



Calendar

24 May	Check-in Assessment - Years 4 and 6 Dung Beetle incursion Years 2-6
29 May	K-3 Hunter Water Show- 'Let's Love Water'
31 May	Check-in Assessment- Years 4 and 6
2 June	K-1 Assembly
6 June	P & C Meeting
9 June	Regional Cross Country
12 June	Public Holiday – King's Birthday
16 June	2-3 Assembly
30 June	4-6 Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we wanted to inform you that Mrs. Leary will be staying at Maitland Public School for the remainder of Term 2. While we miss her presence here at Iona Public School, we understand the valuable contribution she is making to the students at Maitland. We know that she misses our Iona community dearly and is eagerly looking forward to returning for Term 3.

In Mrs. Leary's absence, Mrs. Bird has stepped in as the relieving Principal. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Morris and Mrs. Barber will be teaming up to share the responsibilities of teaching our K-1 class for the remainder of Term 2. Both Ms. Morris and Mrs. Barber are passionate and dedicated teachers who have a wealth of experience in early childhood education. We are confident that they will provide a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our youngest students.

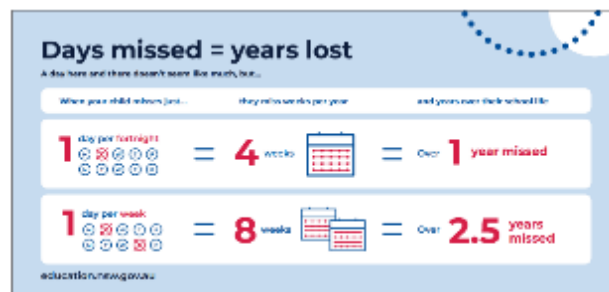
If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to contact us. We value your continued support and cooperation.

Zone Cross Country

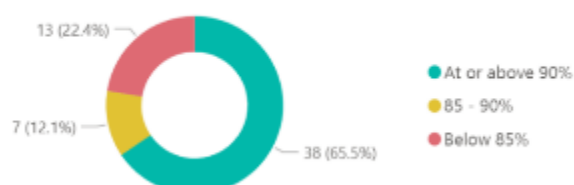
I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed, coordinated, or volunteered their time to ensure the success of the Zone Cross Country canteen. Furthermore, congratulations to all the students who participated in the event with determination and a sense of accomplishment.



Attendance



Attendance Level



Check in Assessment

Check-in assessments are online assessments for students in Years 3 to 9. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. There are two assessments: Reading and Numeracy. Students in **Years 4 and 6** will complete their Check-in assessment on **Wednesday 24 and Wednesday 31 May**. Please ensure that your child has working **headphones** at school for this assessment.

Dung Beetle Workshop

On Wednesday 24 May 2023, students in years 2 - 6 will be attending a workshop at school on the benefits of Dung Beetles and their role in agriculture. Students will be attending this workshop from 2:00pm - 3:00pm and it is a free event run by Hunter Local Land Services, based at Total. Please make sure you have filled out the permission form on Sentral.

Library Days

Please make sure you pack your library bags for the following days:

K/1 - Thursday

2/3 - Tuesday

4-6 - Monday

Mother's Day Picnic

Thank you to all our esteemed guests (our Mums) who joined us for the Mother's Day Picnic. The weather was beautiful, and it was heart-warming to witness your children showering you with love and attention. We hope that you had a truly rejuvenating and enjoyable day.









Let's Love Water Show

Students in K – 3 will be learning how to save water through a colourful and interactive performance held at the school on Monday 29 May.



Pirate Day

What a wonderful day we had on Friday with our fundraiser to support kid's brain cancer research. There were so many wonderful costumes! We managed to raise \$70 for the cause. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Emma turned 9 on 16 May
Cameron turned 6 on 19 May
Owen turns 7 on 27 May

Awards Week 4

Merit Awards

K/1

Owen for being a helpful class member

Imogen for great independent work in Maths

2/3

Lara for working hard to understand new concepts in Maths

Ivy for improvement in Reading

4 - 6

Eleanor for writing a wonderful letter using emotive language

Cooper for always thinking of others and putting their needs first

Elliot for always trying her best

Library

Olive for being an avid library borrower

Ivy for her positive attitude to learning in library lessons

Phoebe for being actively engaged during library lessons

Health & Safety

Preston for playing safely in the playground

Sport

Cameron for having fun while playing soccer with the seniors

Environmental

Aishwarya for picking up equipment and rubbish from the playground

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Jack for respect and resilience during the athletics carnival

Home Reading

Please keep handing in all home reader folders for monitoring and awards. It is truly pleasing to see so many of our students achieving 25 nights 50 nights and 75 nights of reading. This is an outstanding effort and should be recognised accordingly!

