



Calendar

31 Aug	Father's Day Stall
4 Sept	Father's Day BBQ and Footy Colours Day
5 Sept	P & C Meeting
6 Sept	Meerkat Performance Mt Kanwary interaction day
8 Sept	Assembly 2.30pm 4-6 presenting
20 Sept	3 Way Conferences
22 Sept	Assembly 2.30pm 2/3 presenting
	Last day of Term 3
9 Oct	Staff and students return

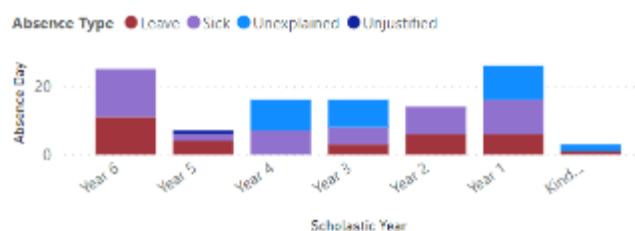
Attendance Week

Throughout this week, your child will receive a comprehensive Attendance Report, an essential document that provides insights into their attendance records. We kindly request your attention to this report, as it plays a crucial role in keeping track of your child's educational journey.

At Iona PS, we hold the belief that every moment in the classroom contributes to a student's growth and success. As such, we want to ensure that all absences, including partial ones, are appropriately addressed and explained. You can notify the school by an in-person visit to our office, a phone call, or via the Parent Sentral portal.

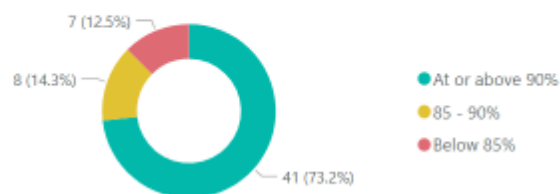
Fostering positive attendance habits is a responsibility shared between the school, parents and students. The overall attendance rate reflects a dedication to learning. This positive trend is undoubtedly reflected in the remarkable achievements our students continue to accomplish. EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Absences by Cohort, Absence Type



Cohort Attendance Level

Attendance Level



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



3 Way Conferences

Teachers will be conducting their 3-Way conference on Wednesday 20 September between 8.30am and 3.45pm. Please see the office to book your appointment. If this time does not suit, contact your classroom teacher for alternate times.

Student Invoices

Student invoices will be sent home today. Canberra excursion needs to be finalised by Friday 13 October (week 1 term 4).

Road Safety

For a significant period, our school has upheld a crucial behaviour expectation – that all children wait for their parents or guardians to accompany them safely across the road during drop-off and pick-up times. However, we find it necessary to address a growing concern. Our staff members have recently witnessed several near misses within the carpark area. Regrettably, some instances involve students attempting to cross the main road, Paterson Road, without the supervision of an adult. This situation is not only alarming but also poses a significant risk to the safety of our young learners. We kindly request your immediate attention to this matter. If, for any reason, adhering to this expectation proves to be challenging, we encourage you to reach out to the school. We are open to discussing alternative solutions.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and commitment to the safety of our students.

