



Calendar

Term 1 - 2024	
12 Feb	Small School Swimming Carnival
23 Feb	Leaders Morning Tea
8 March	Life Ed Van - Incursion
13-22 March	NAPLAN
28 March	Easter Hat Parade
29-1 April	Easter break
2 April	Taronga Park Zoo
12 April	Last day of Term

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back is extended to all students and their families who have enrolled at Iona Public School for 2024. We hope that this year will be enjoyable, fun, engaging and challenging for all students. We would also like to welcome our new families to our school.

Our classes for this year will be as follows:

- K-2– Term 1 - Mr Burgess (M,T,Th,F) and Mrs Barber (Wed). Ms Tully (M-Wed) has decided to be a mum for first term and will be on leave until Term 2.
- Yr 3-6 – Mrs Bird and Mrs Barber (Tues)
- Mrs Leary RFF, LaST and library for all classes.
- Mrs Clarke (T,W,Th) and Mr Gliddon (M,T,W) (SLSO) supporting all classes.
- Mrs Mahony - Office Manager
- Mr Rodney Crocker – GA

Library News

Students will have library on the following days:

K-2 – Wednesday

3-6 – Thursday

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

Newsletter

Our Monday newsletter will continue to be uploaded via SENTRAL fortnightly, on even weeks of the term. Please ensure that you have liked us on Facebook and have downloaded the SENTRAL App to keep up to date with weekly happenings at school. All updates during the fortnight will be sent via these platforms.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 February (tomorrow) at 8:15am in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Our 2024 AGM will also be held on Tuesday 6 February at 8:15am in the library. 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 is all about! P&C membership is only \$2!

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Iona Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 8.15am in the school library. In accordance with the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association guidelines, the following will apply:

The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider nominating for one of these positions.

Sport Term 1

Sport this term will be held every Friday, so the school sports uniform needs to be worn on Fridays.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Monday 12 February 2024, our Year 3-6 students (and some Year 2 students who turn 8 this year, and who can confidently swim 50m) will attend the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival being held at Beresfield Pool. A permission note was sent home last Friday. Please return these by Wednesday 9 February.

Sentral

An access key for all new families has been sent home today as both an email and a hard copy. If you require help setting up your family account on Sentral please see Mrs Mahony in the office. Existing Iona PS parents don't forget to update the App to include all your children who are here at school.

All permission notes, newsletters and updates go home via the Sentral Parent Portal App.

Icees and Ice blocks

A reminder that Icees are sold Monday-Thursday for 20c and Ice blocks/creams on Fridays for \$2. All proceeds of these go towards Year 6 fundraising

It would be appreciated if all Year 6 families support this initiative by providing a box of ice creams/blocks to start off the beginning of the year.

Thank you holiday gardening crew

Heartfelt appreciation to Meg, Imogen, Alex, Kurt, Matilda and their extended families for their green thumbs over the holidays who spent some time tending to our gardens.

Additional thanks to Mr Gliddon for his creative and concreting skills installing two race car tracks.

Student Health and Contacts

Have your child's health needs changed over the school break, or have you change 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.

Class News

Hello and welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and holiday period and is feeling recharged. I am very excited to be on our K/1/2 class 4 days a week this term, with everyone's favourite singing teacher Mrs Barber joining us on Wednesdays. Although our first week of term was short, students had an enjoyable time catching up with each other after the holidays and getting to know our new friends who we are very lucky to have in our class this year. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out or catch me at the gate before/after school. I can't wait to get stuck into our learning this year!
Mr Burgess

3-6

We hope this message finds you well rested as we eagerly welcome everyone back to another exciting school year! 📖🌟 We proudly announce our class name - "The Phoenix's." Just like the mythical phoenix, we are resilient, determined, and ready to rise above any challenges that come our way.

A special note for Tuesdays: While I am away fulfilling the role of APCI, the talented Mrs Barber will be leading the class. With her passion for education and commitment to student success, we are confident that every Tuesday will be filled with engaging lessons and exciting opportunities.

Let's embark on this learning adventure together, Phoenix's! Get ready for a year of discovery, friendship, and achievements. Here's to a fantastic academic year!
Mrs Bird



Theo turned 8 on 3 January
Sarah turned 9 on 9 January
Robert turned 8 on 10 January



4 simple steps to a healthy lunchbox

Packing an everyday lunchbox is as easy as:

Step 1: Pack vegetables for Veg & Fruit Break (e.g. carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes).

Step 2: Pack fruit and an everyday snack for recess (e.g. popcorn, reduced fat yoghurt, rice crackers and cheese).

Step 3: Pack a sandwich, wrap, roll or leftovers (e.g. pasta, rice or roast vegetables) for lunch.

Step 4: Finish with water as the perfect thirst quencher.

Don't forget to pack an ice brick to keep food safe!



Carrot sticks



Banana
Reduced fat yoghurt



Vegetable fried rice



Water

For easy ideas on healthy lunchboxes scan the QR code or visit: www.swapit.net.au/ideas



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INFORMATION!



Paterson River
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AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS

THURSDAY 15, 22 & 29 FEBRUARY

4:30-5:30PM

PATERSON NETBALL COURTS,
WEBBERS CREEK ROAD

FREE NETBALL FUN

JOIN US IN 2024 FOR THREE FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS
FOR NEW PLAYERS AGED 5-9 YEARS.

PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB IS A COMMUNITY CLUB FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES. THESE SESSIONS AIM TO GIVE PLAYERS NEW TO NETBALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE GAME, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, AND MEET NEW FRIENDS.

WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE NEW PLAYERS TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2024 WINTER SEASON TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB IN THE SATURDAY MORNING NETSETGO SEASON IN MAITLAND (COSTS TO BE ADVISED).

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