



## **Calendar**

15-27 Mar	NAPLAN period
21 Mar	Harmony Day
25 Mar	P&C Election Day Cake Stall
29 Mar	3-way Conferences
6 April	Last day of Term 1
24 April	Staff return Term 2 – SDD No students
25 April	Morpeth ANZAC Service
26 April	Students return for Term 2
12 May	Zone Cross Country
17 May	SS Athletics Carnival

### **Harmony Day – Tomorrow 21 March**

The staff and students are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow with peer activities. 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. Please remember that there will be no canteen this Thursday due to the P&C providing those who have ordered a yummy international lunch tomorrow.

### **P&C Election Day Cake Stall & Zone Cross Country**

Our cake stall will be run on Election Day (Saturday 25 March) at Woodville School of Arts. Please drop your donations to Iona Public School front office this Friday or directly to the hall on Saturday by 8am. Please have ingredients lists and prices attached to your goodies.

The P&C once again have the opportunity to run the BBQ at the Zone Cross Country. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we would like people to save the date to support this event on **Friday 12 May**. Further information will be published in the next newsletter.

### **3-Way Conferences**

Please remember to book your 3-way conferences if you have not already for Wednesday 29 March.

### **Year 3-6 Camp – Canberra 13-15 November**

We have been in consultation with Sid Foggs since last year regarding organisation of our 3-6 yearly camp. Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure any accommodation in Sydney this year. It was discussed at the last P&C meeting to swap this year to Canberra, which was agreed upon. The final itinerary and costing are still being organised. We are hoping to have this by the end of this week. Please keep an eye out on the Sentral Parent Portal for an expression of interest note to come home in the next few weeks when we receive costings.



### **Anzac Day Service**

Once again, we have been invited to participate in the ANZAC day march on Tuesday 25 April at Morpeth. Students are asked to meet in Green Street at 10:15am and will proceed down Swan Street at 10:45am for a service at the Cenotaph at 11am. Please wear the blue school uniform.

## Easter Hat Parade-Reminder

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. Parents/ carers and community members are most welcome to attend.

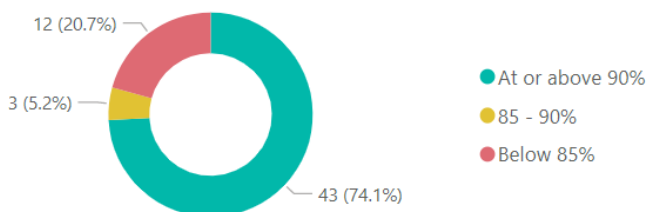
Please don't forget to keep selling the P&C Easter raffle tickets. These are due back at school by Wednesday 5 April. If you need another book, please come and see the office.

## Hot Cross Bun Order Fundraiser

Please remember that orders must be returned to school **no later than Friday 24 March**. Orders will be ready for collection from the school on Thursday 30 March.

## Attendance

Attendance Level



## Newsletter and Communication - Reminder

As of Term 2 we will be sending out all notes and newsletters via the **Sentral Parent Portal**. If you have not done so already, please register via the email that was sent to you last Monday. If you didn't receive this email, please come and see the office.

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.

## Parent Tip and Tricks – Literacy at Home

### Reading Part 1

Children learn from being read to, reading with others, and reading to themselves. Have fun reading together every day. Look for opportunities such as when you are walking to school, the book shop, the library, and the supermarket. Talk about stories, the language used, words in the story, as well as the sounds of letters in words. Read books in your home language. **Read with your child every day:**

- Make reading fun and enjoyable. Children learn about reading by watching, copying, and interacting with others.
- Let your child choose and re-read books they are interested in.
- Talk about the book before you start reading. Talk about the title and what could happen in the story.
- Discuss the pictures and how they add to the story.
- Whilst reading ask your child questions about the story such as "What do you think might happen next?" "Why do you think that?"
- After reading talk about the story. Ask questions such as "Which part of the story did you like best?" "What was exciting, funny or sad in the story?"
- Take turns at reading favourite stories with brothers, sisters, or friends.
- Choose a variety of reading materials such as newspapers, magazines, posters, street signs, recipes and shopping lists.