25 Nights Home Reading Awards

Lara

75 Nights Home Reading Awards

Stella

Class News

4-6

We are at the halfway point already. Time is just flying! I will be sending home some maths homework over the next few weeks just as revision. Please ensure it is completed and returned to school on the following Monday, this gives all students the weekend to complete it.

Writing, the GOATS have been analysing the differences between what makes a character simple or complex. Students Inferred characteristics from passages to determine the nature of the character.

Maths, the GOATS have been learning about angles and using a protractor to measure and classify an angle.

STEM classes, students are just about finishing up on their coding and robotics lessons. We will start to design and plan sections of our SMART farm design. The farm will be designed to be as hands free as possible.

2/3

All students have continued to work extremely hard in all aspects of their learning. Ms McDonnell has been assessing reading and comprehension recently and is so proud of the effort and progress all students are making. Students are enjoying their weekly Geography lessons with Mrs Baxter and have been using google earth to look at the local area.

K/1

We've reached the midpoint of Term 2! I've recently been informed that Mrs. Leary will be away at Maitland PS for the rest of the term. However, we have managed to secure two excellent teachers, Mrs. Barber and Ms. Morris, who will be joining our class. Let's give them a warm welcome!

News Topics:

Week	Topic
2	<i>My Easter Holiday-</i> Recount an activity or experience during the school holidays
3	<i>Free Choice-</i> Show and Tell (bring in an item to show and talk about) <u>OR</u> Recount/Retell about an event, outing, activity etc.
4	<i>A Great Book:</i> Bring in your favourite book. Tell the class the title of the book and choose 1 page from the book to show or read to the class. Give the book a rating out of 5. What makes it such a great book?
5	<i>Free Choice-</i> Show and Tell (bring in an item to show and talk about) <u>OR</u> Recount/Retell about an event, outing, activity etc.
6	<i>My Favourite Game</i> – Choose a game you enjoy and explain how it is played. You will need to talk about the things you need, the things you do to play the game and the rules. You can choose a sport, a party game, a board game, a card game or a game like 'Duck, Duck Goose', 'or What's the time Mr Wolf'?
7	<i>Free Choice-</i> Show and Tell (bring in an item to show and talk about) <u>OR</u> Recount/Retell about an event, outing, activity etc.
8	<i>Keeping Healthy</i> – Discuss five ways that you keep yourself healthy. It could be through sleeping well, eating healthy, playing sport, swimming, drinking plenty of water and so on.
9	<i>Free Choice-</i> Show and Tell (bring in an item to show and talk about) <u>OR</u> Recount/Retell about an event, outing, activity etc.
10	<i>STEM</i> – Make something from recycled materials. Explain to the class what materials you have used, what it is and what it is used for. Happy creating!

Road Safety Update for Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been an increase in reported incidents involving children running onto the road in front of vehicles within the school zone.

Here are some safety tips to ensure the safety of your child:

- Hold the hand of your child when leaving the school grounds
- Park on the same side of the road where your child is to be picked up or dropped off – this avoids the need for your child to cross the road
- Avoid queuing too early
- Leave additional time – school drop off and pick up are peak times for traffic and pedestrian movement
- Have patience and put safety first – unnecessary mistakes can be made when you're rushing
- Practice waiting with your child on the kerb until the bus has driven away
- Practice appropriate gap selection with your child if they are traveling alone
- Utilise bus travel where possible – it reduces congestion around schools and increases safety for all
- For more information on road safety in Port Stephens, please visit pscouncil.info/road-safety



PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL

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, SHORTS - \$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 & PAYMENT DUE 24 MAY 2023

ILLUMiNATE

RAYMOND TERRACE

Friday 26 May 2023

5 to 9pm

Riverside Park
Raymond Terrace

FIRE AND LIGHT
COMMUNITY PARADE
LIVE MUSIC
ROVING ARTISTS
SILENT DISCO
FOOD TRUCKS
FIREWORKS

pscouncil.info/illuminate-raymond-terrace



IT'S ON!



**BE A VOICE
FOR GENERATIONS**



**NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2023**
27 MAY — 3 JUNE

Reconciliation Week BBQ

Everyone is invited to enjoy a
BBQ lunch and refreshments to
recongnise inclusion for
Reconciliation Week.



Friday 2nd June 2023,
12 noon - 2pm



Maitland Park

Welcome to
Country by
local Elders

Yarning
circle for
discussion

Kids
Activities



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