



Calendar

24 May	Life Ed Van incursion
28 May	Regional Cross Country
2 June	Musica Viva incursion
9 June	Koala Sanctuary Excursion
15 June	Pink Sock Day- Cancer fundraiser

COVID Guidelines

Please follow the link below to find out the latest advice and guidelines for our return to school:
<https://bit.ly/3sA4a4k> #FirstDay2021

Canteen

Katy's work schedule has changed, making the canteen coordinator role not viable. We are after expressions of interest to take over this position. Please contact the school or Clare Vollmer if you are interested in taking over this role. Katy will be available for this term to help you settle into the role and is happy to volunteer once or twice a term after this.

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW, 25 MAY

Attendance

Our target this year is to have our daily attendance above 95%. Please, let's keep aiming high to reach this target.

Week 4 – 84.6%

Week 5 – 84.9%

We do understand that this is the time for winter colds to hit, and appreciate everyone abiding by the COVID rules above. However, it is really important that if students don't fall into this category that they attend school, and arrive on time.

Year 4 Gala Day

Year 4 students will be travelling to Maitland High School this Thursday for a sporting gala day. All permission notes need to be returned ASAP.

Athletics Carnival

Due to the recent rain, the athletics carnival has been postponed again. Our new date is Thursday 15 July at the new Maitland Athletics facilities.

Paver Fundraiser

Iona Public School's P&C warmly invites all past and current families, staff and community members to support our brick fundraiser, which we hope raises much needed funds for our little school. See the order form at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Professional Learning

Mrs Bird and Mrs Leary are attending a professional learning course this Thursday afternoon to support our external validation. On Friday they will be attending the Maitland Principals Network Meeting.

Staff Leave

Mrs Mahony is taking LSL until the end of the term. We do hope that she doesn't enjoy her holiday too much and returns to us! Mrs Ngaire Hansen will be replacing her during this time.

Musica Viva

A reminder that all students are attending an incursion on Wednesday 2 June with a performance by 'Wyniss', a Torres Strait Islander ensemble. This is an awesome opportunity for our students. Please return permission notes and money ASAP.

School Drive Subsidy

Can all new families, kindergarten parents and those that had issues in 2020 make sure you have completed your school drive subsidy application. If you haven't already completed, do so ASAP.

Pink Day Donations

On Tuesday June 15 we are holding "Pink Day" to raise money for the Breast Cancer Appeal.

Students are encouraged to wear pink socks and or dress in pink.

To help raise money we have decided to hold a raffle and we are seeking non-perishable items for the hampers.

Donations can include:-

- Coffee, tea, milo, hot chocolate
- Chocolate biscuits, biscuits, lollies, chocolates, chips, popcorn etc
- Cake mixes, cake supplies, decorations
- Craft activities, art and craft supplies, paints, pencils etc

All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the office.

We will also be holding a BBQ lunch for students on the day and a biggest afternoon tea for parents from 2pm followed by the raffle draw.

Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets and notes being sent out in the coming weeks.

Kim Taylor on behalf of the P&C Assoc.

Small Schools Soccer Knock-Out – 1st game

Will be on the Thursday the 3rd of June (Week 7) at the Beryl Humble Sports Complex Tenambit. Kick off will be at 10am. A note will be sent home closer to the date.

Bookclub

Bookclub brochures have been sent home today. Order form and payment needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 8 June.

Parent Transporting

With PSSA sporting events upon us, I would like to remind all parents or caregivers, who are transporting students other than their own to events that they need to ensure that the school has sighted their drivers licence and completed an Appendix 5. Please see Mrs Mahony or Mrs Hansen in the office if you believe you need to update this information or have any questions.

Thank you

We would like to thank the Vollmer family for all of their efforts with the veggie gardens over the past few weeks. We can't wait for our next crop!

Practicum Students

We welcome Mr Dayle Anderson (Kindergarten) and Mr Haydan Faust (Year 4-6) to Iona PS who will be joining us in week 7 for the remainder of the term for their practicum teaching block from the University of Newcastle.

Classroom News

4-6

This week in 4-6 we have been looking at how to use trading when subtracting large numbers. For some, it has been a challenge, but a lot of perseverance has been shown in class to work the problems out. We have begun to move into converting 12-hour time into 24-hr time.

We have also started our fantasy writing unit which will see students utilising their imaginations and I cannot wait to see what they come up with.

During science this week we are looking at what happens when a solid mixes with a liquid. So, students are asked to each bring in a 350ml bottle of coke/pepsi for the experiment.

Simon Tarry



1-3

We are halfway there Rollers!

It is Speech week! Please bring in your speech ASAP, you will be presenting it on your news day. We have started a Buddy Reading session every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings with 4/5/6 class. Not only is this a lovely opportunity for 1/2/3 to work alongside 4/5/6, research suggests that reading out loud can have a positive impact on all involved. It can help with enunciation, assist with voice inflection, aid with confidence, better retainment of content, increases vocabulary, can improve reading skill, slows the reader down improving fluency and forces one to find out how to pronounce certain words rather than mumbling or skipping over it.