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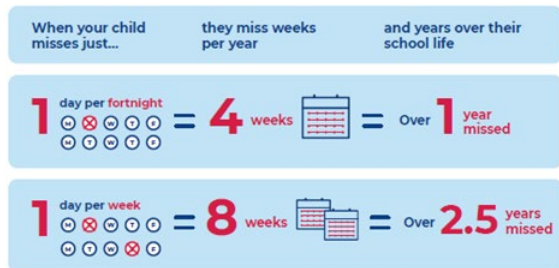
## Why attendance matters

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...



# Awards Week 8

## Merit Awards were presented in:-

<b>K/1</b>
<b>Georgie</b> for being an engaged learner!
<b>Ari</b> for his persistent attitude to achieving his learning goals
<b>2/3</b>
<b>Emma</b> for terrific effort in lessons on writing imaginative texts.
<b>Lakai</b> for quietly and diligently working on maths problems
<b>Clementine</b> for excellent responses during science lessons on living things.
<b>4 - 6</b>
<b>Thomas</b> for staying on task and trying his absolute best in literacy and math.
<b>Sierra</b>
<b>Library</b>
<b>Preston</b> for being a committed reader
<b>Stella</b> for being committed to the Premier's Reading Challenge
<b>Elliot</b> for nurturing her love of reading!
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>
<b>Hallee</b> for being responsible in the playground
<b>Sport</b>
<b>Lexi</b> for trying her best in soccer tryouts
<b>Environmental</b>
<b>Harry H</b> for always reminding peers to pick up icee cups
<b>Peer Nominated Citizenship</b>
<b>Scarlett</b> for showing kindness and respect towards her peers



## 25 Nights Reading Awards

Theo, Clementine, Emma, Lucy, Anne, Max T, Imogen, Thomas & Eleanor have already completed 25 nights of home reading! Congratulations to these students.

## Student Statement of Accounts

Invoices have been sent home today. If you would like to use your Back-to-School vouchers, please come, and see the office. Just a reminder that these vouchers expire 30 June 2023



Arlo turned 7 on 8 March  
Harrison turns 7 on 21 March  
Lainey turns 12 on 24 March  
Sophie turns 7 on 25 March  
Harley turns 7 on 28 March

## SRC Minutes

Students of the SRC met on Friday 10 March. Students discussed the following: Running a BBQ at Bunnings over a weekend and a mini fete The minutes have been sent to Mrs Leary for consultation. Stay tuned.

## Class News

### K/1

**Literacy-** After exploring the story "The Great Rabbit Chase" the Waratahs created our own "Great Chase" around Iona Public School. Helping us on our journey we had many familiar faces; Mrs Leary, Mrs Mahony and Mrs Bird had a tea party, Mr Tarry and Mrs Tully made a ruckus with their music lesson, Mrs McDonnell and the Dolphins helped us to hunt for our lost pets. We had escaped elephants, snakes and even a scorpiousrex! We used descriptive language and narrative structure to create these clever stories.

**Maths-** Maths continues to be a blast with lots of hands-on activities like playdoh, counters, and paints. We have been learning all about patterns, how to identify them, how to use them to make predictions and learning to make them more complex. We have been working hard subitizing,

practising with tens and twenties frames and dot arrays such as those on dice. Students enjoyed the game "roll-a-race". In pairs we roll the dice once each, the person with the largest number gets the point, the first player to ten points is the winner! This is a quick and simple game which will help students to consolidate their learning. TOO EASY?! Add a second or even a third die, add the faces together to determine who has the largest number.

**Home readers** – Students were given home reading log books to complete. As your child completes each block of 25 nights they will be rewarded with a certificate. Those students who reach 200 nights by the end of the year will receive a special prize at presentation day. Please keep signing off your child’s work nightly as the class teachers will be monitoring their progress.

**Easter Hat Decorating** - On Monday 3 April we will be making our Easter Hats from 2.15pm. Each student needs to bring in a ‘base’ hat (sparkly glitter hats or plastic hats) that we can decorate. We will provide an assortment of decorations and the hot glue, however, students are welcome to bring specific decorations that they would like to use. **Parents are invited to come in and help.**

### 2/3

We are very excited to see our plants growing! Some results are better than others and we have had some discussion around why that might have happened. Students can take their plants home this week.



