Musica Viva-Monday, 10th November - Reminder
Our next Musica Viva performance is scheduled for Monday, 10th November in the Woodville Hall. This show is called “The Song Company: A Capella Time Travel”. As it says in their outline, “An internationally recognised ensemble in its own right, Song Company presents a vocal time machine. This performance takes students on a journey through cultures, languages and history using simplicity, beauty and versatility of the human voice. Blending old and new, Song Company begin with sacred and secular song and move through to popular tunes like Sing a Song of Sixpence and a contemporary arrangement of Waltzing Matilda using Indigenous languages. This is a rare opportunity to have a world class ensemble perform in our school. The cost per child is $7.50 so please return the permission note, with the money as soon as possible.

Remembrance Day Poppies
Poppies are for sale in the front office for $2.00.

Bookclub - Reminder
Orders and payment need to be returned to school by Wednesday 12th November. If you wish to use the books for presents please let us know and we will NOT send your order home with the children.

School Accounts
To allow for a smooth transition from this financial school year to the next, all outstanding accounts need to be finalised by November 12th. An invoice was sent home last week.

Pikelet Day – Year 6 Fundraiser - Reminder
We have another Year 6 fundraiser planned for Thursday, 13th November—a pikelet day. We will be asking for orders soon, with all children wanting some of these pikelets enjoying this food during lunch time on the 13th November.

School Musical at Maitland High School
On Tuesday, 18th November, 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 will be attending the Maitland High School Musical beginning at 11.30. We will be going by bus with Ms Hamer and Mr Sheppard supervising. A permission note will be sent home shortly.

Vallee Cup- Debating Competition
Our Debating team – Bethany, Cheslie, Lucy and Asher have reached the final of this competition against Largs P.S. We are currently negotiating the time and venue which we will announce as soon as possible. It is important to note that we have won this competition for the last three years, a wonderful achievement by our school.
**Horse Sports Day Report**
We held our Horse Sports Day at Rutherford yesterday under blue, warm skies, finishing just before the storm hit Maitland. Again, it was a fabulous day with many people reiterating to me that it is the best run event on the calendar. This is all due to the fantastic organization from the Lawrence family and the great support from our whole school community, supporting the P&C with the canteen on the day. We are also sincerely grateful to Tocal College for allowing 21 of their students to assist with the running of the day—they are great examples of the types of quality students who attend their college. I am also sincerely grateful to Mrs Mahony, our School Administration Manager for her wonderful support before the event, and overseeing the point scores and all relevant paper work during the day. Iona Public School took out the overall point score for Primary Schools for the second year running, with our team of Grace, Georgia, Lachlan, Tom, Zac and Rachael all doing very well in their events. We should be all proud of the efforts of our school team, with the overall profits going towards future school projects, which is of great benefit to all our students.

**Multicultural Public Speaking Final**
Next Friday, 14th November, Asher will be competing in the State Finals of this competition in Sydney. We have sent out an “Expression of Interest” to all children in 4/5/6, about attending this final. We will use these responses to decide our mode of transport. This is the 3rd year we have attended these finals with Asher and his sister Luka being finalists these past two years. We wish him every success in these finals, as it is a wonderful achievement to reach this stage of the competition.

**Guttering-reminder**
Our school guttering renewal has begun. The areas around the school have been cordoned off, so please take care to keep clear of these areas. As mentioned last week, our gutters need renewal to catch the rain. The gutter guards are also being changed so the water filters through to our tanks.
Musica Viva Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren ............................................................................................... to attend A Capella Time Travel on Monday 10th November. I understand that there is a $7.50 cost involved per child.

Signed .......................................................................................... Date ................................................