We will send out a permission note with the full details early next week. The children will be going by bus with their teachers. We anticipate that the children will certainly love this performance.

**School Photos**
An individual envelope was sent home with each child yesterday. These envelopes need to be returned with correct money before photo day, Monday 20th October (Week 3, Term 4). Please return envelope even if you aren’t buying any photos. If you would like a family photo taken, envelopes are available in the office.

**School Chaplaincy**
At our School Council Meeting on Tuesday afternoon we counted the votes for the School Chaplaincy program. The results were 68% NO and 32% Yes. As a result we will not be applying for this program. Thank you to everyone for taking part in this survey.

**Bookclub**
Orders and payment need to be returned to school by Wednesday 22nd October. If you wish to use the books for presents please let us know and we will NOT send your order home with the children.

**State Athletics**
Tom B. will be participating in the NSW State PSSA Athletics Championships next week. He will be competing in the 11 yrs High Jump. We wish him all the best at this event—well done Tom on a great achievement.
Riverlight Festival
Our School Choir will be singing at the Riverlight Festival being held in Maitland this Saturday. They will be performing at 3.45, meeting Ms Hamer at 3.30 in readiness for their performance.

Kindergarten Orientation
Our first Kindergarten Orientation session will be held next Tuesday morning, with our second session next Thursday. Please make our new Kinder children welcome when they arrive next week.

School Swimming
Please note that we will be starting our School Swimming Program tomorrow. All notes and monies ($70.00 per student) need to be in by that date. This cost has been supplemented by our P&C who have donated the cost of the bus each week. All children are to wear their school sports uniform each Friday, and ensure they have all their swimming gear with them. All children should be wearing their school C-shirt or a C-shirt of their own for sun safety and school identification. We will be leaving school at 12.45 for a 1.15 start, before finishing at 2.00 and returning to school by 2.45 pm.

Horse Sports Day
The P&Cs major fundraising day will be held next Wednesday, 15th October. The Horse Sports Day will involve nearly 200 competitors. If you can help, especially with the BBQ or canteen on the day, please contact the school or the P&C President, Pat Lannen.

Possible Ideas Expo
This free expo will be held in Maitland over two days, Friday 14th November and Saturday 15th November. This is an Australian Disability Information event with over 90 exhibitors displaying equipment, mobility, services, technology, education aids and support services. In addition, there is a lot of fun at the fair, including rides, a petting zoo and equine therapy. We have some extra fliers at school if you would like to know more.
# Riverlight Festival

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| 3.00  | Official Opening Welcome JW, Mayor, Murun Dancers, Womanra Elder | Baltic Bar Mitzvah 3.15 - 4.15pm | School Program 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Nifo P5 - 3.30  
Iona P5 - 3.45 | Lantern Making Workshop 3.00 - 6.30pm | Cooking Demo 1 3.30 - Korean | 3pm Congolese Korean |
| 3.30  |  | | | | Cooking Demo 2 4.00 - North Indian (Kelpana) | 3.30pm Mandarin Sinhalese |
| 4.00  | Fashion Parade 4.00 - 4.30pm  
Polish (MC), Sudanese, German,  
Korean, Congolese, Sinhalese (MC),  
Indian | Front Stage  
Aikido (4.15pm) | Community Performance Program 4.30pm - 6.40pm  
4.30 - Ethiopian Community (kids)  
4.40 - Sudanese Community  
4.50 - Japanese Community School  
5.05 - Pinoy Comm, Cultural Class  
5.20 - TMA  
5.30 - Korean Language School  
5.50 - Newcastle Sinhala School  
6.00 - Hunter/NC Chinese Assoc.  
6.10 - NC Congolese Community  
6.25 - Indonesian (Kiki Elliot)  
6.30 - South Sudanese Community | Dragon Boats 4pm  
River walk: 4.15 to 4.30:  
Car Pipers & Drums | Cooking Demo 3 4.30 - German | 4.30pm Tibetan Swedish |
| 4.30  |  | | | | Cooking Demo 4 5.00 - Sri Lanka (Amorelle) | 5.00pm Polish Spanish |
| 5.00  | Horse & Wood 4.45 - 5.45pm |  |  | Dragon Boats 5pm | Cooking Demo 5 5.30 - Japanese | 5.30pm Sudanese German |
| 5.30  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.00  | Front Stage De Bam Bam Sisaz (8pm) |  |  | Dragon Boats 6pm |  | 6.00pm Tamil French |
| 6.30  | Balloomba 6.30 - 7.30pm |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.00  | Balloomba Lantern Procession |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.30  |  |  |  |  | Riverlights Flotilla |  |
| 8.00  |  |  |  |  | Fire Show |  |
| 8.30  | The Buzzard Mix 8.30 - 9.30pm |  |  |  |  |  |
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11th August 2014

We are writing to you for support of our small school.

Established in 1850, Iona Public School is a three class school teaching students from Kinder to Year 6. It is situated approximately 10 kilometres from the heart of Maitland along Paterson Road at Woodville. This year we have 72 students in attendance. Being a small school fundraising forms a large part of the role of our P & C, which helps provide play equipment, resources and sporting facilities for our school.

Due to the success of last year's efforts, Iona Public School's P & C is once again organising and running a Schools Horse Sports event as our major fundraiser for the year. The event will be held on the 15th October 2014, where students come from across the region to compete in riding and hack classes, as well as having fun in a number of sporting events. Last year's event attracted 190 riders and their parents to our area.

We are asking you to help us with sponsorship and/or raffle prizes for this, our major fundraiser. Age group sponsorship is $200 which will provide ribbons and trophies for the day. If you would prefer to help by donating raffle items or vouchers, this would also be greatly appreciated.

Sponsors will be able to contribute items to be distributed to lucky riders. Items such as drink bottles, pencil cases, pencils, pens, rulers, money boxes, sample horse feed, shampoo etc would be great items for this and would help advertise your business. Information pamphlets could also be included with these items.

Sponsors will be announced and thanked regularly throughout the day as well as during the presentation. Sponsors will also be printed within the information packs handed to schools. If sponsors have advertising banners or signs, these would be displayed on the day also.

We hope that you consider assisting us with sponsorship or donations. Our sincerest thank you in anticipation of your support.

Pat Lannen (0414585084)

P & C Iona Public School

All monies to be sent to: Iona Public School Horse Sports
c/o Fiona Lawrence
801 Maitland Vale Rd
Rosebrook, 2320.