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Trivia Night
Melissa Bird is organising a trivia night in support of the Jones family. If you can help with any raffle prizes or donation please see either Melissa or Alison Mahony. A flier for the night is attached to the newsletter.

Poppers
Due to a price increase in the cost of poppers we will now be selling them for 90c each.

Grandparents Day-reminder
We have planned a Grandparents Day for this 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.

Donna Jacobs Harmony Day Show
All children enjoyed Donna Jacobs’ performance (a world renowned storyteller—a real art) in the Woodville Hall on Monday, as well as the interaction with Hinton P.S. after the show in the playground. We have included some photos showing the children enjoying the morning.

Dance Off (Year 6 initiative)
Next Tuesday 25th March, at lunchtime, our Year 6 Leaders have organised a Dance Off Competition. It should be fun with children able to display their dancing skills.
Small School’s Athletics Carnival – next week
We are once again joining other small schools at the athletics carnival at Woodberry oval on Wednesday 26th March (back up date of 2nd April). This is the oval directly behind Frances Greenway High School. We would like all students to meet us at Woodberry Oval by 8.30 am so the children can be put into their groups. **Families are asked to organise their own transport for the day. (all students from K-6 are expected to participate on the day)**
The activities will start at 8.45 with all children rotating around the many different activities. The 5, 6 & 7 year olds will have their activities separate to the 8,9,10,11 & 12 year old students. All children will wear a name tag, the colour of their group (for younger students), with their age printed on it. Canteen facilities will be available on the day. Please ensure the children take the following: Sunscreen, (wear) school sports uniform, something warm in case it gets cool, rain coats (be prepared as our weather has been rather changeable of late), recess, lunch and water. A canteen list is attached.

Young Leader’s Day in Sydney
On Monday 31st March, our Year 6 leaders will be attending the Young Leaders’ Conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. They will be leaving school, by car, at 6.00 am with Mr Sheppard and Mrs Smith, and should return to school by 5.30 pm. At the conference they will listen to 3 main speakers—Mr Bob Carr, Mrs Ita Buttrose and the author Mr Andy Griffith. They should be inspired about how these very successful people achieved in their lives.

Easter Hat Parade
This is an early notice so please keep this date in mind---Friday, 11th April. We will be holding our Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of school for this term. We encourage all students to start preparing for their Easter Hat parade—the hats will be made at school but if you want any extra decorations on the hats, children can bring them to school. We also have a pre-school section on the day.

Zone Cross Country
The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Tocal, on Thursday 3rd April. Those who qualify from our School Cross Country will be attending this carnival. Our School P&C will be operating the canteen for the Cross Country, so they will need many adults to assist them on the day. Please see Pat Lannen if you can help.

Regional Principal’s Conference
I will be attending the Regional Principal’s Conference being held in Terrigal on Thursday, 3rd April and Friday 4th April.

Stockland Star - Reminder
Please don’t forget to vote. Voting only goes until the end of March.

School Cross Country - Reminder
We will be holding our School Cross Country event at Albion Farm, for all students, on Friday 28th 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.

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
**Forest Working Bee**
This is an early reminder, but at yesterday’s P&C meeting we agreed on a date to spend some time cleaning up our forest area which includes renewing our bark chip paths, clearing out branches and debris, planting new vegetation and creating a new vegetation area (under Ms Hamer’s guidance) using some of our Environmental Education funds. The date is Friday 9th May (Week 2 Term 2) starting at 9.00 am. We will organise a sausage sizzle for the day as well. As they say, “many hands make light work!”

**3 Way Conferences - Reminder**
Believe it or not, it’s that time of the year again. The 3 way conference times for each class are listed below-
The K/1 (Miss Bath’s class) and 1/2/3 (Ms Hamer’s class) will be holding their conferences in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. **The timetable is as follows-(please consider leaving the more popular times in the morning and afternoon for those families who are unable to get here throughout the day)**

| Years  1/2/3 – |  
| Ms Hamer |  
| Tuesday 1st April | 8:00 - 8:45; 3:15 - 4:00 |
| Wednesday 2nd April | 8:00 - 8:30; 9:45 – 10.45; 3.15 – 4.00 |
| Thursday 3rd April | 8.00 – 4.00 |
| Tuesday 8th April | 8:00 – 8:45; 3:15 – 4:00 |
| Wednesday 9th April | 8:00 – 8:30; 9:30 – 10.45 |
| Thursday 10th April | 3:15 – 4:30 |

| Years K/1-  
| Ms Bath |  
| Tuesday 1st April | 8.30 – 3.00 |
| Other times by arrangement |

| 4/5/6  
| Mr Sheppard |  
| Wednesday 2nd April | 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 4.00 |
| Wednesday 9th April | 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 4.00 |