PBL Focus

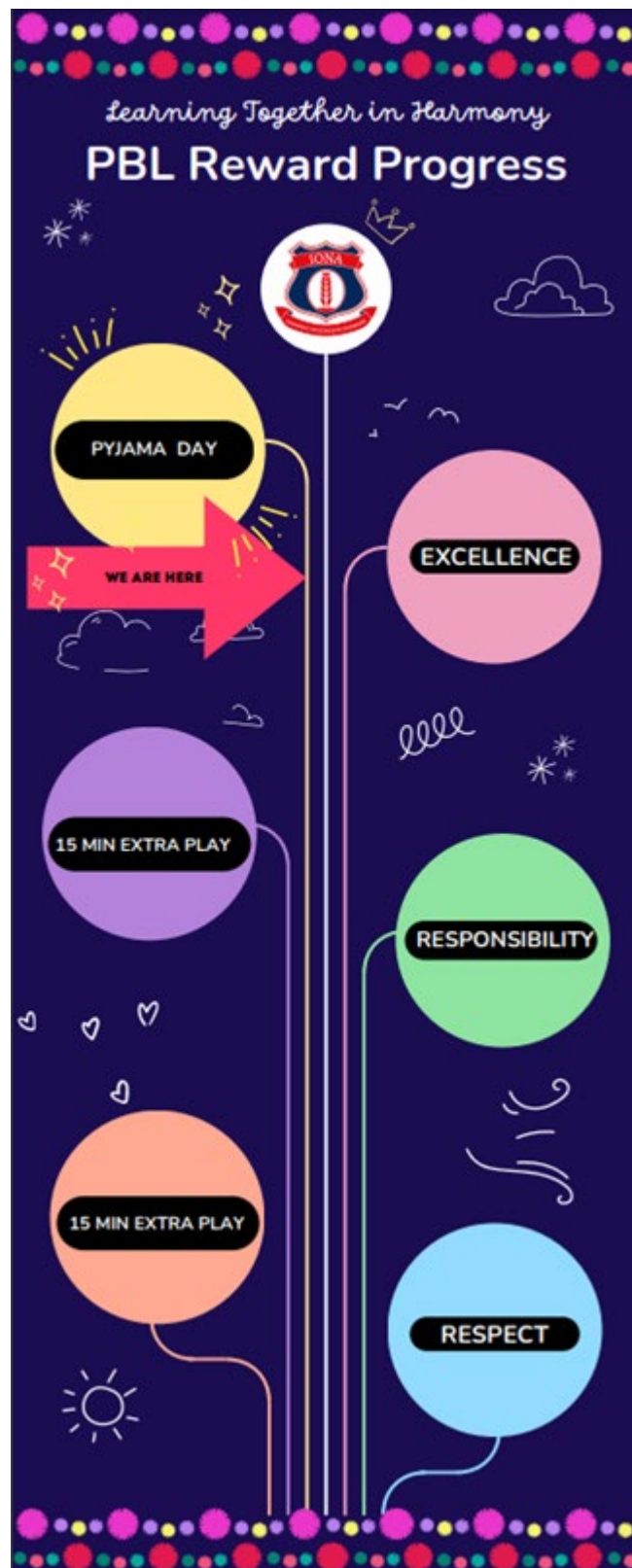
The PBL focus over the next 2 weeks are:

- I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I learn from my mistakes.

Our "warm fuzzies" reward tube is rapidly brimming with accomplishments – Well done on a collaborative effort everyone! We're making rapid progress towards securing the major PBL reward, Pyjama Day. Well done!

Father's Day Stall

The stall will be held on Thursday 31 August. Gifts are priced between \$2-\$10. Please remember to send cash and a bag to take the gift home in.



Book Week

Thank you to everyone for putting in so much effort into your costumes, they all looked fantastic! It is always a great afternoon where we can share the fun with family and friends!





Father's Day BBQ and Footy Colours Day

Come join us on Monday, 4 September, at Iona Public School! We're hosting a BBQ at 1:15pm, followed by fun games on the field. It's also Footy Colours Day, so we encourage everyone, including students and visitors, to wear their sports or footy colours to support kids with cancer. Feel free to contribute a small gold coin donation towards the Fight Cancer Foundation. For catering purposes, a note will be sent out via Parent Sentral, please indicate how many people will be attending, including your child/ren.








FATHER'S DAY BBQ

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER @ 1.15PM



Fight Cancer
Foundation

**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY!**







Father's Day stall

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST

AWARDS WEEK 4

Merit Awards

K/1

Gwen for beautiful presentation of her work during writing lessons

Lailah for great work during reading groups

2/3

Sophie for improvement in both multiplication and spelling

Clementine for writing a terrific paragraph about an inspirational athlete

4-6

Ben-Andrei for using a variety of strategies when solving maths problems

Thomas for consistent application in mathematics

Health & Safety

Isla for creating a safe environment for herself and her friends

Sport

Layla for excellent sportsmanship in class sporting activities

Environmental

Lexi for helping the environmental groups water the gardens

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Harry H for always helping younger students engage in lunch and recess play

PBL

Oliver for showing great sportsmanship during sports lessons

Ziah for always using his hands and feet in the appropriate way

Lakai for demonstrating sportsmanship values

Lara for always keeping her hands and feet to herself

Phoebe for always using her hands and feet in the appropriate way

Harry H for showing great sportsmanship during sports lessons

Home reading

25 nights – Owen

75 nights - Harley

100 nights – Harley, Robert

125 nights – Emma

150 nights – Arlo



Lailah turned 7 on 19 August

Layla turned 10 on 27 August

Class News

K/1

Last week just flew by, with our Book week celebration and our assembly item on Friday, it was also a very busy week. With Father's Day this coming weekend, you can look forward to some exciting things coming home. During English, we are continuing to our work on prepositions and pronouns and also getting all students to start writing some exciting compound sentences. In Maths we have been working on collating data and then putting this information into a picture graph. The kids are having lots of fun making our graphs.

