Calendar

Wed 12\textsuperscript{th} March
Year 6 Maitland High School visit

Fri 14\textsuperscript{th} March
Zone Winter Sports Trials

Mon 17\textsuperscript{th} March
Donna Jacobs show-Harmony Day

Wed 19\textsuperscript{th} March
Year 6 Maitland High School visit

Fri 21\textsuperscript{st} March
Grandparents Day

Wed 26\textsuperscript{th} March
Athletics Carnival

Fri 28\textsuperscript{th} March
School Cross Country

Canberra Excursion - Reminder
The 4/5/6 class have taken home an expression of interest form for the planned excursion to Canberra in Term 3 - from Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September to Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} September. We need those forms returned asap so we can finalise the costings and accommodation for the excursion. I welcome parents to attend but you must let me know very soon so again, numbers can be finalised.

Donna Jacobs Sife Show – Harmony Day (Reminder)
Hinton & Mount Kanwary schools will be joining us for the Donna Jacob Sife Show on Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} March in the Woodville Hall to celebrate Harmony Day. The cost of the performance is $4.50. Please sign the permission note at the end of the newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A MODERN WORLD
Donna Jacobs Sife is an award-winning storyteller who responds to the world. Her stories, taken from world folklore, wisdom literature and sacred traditions, speak of prejudice, struggle, life’s purpose and the human spirit; in a way that is non-didactic, non-threatening, and hugely entertaining.

Her considerable international reputation is built upon her multi-cultural position, her capacity to bridge difference, create unity and community, develop empathy, give meaning to life’s struggles, and encourage the spirit.

Stockland Star - Reminder
It’s on again. Information on how to vote is attached to the newsletter.

Small School’s Athletics Carnival
Our Small School’s athletics Carnival is scheduled for Wednesday, 26\textsuperscript{th} March at Woodberry Oval. All children are expected to attend and participate. More information will be included in next week’s newsletter.

School Cross Country
We will be holding our School Cross Country event at Albion Farm, for all students, on Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} March from 2.00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend AND PARTICIPATE so you had better get into some serious training so you can run with your children.

Zone Winter Sports Trials
Next Friday some of our students will be participating in the Zone Winter Sports Trials being held in Maitland for soccer, netball and hockey. I’ll also be away that afternoon as I am selecting the Girls’ Soccer (Football) team.
Grandparents Day
We have planned a Grandparents Day for Friday, 21st March from 1.00 to 3.15. During this afternoon of events, we will be presenting a short concert from 1.00 – 1.30; enjoying afternoon tea with the grandchildren (and grandparents can join the staff for their “cup of tea”) before enjoying an afternoon of sporting activities with the children from 2.00 – 3.15. We do expect all children and their grandparents to join in. We hope to see many families represented on this day, celebrating the wonderful contributions our grandparents make to the development of all our children.

Year 6 Maitland High School Visit
Year 6 students will be visiting Maitland High School next week to participate in a Gymnastics afternoon, which is a part of the Maitland High School Transition process.

School Cleanup Day
We have rescheduled our Cleanup Day for this Friday (tomorrow) after last week’s deluge prevented our Cleanup from last Friday.

Weekend of dance at Woodville Hall
Talented dancers and professional dance teachers Hanna Trott and Eden Read will be performing and teaching at events at the Woodville School of Arts on 4 and 5 April. On Friday 4 April they will host and perform at a vibrant dance and dinner evening at the School of Arts, from 7pm. Full buffet dinner and performance: $55 per head. Dress up! (but you don’t have to be formal). BYO alcohol. Soft drinks available.
On Saturday 5 April Hannah and Eden will run three lively and creative dance sessions for children to improve their skills – in tap, circus and jazz.
9 am – 11 am. Ages 12 – 15. $15.00
1pm – 2pm. Ages 5 – 8. $5.00
2pm – 4 pm . Ages 9 – 11. $15.00
Hannah is a graduate of the National Institute of Circus Arts Melbourne, an aerialist, an ex-Disney Princess, and a professional dancer who has performed widely in Europe, Asia and Australia. Eden is a dancer, choreographer and dance teacher, including in tap, jazz and musical theatre. He has performed in musicals including Hello Dolly, Sunset Boulevard, and toured internationally with the Irish tap show Spirit of the Dance. He is a Bachelor of Dance from the Victorian College of the Arts
Both Hannah and Eden currently teach in schools in Victoria, and have appropriate child protection clearance.
For booking or more information please contact: woodvillesoa@gmail.com
Viv Read 0414 294 339
Lis Smark 0408 660 638
Events on both days are fundraisers for the Woodville School of Arts maintenance fund.

Maitland Mercury Article
I have attached an article which appeared in the Maitland mercury last Thursday about the dangers of speeding drivers near our school.

Reminder – Bookclub is due back on Monday 17th March.
It’s on Again  Lovedale Long Lunch

Iona Public School P&C Fundraiser

Come and join us for a great day of fabulous local food, wine and entertainment on Sunday 18th May 10am - 4pm.

Tickets $100 includes entry into 3 venues, food, wine, entertainment, transport & donation to the school. RSVP & Money by Friday 4th April to school office.

For all enquiries contact Kim on 0417 047012

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Harmony Day Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren ................................................................. to attend the Donna Jacobs Sife Harmony Day show on Monday 17th at the Woodville Hall. I have enclosed $4.50 per child.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................
Drivers not getting message, says Iona school principal

By ANDREW PARKINSON
Feb. 27, 2014, 4 a.m.

ONGOING CONCERNS: Iona principal Daryl Sheppard is still concerned about speeding cars.

Iona Public School principal Daryl Sheppard said drivers are not getting the message to slow down around schools, putting children's lives at risk.

Drivers who failed to observe school zone speed limits as well as inadequate signs and crossings had contributed to dangerous conditions for students at peak drop-off and pick-up times, he said.
The problems schools identified included school zone signs not upgraded, faded school zone signs, obstructed school zone signs, no flashing warning lights, worn or faded zebra crossings, worn or faded yellow 40km/h square patches and no crossing supervisor.

Mr Sheppard said motorists regularly sped past the school at up to 80km/h despite Paterson Road having a 60km/h limit and 40km/h during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

He said it was only a matter of time before there was an accident unless attitudes changed.

“Nothing has happened yet, but it only takes one incident, one child to be hit and you’ve got a real tragedy,” he said. “We don’t want to be reacting to a horrible incident, rather we should be trying to prevent it.”

Mr Sheppard said it was absolutely vital for motorists to slow down when driving around schools.

While most drivers obeyed the speed limit, there were enough who didn’t to be of real concern.

“It is an ongoing issue, people need to be aware of what the consequences of their actions might be.”

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**Singleton Horse Sports Day**

**Hosted by: Mt Pleasant Public School**

will be held on

**Friday 16th May 2014**

At Singleton Showground, York St, Singleton

Further information and entry forms will be available end of March from the school website:  