Please see or ring Mrs Mahony in the office to book in your time. If you wish to make arrangements for times not mentioned above, please see your classroom teacher.

**Awards**
**Merit Awards** were presented in:-
K/1  
Tasmin for her caring attitude  
Nash for his improved effort in handwriting  
Shalee for beautiful work presentation  
Isabella for becoming a confident reader  
Lydia for being an excellent helper in art 1/2/3  
Brodi for great work in reading  
Till for great work in publishing work  
Danny for great work in reading  
Oscar for being a self - directed learner  
Fred for working well in all areas  
Katelin for always being willing to help in art 4/5/6  
Kimberley for diligence and commitment to her studies  
Michael for excellent narrative  
Felicity for having such a diligent attitude to her learning  
Liam for showing initiative as the Sports Minister  
Lucy for having an exceptional work ethic  
Bailea for always being organised and ready to learn  
**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**  
Felix for always being enthusiastic in soccer  
**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**  
Lily E for mediating to resolve a dispute between younger students  
Cameron for accepting responsibility at school  
**Library Award**  
Joel for being a really committed reader  
**Environmental Award**  
Rachael for being an enthusiastic helper with Clean-Up Australia Day  
**Healthy Food Award**  
Sophie for having awesome manners

**Birthdays:-**
Sophie D turned 10 on 17th February  
Jesse turned 11 on 20th February  
Jack turned 7 on 27th February  
Madeline turned 5 on 3rd March  
Zac turned 8 on 18th March  

20 March 2014
**P&C News**

A reminder once again that the Zone Cross Country will be held at Tocal on Thursday April 3rd.

Iona P&C has been given the opportunity to run the canteen.

This involves a BBQ, (cooks needed) and the usual fare of drinks, lollies, chips and sandwiches.

On the morning of the event we need help in the school canteen to make fresh sandwiches which will be sold.

If neither of these options suit then perhaps you can make a cake, a slice or biscuits for us to sell.

If you are able to assist in any way, please see me.

We will also hold our Easter raffle again this year. If families could bring in donations of Easter eggs and leave at the office. These will be then divided up into prizes and will be drawn after the Easter hat parade. With this year’s draw we would like to limit prizes to one per family. Books of tickets will be sent home tomorrow.

Thanks

Pat Lannen

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**PERMISSION NOTE - Small Schools Athletics Carnival**

I give permission for my child / children ____________________________________________ to attend the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Woodberry Oval on Wednesday 26th March or back up date Wednesday 2nd April. I understand that travel is by private transport.

Signed: __________________________________ Date: _____________________________

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**Permission Note - School Cross Country**

I give permission for my child /ren ………………………………………………………………..to cross the road to Albion Farm to participate in the schools cross country run on Friday 28th March

Signed: .......................................................... Date: ..............................................
MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN

APRIL

LEGOMANIA

LEGOMania hits Maitland City Library these April holidays. You’ve seen it on the big screen, now get into the library and get building with LEGO! Lots of exciting activities and challenges for kids from 4 - 14 years. Booking and payment prior to events is essential and may be made online at www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/kids/holidayfun. Contact Maitland City Library for more information on 4933 6952.

STOP-MOTION LEGO

Have you ever heard of stop-motion? Discover this fun film animation method through watching selected LEGO stop-motion productions, and investigate stop-motion techniques for yourself using LEGO.

Maitland Library
Saturday 12 April
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
7 – 14 yrs
Free

LEGO LIBRARY COMPETITION BUILDING WORKSHOP

Bring your own LEGO and build your dream library for the chance to win! Entries will be displayed in branch during the holidays.