Year 3 are learning their 2x and 3x tables this week. Anyone in Year 3 (or in Year 2 or Year 1) who can recite their 2x or 3x tables to Ms Tully will get a lucky dice roll. If they can multiply the number rolled by 2 and then by 3 and get it correct...they will get 5 dojo points.

In Geography this week we continue to focus on weather and seasons. This week students compared ocean swimming temperatures in Melbourne to Brisbane and Newcastle and discovered what months of the year it is too cold to swim in each city. We also learnt about Polar Nights in the North and South Pole and reasons behind this phenomenon.

Dallas Crockett and Alysha Tully

Kindergarten

We are officially in the middle of Term 2! Time flies when we are having fun!

Our news topic for week 6 is 'My Favourite Game'. Please choose a game you enjoy and explain how it is played. You will need to talk about the things you need, the things you do to play the game and the rules. You can choose a sport, a party game, a board game, a card game or a game like 'Duck, Duck Goose', or 'What's the time Mr Wolf.' Week 7's topic is free choice. In order for your child to experience success and develop confidence when speaking formally to an audience, please make sure they are prepared each week.

In maths, kindergarten students have been engaging in number talks daily. During a number talk, we present our students with a math problem and ask them to mentally solve it without use of writing tools or manipulatives. Then we ask our students to share not only their answers, but the thought processes and strategies they used while problem solving. This warm up activity provides meaningful and highly engaging conversations in the mathematics classroom. For the next two weeks our mathematical focus will include the concept of area and consolidating numeracy skills learnt thus far, while we complete our iMaths investigation and assessment in week 7.

Science this week has seen kindergarten continue to investigate a Material World. We have been identifying what objects are made of and discussing their size, shape, colour and feel. Our students have really enjoyed the hands-on learning experiences that science offers and manipulating objects in order to create a better understanding.

Melissa Bird and Dallas Crockett

Sunsmart Snippet

Create a morning checklist

Help your child remember what they need to do every morning before school



- Wash my face
- Brush my teeth
- Get dressed
- Pack my school bag
- Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen
- Wear my sun smart hat

Download and print off the morning check list from the SunSmart website and stick on your fridge, so you don't forget!

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box



Aliyah turned 10 on 14 May
 Emma turned 7 on 16 May
 Anaston turned 8 on 16 May
 Sophie F turns 11 on 27 May

Awards Week 5

Merit Awards were presented in:-
Kindergarten
Sophie V for always being prepared for her news topic each week
Thea for always giving 100% in all activities
1 - 3
Lizzie for excellent transition into Iona PS
Theresa for giving all experiences a go, even if they seem scary
4 - 6
Will for improved attitude toward his learning
Zoe for consistent hard work
Peer Nominated Award
Theresa for picking up sport equipment
Teacher Nominated Award
Duke S for being a supportive friend and classmate
Environmental Award
Anne for helping keep the school clean
Health and Safety
Aishu for being safe in the playground
Sports Award
Thomas for having a go at soccer

IF Maitland proudly presents

Jiff

junior indie festival funday
 featuring special guests
 Curious Legends

10am - 4pm Saturday, May 29 - Maitland Regional Art Gallery
 in the green space next to the gallery

Bring a picnic blanket or chairs and settle in for a day of fun for the whole family

Planet Jassi
 Back by popular demand after last year's performance, Planet Jassi will reprise the day's proceedings.

Frank's Fantastic Fairy Tale Theatre
 Traditional puppet theatre performances of the 3 Little Pigs and Rumplestiltskin.

National Book Launches
 JIFF will feature the launches of almost a dozen children's books including the national launches of Jenny Bladford's Fill and Harry and Emily S Smith's How to Hug a Cactus.

Visual Busking Competition
 Six giant transparent canvases are created by wrapping plant-based cellophane around two posts. Six teams will create images inspired by the winner of last year's poetry prize. Festival goers will vote for the trophy winner of the people's choice award. See details on the following page for how to enter your school.

Creative Workshop IF Maitland Junior Poetry Prize
 The awarding of the 2021 Creative Workshop IF Maitland Junior Poetry Prize.

Storytime Lane
 Auntie Tim and Graham Davidson return for their first show since last year's festival. They'll be joined by special guests, Curious Legends.

and so much more!
 See the day's full program on the next page

Face Painting - Gozleme - Persian Sweet Treats - Cup Cakes - Coffee
 Part of IF Maitland Indie Festival & Art Fest 2021

Maitland Regional Art Gallery
 10am - 4pm
 Saturday, May 29th

Visual Busking Competition

- Schools can enter a team of up to six participants.
- All participants must bring clothing that can act as a 'painting smock'.
- The festival will supply all paints and materials.
- To Register your team contact: info@ifmaitland.org

Scan to learn more



COMBINED SINGLE & DOUBLE NAME PAVER ORDER FORM

Iona Public School, Woodville

Iona Public School's P & C warmly invites all past and current families, staff and community members to support our brick fundraiser, which we hope raises much needed funds for our little school. All proceeds will go directly to supplying additional learning resources, as well as improvements to our playground. The bricks will be laid later in the year, along the path adjacent to the play equipment. What a wonderful way to be remembered as belonging to the Iona Public School community!