We are still focusing on our cricket skills during sport, we have some amazing future cricket players!!

Don't forget to keep your home readers coming in and we have library every Thursday morning, so remember to bring your library bags.



2/3

Last week we said goodbye to Mr Boyce, who was completing his internship in our room for the last 6 weeks. We hope that he has valued his time here and we wish him lots of success in his teaching career.

This week, the Dolphins are learning about metaphors and using them, as well as complex sentences to write some terrific sentences. All students are working hard on their reading skills, and many are getting very close to an end of year book prize for reading for 200 nights. This is really reflected in their classroom read-aloud time.

In Mathematics we have been really focusing on multiplication and division, using arrays. We have also looked at halving and doubling and how we can use them to do multiplication. For example, if we see 3×8 we can halve the 8 so we can do 3×4 and then double the answer. This makes multiplication much easier.

We are looking at heat in Science and have been investigating how heat can be used in everyday objects, such as a candle, hot water bottle and a jug!

We are continuing to build on cricket skills during Friday sport sessions.



4-6

Welcome to Week 7! Last week we had our wonderful book week celebration. I was so impressed by the costumes and how some of our students embodied the characters as well. We have Father's Day coming up and will be busy making some presents for Dad this week.

In Literacy we have been working on our website, we have added text, our own sketches, pictures and videos.

We have also been looking at poetry and writing a Haiku, Tanka and Pensee poem.

In Maths Year 4 have been working on fractions and decimals, Year 5 have been working on

financial plans and Year 6 have been working on multiplying decimals.

We are looking forward to seeing the Meerkat production on Frank's Red Hat coming up and have started making our masks.

Miss Tully

We have now reached the halfway point of term 3. It's getting a bit real that our Year 6 groups will soon be leaving us for high school. I'm sure they will have some great adventures. In Literacy, students in the G.O.A.T.S classroom have been researching and writing informational descriptions on the different types of dung beetles. Adding onto this, after each writing task is completed, they have been uploading their work onto their own websites. I'm sure they are very excited to show what they have been working on this term. In Mathematics, we have continued to establish our understanding of additive strategies during the classes' number talks. We have also been building a deeper understanding of fractions and decimal multiplication.

On a side note, students will have been participating in the STEM City Project. As we approach the expo day in Term 4, we need recyclable materials to build our smart farm. Any assistance in this would be greatly appreciated. Below are pictures of the students prototype builds out of paper. The farm will eventually be run all through code.

Mr Tarry





WANTED PATERSON CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR PLAYERS

Paterson Cricket Club is after 10-12 year olds boys or girls to play for our club
Games are played Saturday Mornings at Paterson and around the maitland area
cost is \$100 and you can use your kids active voucher to cover the cost, no game fee's
Come and make new friends and have fun while playing cricket

No experience is needed

All uniforms is supplied

Sign up at

www.playhq.com

Type in Paterson Cricket Club

For More information please contact Jack
Cowled 0427385603 or
Patersoncricketclub@gmail.com



REGO OPEN!

NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB

SENIORS

JUNIORS

- Grade teams from 1st Grade to 3rd Grade
- 120 Years of History
- Current Club Champions the best Club in Maitland Cricket
- Junior Development
- Blasters Cricket
- Best Clubhouse facilities in Country NSW
- Representative Opportunities

BLASTERS

Enquiries: 0449 446 813 Email: clubcoordinator@nssc.com.au

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT A WASTE

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Here are our top tips to reduce your food waste to save money and help the planet!

1. Only buy what you need
2. Store your food correctly
3. Love those leftovers
4. Don't throw away tired fruit and veg
5. Buy odd shaped fruit and veg

Read more about how to reduce food waste tips on our blog at:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

SAVE THE DATE
IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GET YOUR FUNK ON

School disco

BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR YEAR 6 GIFT, DRINKS, GAMES AND GOOD TIMES!

When: September 15th 2023
Where: Iona public school undercover area
Time: 4pm-6pm



HUNTER KIDS

Vacation Care Paterson



Note: This is just a general guide.

Activities are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, educator ratio, etc.
We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program has commenced.

Please provide a hat, full lunch box, drink bottle, closed in shoes every day.

