



Learning Together in Harmony

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Calendar

Term 1 - 2024

13-22 March	NAPLAN
21 March	Harmony Day activities
28 March	Easter Hat Parade
29-1 April	Easter break
2 April	Taronga Park Zoo
9 April	3 Way Conferences
12 April	Last day of Term

Term 2 - 2024

29 April	SDD – Term 2 – Staff only
30 April	Students return Term 2
22-24 May	3-6 GABC

3-Way Conferences

All teachers will be holding 3-way conferences on Tuesday 9 April 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 time.

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Easter Raffle

The P&C are running an Easter Egg raffle which will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade and would appreciate if parents and community members could once again donate eggs/Easter items for the raffle. These can be dropped off to the front office. Raffle tickets have been sent home today. Tickets are \$2 each.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition 2025

Dear parents/carers of Year 6 students.

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2025, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. The EOI process is now available online. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school. If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required form.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made. The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

For more information about moving to high school, visit Going to a public school.

The following is the link directly to the EOI
<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=2211>

P&C Meeting

Thank you to all those who turned up to our last P&C meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9 April at 8:15am in the library.

PSSA Small School Soccer Trials

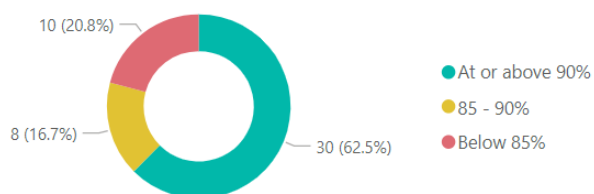
Mr Burgess is in the process of beginning to pick our team for the PSSA Small School Soccer KO team. Students are chosen for the team from Years 3-6. Students who have shown an interest in trialling will be given a note for parents to sign as an expression of interest. Please be aware that as this is the Small School KO competition, there may be expenses and parent commitment with travel required.

Attendance Overview – Term 1 Week 1-6 2024

Our aim is 90%. Come on Iona we can do it!

A reminder, that if you arrive after the 9:00am start time, all parents **MUST** report to the office with their child on arrival to support reasons for late arrivals.

Attendance Level



Student Wellbeing and Raising a Concern at School

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community. We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child. Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

However, it is not appropriate to raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child, or his or her parents. Concerns should be reported to the Principal or a member of staff. Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to

promptly. If a parent, carer or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child or the child's parents or carer at the school site, this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities.

Harmony Day

On Thursday March 21 all students may come dressed out of uniform in something orange, or wear orange accessories in support of Harmony Day. Students will be participating in Harmony Day activities during the afternoon session on this day.



Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

Orders will be ready for collection from the school on Thursday 21 March at pick up time.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Year 6 are running an Easter Egg guessing competition entries are 50c each.

Peer Support

Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through activities, children identify that friends can fall into categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children also discuss the fact that friendships change over time for various reasons.

Next week, students will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other's lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support if the need arises.

Canteen

To celebrate Easter, the canteen is providing a special meal deal on **Thursday 28**

March consisting of:

A long bread roll with a sausage (vegetarian sausage available)

Canteen-made choc chip cookie

Juice popper Cost: \$6.00

Please order by Monday 25 March. No other canteen food will be available on this day.

Orders are through MySchoolConnect.

Visiting Our School-Reminder

All parents and visitors must report to the office when visiting the school. Signing into the school can be completed using the QR code on the front counter and is a requirement for access to the school. Please remember to check out when you leave, to ensure all persons onsite can be accounted for in the case of an emergency. If you are unable to check in using the QR code, please come and see the ladies in the front office who will assist you with the check in on a school device.

Taronga Zoo Excursion-Reminder

All students will be attending an excursion to Taronga Zoo on Tuesday 2 April 2024 to complement our science unit this term on living things. A permission note has been sent to all parents through the SENTRAL Parent Portal App.

Payment MUST be made prior to the day for your child to attend.

There will be no staff remaining at school on this day so all students are expected to attend.

Easter Hat Parade-Reminder

On Thursday 28 March students will participate in an Easter Hat Parade at 2:15pm. This is always a wonderful afternoon of celebration that the students thoroughly enjoy. Students will make these during class time. Teachers will provide more information in the coming weeks. Parents/carers and community members are most welcome to attend.

2024 Year 3-6 Camp-Reminder

A reminder that 3-6 camp is held this year in Term 2 Week 4 - 22-24 May, at Great Aussie Bush Camp. The cost for camp will be \$375 per student. **A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is NOW OVERDUE and payment is to be finalised by 10 May 2024.** Please remember that you can make payments by instalments over the coming term. Permission note have been sent out via SENTRAL. Medical notes have been sent home today with your child. Please make sure these are completed and returned by Friday 10 May.