OFFER 1: \$40.00

INDIVIDUAL PAVERS

Your donation of \$40.00 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the grounds of Iona Public School Woodville, proudly showing your donation.



OFFER 2: \$80.00

DOUBLE PAVERS

Your donation of \$80.00 entitles you to have your name engraved into two pavers as a lasting record of your valued support. The pavers will be permanently installed in the grounds of Iona Public School Woodville, proudly showing your donation.

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment in cash by Friday 25th June

Or Direct Deposit: Iona PS P&C

BSB: 062813 Account: 00904129

Iona Public School
Paterson Rd, Woodville
NSW 2321

Contact Name

Phone

Street

Email

City

State

Post Code

Offer 1

Offer 2

Our Donation

Please return this form and payment by Friday 25th June

For engraving details please complete the form on the reverse.

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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= ENGRAVING =

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COMBINED SINGLE & DOUBLE NAME PAVER ORDER FORM

ENGRAVING DETAILS

LINE 1														
LINE 2														
LINE 3														

MULTIPLE PAVER – MAX 14 CHARACTERS PER LINE

Please print clearly in block letters (CAPITALS) and always use the ampersand symbol (“&”). Three lines per paver. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). No hand drawings.

PAVER 1	LINE 1													
	LINE 2													
	LINE 3													
PAVER 2	LINE 1													
	LINE 2													
	LINE 3													

Thankyou for supporting this P& C fundraiser.
The children of Iona Public School
thank you for your contribution.

Please return this form and payment by Friday 25th June

P & C Meeting 4/5/2021

Present: Rachel Leary, Melissa Bird, Clare Vollmer, Katie Farrell, Alison Mahony, Brienna Vollmer, Fiona Parker, Kim Taylor

Apologies Rhonda Thomas

Minutes of last meeting unavailable

Tressures report as of the 3/5/2021 Closing balance \$6175.75

Principals report

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter raffle, the work from the P&C and the donations from the community was outstanding. Very much appreciated by us and I am sure the community.

Staff changes – Unfortunately jade has decided to have a change of career and we have filled her position for the next two terms with Dallas Crockett.

He is also filling in for Mrs Bird while I am working on a small school project as Mrs Bird will be relieving Principal during this time. Possibility that Ms Hartigan will come back in Term 4.

Tank issue has hopefully now been sorted. We will wait for the next lot of rain!

Network being upgraded currently and still in progress with the upgrade of the building. I was told today, it looks like the Christmas period.

Executive director will be visiting our school on Monday 7 June.

Reports

Canteen report not available

Uniform report uniform order has been placed, only one for the term as Alison will be unavailable later in the term to do another

Playground enhancement awaiting s form from AMU

General Business

- School Disco- possibility in term 3 in hope of COVID restrictions lessening
- Athletics carnival -Tuesday 25th May, need to check on availability of volunteers for the canteen, check roster and how we are getting things there
- Thompson Pie drive moved to term 3
- Pavers this term order
- Possibility of moving future raffles to an online platform
- Possibility of hampers to be raffled off for breast cancer on Pink Sock Day

Conclusion

Next P&C meeting 3:30pm 1/6/2021 all members of the community welcome

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BAN ON STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS BRINGING KNIVES TO SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education has a paramount duty to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in attendance at its schools. This is a duty that the Department and I as Principal of Iona Public School take very seriously. You have a right to expect, when sending your children to school, that they will be safe.

We also have legal obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 to eliminate or minimise risks to health and safety (so far as is reasonably practicable).

The Department already has a strict policy specifying no weapons being allowed at school. To date there has been a legal exemption for knives carried for religious purposes (including a kirpan carried by some Sikh students).

Following a recent incident, the Department has now implemented a temporary ban on students, staff and visitors carrying any form of knife into government schools (including those carried for religious purposes). This temporary ban is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff at all of our schools.

The Department is currently working with a range of community stakeholders including religious organisations to develop a new policy to enable students, where appropriate, to continue to express their faith, while still maintaining safety within the school context.

From Wednesday 19 May 2021, and until further notice, no students may carry a knife while at school, even those worn for genuine religious reasons. We request that parents and carers talk with their children to make sure they understand this change. Knives carried for religious purposes, including kirpans, will need to be kept at home for the foreseeable future.

We recognise this is a sensitive issue for many within the community and wish to assure you that the Department will be working urgently to find a solution which respects every student's faith alongside the safety of everyone in our school.

We ask all parents to support the school with these changes, parent information on knives in schools can be found on the No knives at school – parent factsheet. Parents may also find the information on the No knives at school – student factsheet useful in their discussions with their children.

If you have any questions in regards to this information please ring the school on 4930 1415 to make a time to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Leary
Principal, Iona Public School

The Rollers Description Designs

The Rollers were asked to write one adjective on a post it note (without knowing why). Once they were all collected, they were asked to draw the outline of a 'monster' or 'creature'. The post it notes were shuffled and revealed one at a time. Their challenge was to ensure they incorporated the colourful descriptive words in their monster design.



1/2/3 Adjectives		
Tall	Fit	Hairy
Big	Blue	
Spikey	Black	
Wobbly	Stinky	