Service cost: \$71.00 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

Incursion/Excursions: \$81.00 (Transport, admission fees included)

5

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday 25th September, 2023	MIXED MEDIA MADNESS Design, create, sculpt and decorate. A fun filled day to satisfy the artisan inside you. Work with clay to construct a unique masterpiece of your own. 	\$81.00	In Service
Tuesday 26th September, 2023	 PULSE CLIMBING Experience the adventure of rock climbing with fun focused and engaging play activities to provide a solid foundation of climbing and general fitness.	\$81.00	Excursion to Pulse Climbing Maitland
Wednesday 27th September, 2023	ROCKPOOL ADVENTURES Enjoy the rockpool show learning interesting facts about the sea creatures, touch them with fun activities. 	\$81.00	Excursion at Coal Point
Thursday 28th September, 2023	 TAKE A TRIP TO JAPAN Come along with us to Japan. Learn interesting facts, activities and their culture. Enjoy some of the food that Japan offers.	\$71.00	In Service
Friday 29th September, 2023	 CAMP CONQUER Two camp sites limited supplies ONE IMMUNITY. Team building challenges, mystery adventures. Who will Survive and Conquer?	\$71.00	In Service



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Monday 2nd October, 2023	<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED</u>		
Tuesday 3rd October, 2023	<u>TOTAL HOMESTEAD</u> A tour of total homestead heritage site with stories of the characters and activities at total over the past 200 years. 	\$81.00	Excursion to Total Homestead Total
Wednesday 4th October, 2023	 <u>READING CINEMAS MAITLAND</u> <u>TMNT Turtle Mayhem</u> The Turtle brothers work to earn the love of New York City while facing down an army of mutants.	\$81.00	Excursion to Reading Cinemas Maitland
Thursday 5th October, 2023	<u>WATER SPLASH DAY</u> Splash around in the water castles. Experience fun filled activities full of water play with all your friends. 	\$71.00	In Service
Friday 6th October, 2023	 <u>UNDERGROUND ARCADE</u> Check out the virtual reality rooms with 50 games and the retro arcade machines plus more.	\$81.00	Excursion to Underground Arcade Toronto

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE at

hunter20kids@gmail.com OR 0410 647 153

Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend.

Includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea.

Hours of operation

7.00am-6.00pm

Excursion days there will be strict drop off times, details will be sent via email the day before.

Hunter Kids Paterson

Vacation Care Booking Form

September – October 2023



Fees Per Day:

Service Based

Excursion/Incursion

CONDITIONS

\$71.00

\$81.00

1. All fees need to be paid seven days after invoice. Fees are payable for days booked, irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the program commences.
2. New enrolments will be required to pay the first week in advance at full cost. Child care subsidy will be applied and any credits will be refunded if required.
3. No swapping of days once program has commenced, only adding on days if places are available.
4. Our service is open daily from 7:00am - 6:00pm. We are unable to provide care outside of these hours. A late fee of \$5 per 15 minutes or part thereof per child will apply for children collected after 6:00pm.
5. Excursions. Staffing will be based on risk assessment. In the event the activities are cancelled, service-based activities will be offered.
6. Hunter Kids does not accept any liability for personal injury, property damage, personal items (including jewelry, glasses, and electronic devices) or any loss sustained by any child when attending the Vacation Care Program due to any cause whatsoever unless this has been caused by proven negligence of by the independently owned operator. I have read, understood, and approved the information, policies and procedures on this form, the enrolment form, family handbook and centre policies and procedures.

Family/Guardian Name: _____

Family/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number Mobile: _____ Date: _____

Bookings (please tick the box each day the child will be attending)

CHILD 1:	Family Name:			First Name:		Age:
DOB:	CRN:			School:		
DATE:	MON 25/09	TUES 26/09	WED 27/09	THURS 28/09	FRI 29/09	ALL
DATE:	TUE 03/10	WED 04/10	THUR 05/10	FRI 06/10	ALL	

What do children need each day?

1. Ensure each child has a complete lunchbox with snacks and lunch. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea is provided as per the menu.
2. Dress children in appropriate clothing & footwear for activities and bring a broad brimmed hat. No hat, no play!
3. Bring a water drink bottle every day or even two on hot days.

Return completed Booking form to:

Elaine McCourt

Hunter Kids OSHC or
hunter20kids@gmail.com

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CHILD 2:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 25/09	TUES 26/09	WED 27/09	THURS 28/09	FRI 29/09	ALL
DATE:		TUE 03/10	WED 04/10	THUR 05/10	FRI 06/10	ALL

CHILD 3:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 25/09	TUES 26/09	WED 27/09	THURS 28/09	FRI 29/09	ALL
DATE:		TUE 03/10	WED 04/10	THUR 05/10	FRI 06/10	ALL

CHILD 4:		Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:		CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 25/09	TUES 26/09	WED 27/09	THURS 28/09	FRI 29/09	ALL
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