, the PRC has started so the more books you read the more you can add to your booklist.

In writing we have been revising planning and features of narrative text as part of preparing for NAPLAN. In Maths we have been exploring the properties of circles. Students identified the diameter, circumference, and radius along with



Quality Work



Ernest the moose
who didn't fit by
Catherine Rayner.

In the beginning
Ernest was very
happy but he
couldn't fit in the
book.

Finally his
friend had an
idea they
snipped and snapped
all day long.

Then after a
hardworking day
they had
finished it
a page big
enough for me
to fit in!



Fantastic!
pc
2/3

I can run across the road
I can run across the field.

3/3/23

At Sidney they
Worled to the Sidney
horvercrowd
At Sidney they
Crowd to the
Man.

5 Stars!

28/2/23

MF

I can write a 5-star sentence!

used a capital letter at the start of my sentence. ☒ ★

used punctuation at the end of my sentence. ☒ ★

used spaces between my words. ☒ ★

used my best handwriting. ☒ ★

My sentence makes sense. ☒ ★

SC

We are learning to write a prepositional phrase.

SC

* Your sentence includes:

1. Noun/subject
2. Verb
3. preposition
4. Noun group (circumstances)

IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2023

CODE	ITEM	Colour (circle)	SIZE	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY
52205	Short sleeve sky polo	Sky blue	3-16		\$12.50	
5220LS	Long sleeve sky polo	Sky blue	3-16		\$15.00	
3886BP	Box pleat Short	Navy	4-16		\$22.00	
G386SK	Skort	Navy	4-16		\$20.00	
4310SL	Track pant	Navy Red	3-16		\$18.50	
5270ZS	Rugby short	Navy	3-16		\$13.50	
5310JK	Jacket fleecy zip	Navy Red	3-16		\$22.50	
5310LR	Jacket hood Fleecy zip	Navy Red	3-16		\$28.00	
5880JK	Polar fleece Jacket	Navy Red	4-16		\$25.00	
5880VE	Polar fleece Vest	Navy Red	4-16		\$18.50	
5963DC	Dry Jacket lined in polar fleece	Navy Red	4-16		\$37.50	
PSW	Box Pleated Tunic	Navy	4-10		\$55.00	
TOTAL	-	-	-		\$	

HATS - \$10 , SPORT SHIRTS - \$20, SHORT - \$20 & SKORTS - \$20

MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE.

CASH , EFT OR DIRECT DEPOSIT – BSB 062 813 Account Number 0090 4129 Ref (name)

CHILDS NAME:

ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE 10 MARCH 2022



HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM EASTER 2023

Bakers Delight

Bakers Delight Green Hills would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and fundraise for **Iona Public School**. The more buns you purchase the bigger our donation to your school will be.

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight will give **\$2.00** to Iona Public School.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order.

Bring your order form together with full payment back to school by **Friday 24th March** and your buns will be ready to collect on **Thursday 30th March**.

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

Student's Full Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Name	Traditional Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9 per 6 pack	Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9 per 6 pack	Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9 per 6 pack	Mocha Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9 per 6 pack	Fruitless Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9 per 6 pack	Total \$	Paid

Bakers Delight Holdings Ltd and its associated companies ("Bakers Delight") require the personal information requested in this order form including name, school/club and class, in order to make your order. Without such personal information, we will be unable to accept and deliver your order. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any third party in Australia or overseas and will not be used for any purpose other than to deliver your order. Our Privacy Policy contains information about how you may access the personal information we hold about you and information about how to seek correction of such information, if necessary. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may complain about an alleged breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how we will deal with such a complaint. Our Privacy Policy can be viewed without charge at www.bakersdelight.com.au/privacy-policy. Alternatively, please contact our Privacy Officer either via email at privacy@bakersdelight.com.au or via phone on 03 9811 6111 and we will send or email you a free copy.