Maitland Library
Monday 14 April
10.00 am – 11.00 am
4 – 14 yrs
Free

Thornton Library
Wednesday 16 April
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
4 – 14 yrs
Free

East Maitland Library
Wednesday 16 April
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
4 – 14 yrs
Free

BLOCKS OF FUN

How tall can you build a tower made of LEGO? Do you have any other fantastic LEGO designs? Come and share them at Thornton Library.

Thornton Library
Monday 14 April
11.00 am – 12.00 pm
4 – 8 yrs
Free

East Maitland Library
Tuesday 15 April
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm
8 – 12 yrs
Free

LEGO DESIGNS

Make your own LEGO design diary to keep track of all your great LEGO ideas. Think outside the ‘blocks’ and decorate a magnetic picture frame with LEGO stamps.

Rutherford Library
Tuesday 15 April
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
4 – 14 yrs
Thursday 17 April
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
5 – 12 yrs
Free

LEGO ROBOTICS

An interactive hands on workshop designed to demonstrate how a robot really works. Using laptops and the NXT Lego Mindstorms robots, you will learn about basic programming and how to make your robot perform precise movements as well as how to operate environmental sensors such as light and sound. The workshop concludes with students creatively programming their own robots to perform a short dance routine.

East Maitland Library
Thursday 17 April
10.00 am – 11.30 am
8 – 12 yrs
$5

MECCANO MACHINES

Get busy and get building. Kids use hand tools to create simple and complex machines with Meccano during this hands-on workshop. Learn about levers, pulleys, gear trains, inclined planes and wheel and axles whilst having heaps of hands on fun!

Maitland Library
Thursday 17 April
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
8 – 12 yrs
$5

THE POWER OF THE BRICK

Put your LEGO building skills to the test. Build and race a balloon powered LEGO car, and construct a bridge made from LEGO that can hold a cup of coins.

Thornton Library

Tuesday 22 April
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
9 – 12 yrs
Free

LEGO FUN

Come and join in Maitland Library’s fun activities and celebrate all things LEGO. Practice your LEGO building skills, participate in LEGO games and make a LEGO mask.

Maitland Library
Wednesday 23 April
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
4 – 12 yrs
Free

LEGO CREATIONS

LEGO is for more than just building! Let your artistic flair shine through as you draw a LEGO version of yourself, design some LEGO jewellery and make cool stationery using LEGO stamps.

East Maitland Library
Thursday 24 April
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
6 – 10 yrs
Free

CREATE A LEGO MOVIE STAR

Develop your own LEGO movie character and design a poster promoting the new movie.

Rutherford Library
Thursday 24 April
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
4 – 12 yrs
Free

arrangements for times not mentioned above, please see your classroom teacher.
Canteen Price List
Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 26th March 2014 at Woodberry Oval.
Canteen supplied by Tarro Public School P & C Association

Hot Food*
Meat Pies $3.00
Sausage Rolls $2.50
Tomato & BBQ Sauce .50c each
Sausage Sizzle $3.00
Steak Sandwich $4.00
Egg & Bacon Roll $4.50
*Available from 8am until sold out

Cakes Slices & Muffins
Vanilla Slice $2.50
Chocolate Muffin $2.50
Lamingtons $2.50
Finger Buns $2.50

Drinks
Cans $2.50
Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite
Water $2.00
Tea & Coffee $2.00

Chips & Lollies
Smith Chips $2.00
BBQ, Chicken, Salt n Vinegar
Mars Bars & Kit Kats $2.00
Wicked Fizzes 20c each or 6 for a $1.00
Mixed Lolly Bags $1.00
Killer Pythons $1.00
Rainbow Straps 20c each or 6 for $1.00
Strawberry Cloud Bags $1.00
Freckle Bags $1.00
The Christie Lyn Foundation

TRIVIA Night

Come and support the Jones’ family

When: Saturday 12th April
Where: Woodville School of Arts
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: $20 per person or $200 per table of 10
BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Dress in Lime Green for Lymphoma Awareness

Lots of Games, Raffles, Great Prizes
and Heaps of FUN!!

Tickets available from Iona Public School or contact
Melissa Bird 0434 848626 for further information

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