



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

8 Dec	Presentation Awards
10 Dec	Colour Explosion
13 Dec	Year 6 Excursion
14 Dec	Back – up date Colour Explosion
16 Dec	Last day for students & Party Day
17 Dec	Last day for staff
2022	
28 Jan	Staff Development Day – Staff only
31 Jan	Staff Development Day – Staff only
1 Feb	Students Return

Teacher Strike

On Tuesday December 7, the majority of teaching staff at Iona Public School will be supporting the industrial action by the NSW Teachers Federation.

There will be minimal supervision available at school and our cohort model that has been in place this term will not be in operation on this day. Please, where possible, make alternate care arrangements for your child/ren as normal classes will not be in operation.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this, especially with the challenges we have faced this year.

School Accounts

Invoices are now overdue. Please pay all invoices by Friday 10 December.

Dates For Term 1 2022

Friday January 28 - SDD1

Monday January 31 - SDD2

Tuesday 1 Feb - First day for all students K-6

For more 2022 dates please go to the NSW Department of Education Calendar.

I sound like a broken record but I do remember saying last year, What a year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community for their patience and support as we have worked through the COVID crisis. We are well aware that our students, staff and community have missed out on many activities that have been taken for granted over the previous few years. Let us all hope that 2022 brings new activities and adventures that we can all share!

We would like to say farewell those Iona families whose children are moving to either high school or new adventures; Thank you for being part of the Iona family.

We can report that during Term 3 the school went through an extensive External Validation process, where we were moved from Sustaining and Growing in four elements of the School Excellence Framework to Excelling by external assessors. We are very proud of our school and the efforts and commitment of all staff to improve all student outcomes.

We wish everyone a relaxing, safe and exciting Christmas and New Year break.

Presentation Awards 2021

This year's presentation ceremony will be held (weather permitting) on Wednesday 8 December at 9:30am on the basketball court. We had to change this date due to the proposed teachers strike on Tuesday 7 December. Classes will remain in cohort groups for the presentation. As mentioned previously parents are not allowed to attend whoever we will be uploading lots of images of the ceremony to our FaceBook page.

Congratulations 2022 Leaders

Our Year 5 students spoke extremely well this morning, presenting themselves as excellent School Leaders for next year. Each Year 5 student will be a School Leader, with the various roles to be discussed by the end of term. Congratulations to the following, who were elected into their roles for 2022:

School Captains: Zoe C and Max K

Student Council President: Brodie M

Congratulations to these students, it's such a great achievement.

Year 6 Clap Out

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our traditional cutting of the cake and clap out for Year 6 this year. However, Year 6 will be provided with a cake to share with their cohort on the last day of school and will be provided with a guard of honour by their cohort on leaving at 2:50pm.

Out of School Care

We have heard back from Maitland Baptist OOSH and unfortunately, they do not have the staff to open a service here at Iona. If you need after school care, we really need parents to ring individual centres who offer buses for pick up about their need requirements. We have made contact several times but maybe your continual pressure may allow them to offer a wider need.

Colour Explosion

We will aim to run the Colour Explosion on Friday 10 December, weather and grounds permitting, with a back-up date on Tuesday 14 December. Please make sure that students have old clothes and enclosed shoes to change into for their water play and colour run. All students MUST have a hat to participate on this day – NO HAT- NO PLAY!

P&C Meeting – 7 December

The P&C meeting set for tomorrow has been postponed due to the Teacher Strike. The meeting will now be held after the AGM on Tuesday 8 February 2022.

School Reports

School reports and work portfolios will be sent home with all students on Monday 13 December. If you have any questions in regard to reports please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss with your class teacher.

P&C AGM

Our 2021 AGM will be on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 3:15pm in the library. Please come along and support our wonderful school.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Iona Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 3.15pm 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.

Library News

Parents and carers please remind your children to return their Library books this week, as borrowing has ended for the year. Thank you to all those students who have returned their books already. However, there are still quite a number of books still out on loan. Reminder notices for overdue books were sent out recently. If there is a problem regarding this, please contact Mrs Mahony or Mrs Leary. Unfortunately, if books are not returned, we will have to pass on the cost of the replacement to parents

Week 11 Activities

Monday 13 December – Yr 6 excursion – Notes and money to be returned by Friday 10 December.