We have had a big focus on writing this term and we are now learning more about reading and our understanding of books and the message the author is trying to convey. We have learnt that many authors give animals, who are the main characters, human qualities in picture books! Last week we used the picture book “Koala Ark” and wrote our own sentences using noun groups.

**Maths** - During mathematics lessons we have been looking at the best ways to count a large collection of objects and mentally adding two-digit numbers.

**Adjectives and noun groups Piper**

Diagram	Article	The
	Adjective	furry tall
Diagram	Noun	koala
		tree

**Sentences**

The furry koala would not come down from the tall tree.

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**Adjectives and noun groups Ivy**

Diagram	Article	the
	Adjective	furry scared
Diagram	Noun	koala
		animals

**Sentences**

The furry koala sailed to rescue the scared animals.

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**Easter Hat Decorating** - On Wednesday 5 April we will be making our Easter Hats from 2:15pm. Each student needs to bring in a ‘base’ hat (sparkly glitter hats or plastic hats) and we will provide the rest. Students are welcome to bring their own decorations that they would like to use or share with others. Parents are invited to come in and help Mrs Baxter and students make some beautiful hats!

#### 4-6

This fortnight we will be learning/revising our 10x tables ready for our quiz in Week 10.

Well done to those students who have handed in their home reading logbook and received their first award. Keep on reading!

**Science** - Last week we made our working model of an irrigation system. The criteria outlined that it had to have some sort of catchment that fed water into a vegetable garden with the ability to turn on/off the flow of water. There were quite a few wonderful ideas including the use of pegs to increase or decrease the flow of water and feeding multiple gardens at once.

Throughout our trial-and-error process we realised that the placement of the pipe makes a big difference to the efficiency of the irrigation system and the switch is critical in ensuring our vegetable gardens don't get flooded.

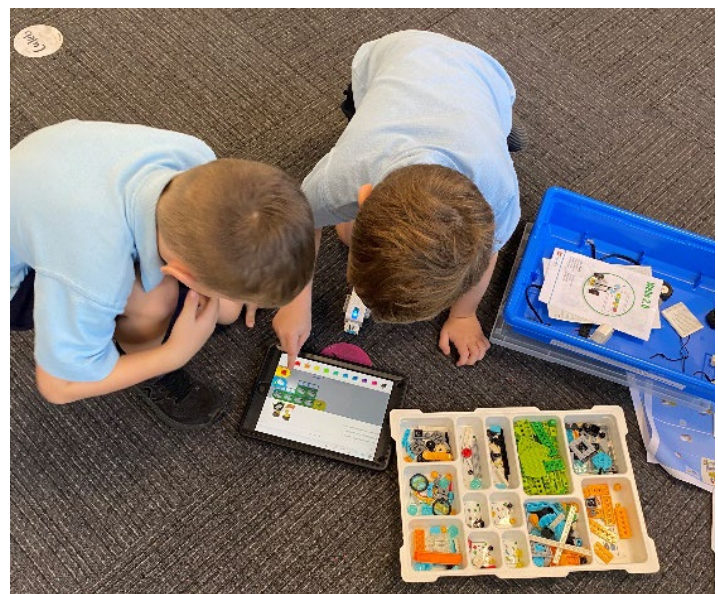


**Easter Hat Decorating** - On Wednesday 5 April we will be making our Easter Hats in class between 12pm - 1pm. Each student needs to bring in a 'base' hat (sparkly glitter hats or plastic hats) that we can decorate. We will provide an assortment of decorations and the hot glue, however, students are welcome to bring specific decorations that they would like to use. Parents are invited to come in and help, the more the merrier!

## Quality Work

To consolidate learning in our Living Things unit, students in K/1 had to work together to create and code a glow bug! This lesson had a particular focus: **TEAMWORK!**

Teamwork involves problem-solving, managing conflict, talking, listening, backing each other up and accepting each other. Well done Waratahs!





# HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM EASTER 2023



Bakers Delight Green Hills would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and donate to **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** 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 24<sup>th</sup> March** and your buns will be ready to collect on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bakersdelight.com.au/privacy-policy). Alternatively, please contact our Privacy Officer either via email at [privacy@bakersdelight.com.au](mailto:privacy@bakersdelight.com.au) or via phone on 03 9811 6111 and we will send or email you a free copy.