Class News

K-2

We are well and truly in the back half of term one now! Here's what we've been up to.

English- Literacy rotations have been running smoothly after switching up some activities. In writing, we have been focusing on building quality sentences and creating alternate endings to stories when looking at the narrative 'Hattie and the Fox' by Mem Fox.

Maths- We have begun a new unit which looks at measurement. The class have been busy helping 'Captain Beard' and 'Pirate Bonnie' on their ship helping them measure length, area and volume using both informal and formal units, which they have been really enjoying.

Science- Students continued their work on living things. Last week with Mrs Barber they decided on what animals they would like to have in their own Zoo. This week we looked at the homes of different animals, and how an animal's home can help protect their family and food.

Healthy Harold- Last Friday, we had a visit from Healthy Harold, which everyone was very excited about. We enjoyed the morning looking at topics such as what makes a good friend, and how we can be safe in the community. The star of the show was Harold of course, with everyone getting the chance to say hello!

Reminders

Thank you to everyone who brought their home readers in for change over day on Monday! It was great to see everyone getting some reading done at home so keep it up! Don't forget them next week as well.

Students have been sent home with a Digital Technologies Code of Conduct Agreement. Could parents please go through this with their child, sign and return it to school.

Easter Hat making:

Monday 25 March at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to come in and help with the creation of our Easter hats. Each student will need a base hat (will be provided with a cardboard base if required), and any decorations they would like on their hat. We will also have a selection of the decorations in the class as well.

Mr Burgess and Mrs Barber

3-6

Mathematics- Our students have been immersing themselves in measurement. They are working hard on converting between different units of measurement, such as millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres.

English- The creative minds of our students are shining brightly as they continue their narrative endeavours. Many are at final stages of publishing their narratives. This week, our focus focuses on the resolution of their stories, where the threads of plot weave together, promising compelling conclusions that aim to captivate readers.

Science: Our young learners are focusing on classifying living things. Armed with specific vocabulary, such as, invertebrates, mammals, marsupials and reptiles.

Easter Hat Making: As Easter fast approaches, students will be busy creating their spectacular Easter hats for the Easter Hat parade. We will be crafting these masterpieces in class on Monday 25 March, during the afternoon session. We kindly ask parents to provide a base/hat and any

specific decorations your child would like to include on their hat. The school will be supplying some basic Easter decorations. If parents would like to come and lend a helping hand, we would welcome the help with open arms! Please let us know if you can.

Wishing you all a fantastic Week 8!

Mrs Bird and Mrs Barber

AWARDS WEEK 7

Merit Awards

K-2

Imogen for fantastic effort and skill during T-ball

Caleb for his improvement in reading this term

Edward for his fantastic effort during maths

Olive for always presenting excellent schoolwork

3-6

Eleanor for being a responsible and engaged student

Harley for trying hard when converting units of measurement in length

Sophie for persisting with the friendly jump strategy in Maths

Health & Safety

Lakai for always wearing his hat on the playground

Sport

Sienna for displaying good sportsmanship

Environmental

Clementine for bringing a waste free lunch box to school

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Evan for participating with enthusiasm



Preston will turn 8 on 21 March

Sophie will turn 8 on 25 March

Harley will turn 8 28 March



Quick everyday lunchboxes

It doesn't take a lot of time to pack an everyday lunchbox.

To save time, try:

- Packing the lunchbox the night before
- Using leftovers from dinner in the lunchbox
- Packing whole vegetables and fruit, such as apples, bananas, cherry tomatoes or baby cucumbers



For more time saving tips scan the QR code or visit www.swapit.net.au/savetime



Cool lunchboxes

An insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12°C cooler and the lunchbox foods safe.

Try adding a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Plain milk popper
- Reduced fat yoghurt



Frozen water bottle



Frozen ice brick



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt pouch



Frozen plain milk popper



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt tub

For more great tips on keeping the lunchbox cool scan the QR code or visit www.swapit.net.au/safe



Maitland High School



MHS HPGE

HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION

Maitland High School is proud to announce a fantastic opportunity for students starting Year 7 in 2025.

We have a High Potential and Gifted Education class!

This exciting and challenging opportunity will suit those students wanting to strive for excellence, willing to achieve their personal best in a differentiated and dynamic learning environment, surrounded by like-minded peers.

All students are encouraged to apply!

For information or to register your interest, please scan the QR code or email the school on: maitland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