Tuesday 14 December – Colour Explosion back-up day

Thursday 16 December - Last day of school. Class Pizza Parties. All money must be paid by this Thursday 9 December for students to be provided with lunch on this day. If not paid, we assume your child will be bringing their own lunch. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payments after this date. Please get payments in as we would hate for your child to miss out. This is also an out of uniform day.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Last week we saw the completion of our Science Unit. In this unit, students made observations and investigated how daily and seasonal changes affect us. They looked at how people, animals and

plants change depending on the time of day and/or the seasons and students made observations and record daily weather patterns over a month. Finally, they investigated what materials provided shelter and protection from changing weather and designed their very own shelters! They all did a fantastic job!

I would like to thank you all The Buddies, parents and families for a wonderful year! See you again in 2022! Have a lovely, relaxing and safe holiday.
Mrs Bird

Years 1 - 3

It is so hard to believe another year is over. The Rollers have had a wonderful, although somewhat disruptive, year and should all be congratulated for their willingness to turn up each day full of enthusiasm and a readiness to learn and have some fun. Ms Tully and Ms Hartigan are very proud of you.

To finish off the year, we have our Mad Hatter's Tea Party next Wednesday (December 15) and class pizza party on Thursday (December 16). This week, Ms Tully is bringing her apple slinky equipment. If you are in the Rollers class and you bring in an apple for crunch and sip throughout this week you can get it turned into a delicious slinky.

Congratulations to our final class award recipients for the year:

- * Layla for creating some beautiful poetry; and
- * Lakai for becoming increasingly confident to ask questions in class.

Wishing all of you a lovely Christmas. Stay safe and enjoy spending some time together as a family. We can't wait to see you again next year.

Ms Tully and Ms Hartigan

Years 4 - 6

What an action packed 2021! Even with all the disruptions to learning, all students should be really proud of the progress and achievements that they have made this year. Farewell to our departing year 6's. You have grown so much this year and I'm extremely proud of the adults that you are fast becoming.

To next year's captains. I have every confidence you will lead this school well.

The crunchies would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You all deserve a well-earned break. Stay safe.

Awards

Brodie - persistence to improve her problem-solving skills

Harry H - consistent hard-working attitude

Mr Tarry



Eleanor turned 8 on 24 November

Duke turned 12 on 25 November

Marcus turns 9 on 11 December

Zander turns 11 on 16 December

Stella turns 6 on 17 December

Ivy turns 7 on 23 December

Phoebe turns 8 on 27 December

Ben-Andrei turns 10 on 27 December



HOLLYWOODVILLE

Christmas

DECEMBER 11TH

7.30PM

HOME ALONE

*A magical Christmas
Movie Night in the Chapel*

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
SHEPHERDCORNER.COM.AU





3 December 2021

Dear parents and carers

The department is currently negotiating a new Award with the Teachers Federation with the help of the Industrial Relations Commission. The Industrial Relations Commission is the official place where pay negotiations take place in NSW.

The Industrial Relations Commission has ruled any industrial action by the NSW Teachers Federation is illegal while negotiations are underway, and the department is urging them to call off any industrial action including the proposed 24-hour strike on Tuesday 7 December.

As a result of the strike our school will be providing minimal supervision of students on Tuesday 7 December. This means the cohort arrangements that have been in place this term will not be in operation. However, our school will still operate in a COVID-safe manner in accordance with NSW Health guidelines.

We are doing all we can to resolve this dispute with the Federation.

The current Teachers' Award expires on 31 December 2021. Rather than wait for the outcome of an arbitration decision by the Industrial Relations Commission in May next year, the department intends to offer a 2.5% salary increase for teachers and related employees as soon as the current Award expires, ensuring our staff don't miss out. This is the maximum amount allowed per annum under the Industrial Relations Act.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption, especially given the challenges we have all faced this year. We will keep you updated on further developments as they come to hand.



End of Year Party Day – Thursday 16 December

Name: _____

Class:- _____

\$6 per person, includes pizza, drink and treat bag. Additional Pizza \$3
Pizza Choice (Dominoes Mini Pizza)

Pepperoni		Beef + Onion	
Spicy Veg Trio		Ham + Cheese	
Margherita		Cheese	

Drink Choice

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