



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

December 12	Year 6 Day Out
December 13	Pizza payment due
December 19	Class Presentations
December 19	Party Day
December 19	Last day of term - students
January 30	1 st day for students 1 - 6
January 31	Kinder 1 st Day

Year 6 Day Out- Reminder

This Wednesday Year 6 will celebrate the end of their primary school years with a special day out. The students will be going to Greenhills, East Maitland to see a movie, have lunch and then visit Timezone. Ms Hartigan will be the supervising teacher for the day as Mrs Leary will be in Sydney for a Professional Learning course. We apologise for the late notice of the note but we had no network last week and could not print permission notes. Please return these by tomorrow. Students only need to take their own money to purchase lunch.

School Accounts

All accounts are now overdue, can you please arrange payment by the end of this week. Invoices have been sent home today.

P&C Meeting

Please note that our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 February at 8:15am in the library.

Class Party Day - Reminder

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 19 December. This is NOT an out of uniform day as we are having class presentations in the morning. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their

favourites. Please see Mrs Mahony if your child won't eat pizza). Each child will also be given some soft drink, chips and an ice block. *Payment of \$7 must be paid for your child to participate by Thursday 13 December.*

For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will not be attending on that day. After our party we will be having a 'Water Play' afternoon (using up some of the dye also from the Colour Fun Day) *so please make sure that students have old clothes that they can change into.*

Classes for 2019

As mentioned at the past P&C meeting our numbers for next year look like we will have 2 classes. However every day these numbers are changing, so we may not exactly know until the first few days back how many classes we will have for 2019. At this stage, there will be a K-1-2 and a 3-4-5-6 class. We are also still awaiting the appointment of a teacher for Ms Hammer's position, which may occur over the holidays. If you would like to discuss this with me further, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

The staff would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to Iona PS this past year. Without your support we could not possibly provide the students with the many wonderful opportunities they currently receive. We would also like to say farewell to the following families; Duggans', Fitzpatrick's', Maynards', and Hughes'. We thank you for all that you have contributed to Iona and wish you all the very best during the next stage of your education journey with your children. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!



PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL

Port Stephens Council is again running a Vacation Care program throughout January 2019.

Contact details are: Ph 49880308 or email childcare@portstephens.nsw.gov.au.

Some services are run at Medowie and some at Raymond Terrace.

Library Books

Thank you to everyone who has returned library books to school. We still have a number outstanding. If you discover any at home during the holidays, please drop them back into the school office as soon as possible.

Good for Kids good for life

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time

- Plan screen-free time, like outdoor play, music and sport.
- Lead by example - reduce your own screen time.
- Agree on daily screen time limits. It's not punishment, it's about keeping a balance.
- Be involved - watch TV and play games together.
- Use tech tools to manage access, such as parental controls.
- Set tech-free zones and times at home - e.g. all screens off in bedrooms after a specified time.
- Resist giving mobile devices to children when going out - take books or toys instead.
- Start with small reductions to help lessen any resistance.

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PHONE 49246499



CHRISTMAS VACATION CARE 20th December until 21st December, 2018



Located at Wirreanda OOSH, Brocklesby Road, Medowie.

Thursday 20/12/2018	Friday 21/12/2018
3D Baubles Candle Holders Reindeer Hands  Candy Creations Split Pin Fun Egg Carton Deer's Cooking: Christmas Cookies	<i>Dress Up: Christmas Spirit</i> Carton Elves Light It Up Skating Snowmen Paddle Pop Pals Bottle Cap Reindeers  Cooking: Marshmallow Men & Strawberry Santa's

Need to do some last minute shopping?



Let your kids come to us for some great games, fun and interesting activities.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

Rude-olph!



Keep the kids busy and send them to Vacation Care for cooking, craft and plaster fun.

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