



Iona Public School

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Learning Together in Harmony

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

Calendar

Term 3 - 2024

30 Aug Fathers' Day
4 Sept Meerkat Incursion
25 Sept 3-Way Conferences
27 Sept Last day of term 3

Term 4 - 2024

21 Oct School Photos
1 Nov Colour Explosion
6,13,20 Nov Kindergarten orientation



Bullying No Way Photos



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Book Week Photos



Sport

As well as basketball, which the students are loving being coached by coach Dan, our grant from Sporting Schools has also allowed us to engage coaches from AFL for the next 5 weeks on a Friday. Students can wear their normal school uniform on this day, though joggers are recommended.

3-Way Conferences

All teachers will be holding 3-way conferences on Wednesday 25 September 2024, from 8:30-4:30pm. Parents will be able to book a time with their child's teacher to discuss goals and needs for 2024. 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 booking for your conference.

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MRAG Excursion

Our excursion to Maitland Regional Art Gallery was amazing. We had a tour of the art gallery and saw art by Brittany Ferns, Megan McGee and Margaret Ollie. We then created an artwork using collage and completed a code breaker where we had to follow clues to locate specific artwork.

Owen- "I liked the part when we watched the video on light"

Edward- "I loved the code breaker where we had to follow the clues...we did the whole thing!"

Indie- "I loved it, it was very fun, my favourite part was when we were able to look at the paintings"

Imogen- "I liked when we were able to make our own artwork, I made a picture of a flame door and 2 dragons".



Meerkat – Wednesday 4 September

On Wednesday Mt Kanwary PS will be joining us for an interaction day before we all head to see the performance of 'Timeless' in the Woodville School of Arts Hall. All students will be engaged in activities based on the CBCA shortlisted books for 2024. Please make sure that all permission notes on SENTRAL have been returned to attend the incursion.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 3 September at 8:15am in the library. All welcome.

Father's Day Stall

This Wednesday we will be having our Father's Day stall. Gifts range from \$2.50 - \$10.00 Please bring in a bag to take your goodies home in.

Disco



More information to follow in next week's newsletter.



Staff Professional Learning

Mrs Bird and Mrs Leary will be attending a two-day professional learning session with Lyn Sharrat on 11 & 12 September. This PL supports our schools School Improvement Plan (SIP), and engagement in ensuring that we have an explicit focus on explicit teaching, data walls, visible learning and learning walks, to improve teaching and learning in all classrooms.

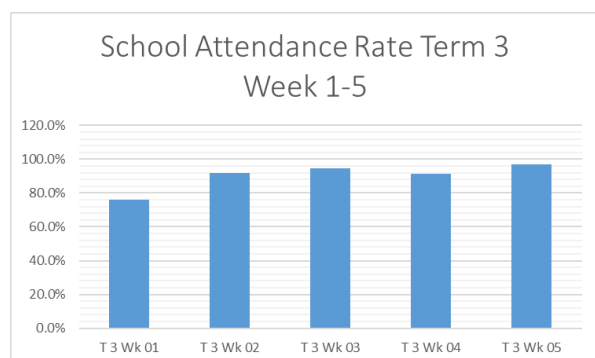
Mrs Leary will also be attending the Maitland Principal Network Day on 6 September and the Maitland PPA conference on Friday 13 September.

2025 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for 2025. The enrolment form can now be completed online via our school website. Follow the link below for more information:
<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=4642>

Attendance – Congratulations Iona!

For the past four weeks we have been above the 90% mark for attendance. Last week we hit the 96.8% mark overall! Congratulations and thank you for supporting us knowing that Every Day Matters.



A reminder that if your child misses' school for any reason, please contact the school within 7 days to provide an explanation. All absences need to be explained via return SMS or in writing. There are a variety of ways to provide an explanation for your child's absence:

- Provide an absence via your SENTRAL Parent Portal
- Respond to the email sent via SENTRAL or
- Contact the school office

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club brochures have been sent home today. All orders need to be placed by Wednesday 11 September.

Canteen

See roster below – if you can help out please put your name on the roster located on the noticeboard at the front of the school.

Date	Volunteer
30 August	Katy Mitchell
6 September	Kayti McMurray
13 September	
20 September	
27 September	Clare Vollmer

Class News

K-2

What a busy few weeks it has been! It was awesome to see everyone's book week costumes on Wednesday, and crazy hair on Friday. During writing lessons, we have been looking at patterns in the text 'Go Home Cheeky Animals!' and adding to the story. In maths we wrapped up our unit on data, tallying the different types of birds we see in our school, and transferring that data into picture graphs. In science, we looked at strong and weak forces and how sports use push and pull.

Reminders

- With the weather warming up students will need to make sure they have their school hats to play outside.
- **Homework** to be returned on Fridays- we have had a good number of returns as of late!
- **Home reader** change over Tuesday.

Thanks everyone!

Mr Burgess and Ms Tully

3-6

Fantastic effort everyone with all of your book week costumes. We are always blown away with the creativity and range of books represented.

Each week students in our class are given 1 minute to prepare for an impromptu speech. It can be a daunting task however so many students are improving each week. We are trying to

remember to use eye contact and project our voice so it can be heard by all. With speeches towards the end of Term, it is the perfect time to practise and improve these skills. Please have your public speaking speech ready by Wednesday!

3D printing designs- Students have had the opportunity to print out their designs from Tinkercad on the 3D printer. The printer will be very busy in the coming weeks printing out everyone's work! Students will start bringing home their designs soon once they are printed.



Ms Tully and Mrs Bird



Join us for a free screening of **Rachel's Farm**

A powerful documentary following Rachel Ward on her regenerative farming journey!

Woodville School of Arts	Seaham School of Arts
Saturday 7 September	Sunday 8 September
3 to 6pm	3 to 6pm

Scan the QR code to book a free ticket:

BYO mug for pumpkin soup

Brought to you by the Hinterland Town Team in partnership with Port Stephens Council

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AWARDS WEEK 3

Merit Awards

K-2

Ari for using the techniques taught during the Art Gallery Excursion to create a beautiful artwork

Caleb for always taking pride in his schoolwork

3-6

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Health & Safety

Miriam for being responsible and following the school rules

Sport

Edward for following handball rules while still showing respect to his peers

Environmental

Eadie for placing her rubbish into the correct bins

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Cooper for settling into the routines and rules of Iona PS. Very proud of you Cooper!

Reading Awards

25 nights- Owen

50 nights- Georgie

75 nights- Georgie, Matilda



Piper turned 9 on 14 August

Layla turns 11 on 28 August

TMCC 2024/25 REGISTRATIONS

Incentive:
Obtain a \$500 sponsor get 1 free registration
Obtain a \$1000 sponsor get 2 free registrations

REGISTER NOW!

Register before July 31 and go into the draw to win.
1st: The price of your registration back
2nd: \$100 rebel sport voucher
3rd: \$50 rebel sport voucher

- SENIORS: \$150 Plus \$20 per week game fees
- JUNIORS: \$150 no game fees
- JUNIORS PLAYING SENIORS: \$250 no game fees

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Come have a Blast



MAITLAND INDOOR CRICKET BLAST



Come and join us for 4 weeks of cricketing fun!

Day: Thursdays
Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Dates: 5, 12, 19 & 26 September
Where: Maitland Indoor Sports Centre
Cost: \$25 (includes a participant pack)

To register, scan the QR code or head to:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/2af262>



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