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**School Cross Country - Postponed**

We will be holding our School Cross Country event at Albion Farm, for all students, next Tuesday, 1st April from 2.00 pm. Please note the change of day due to the bad weather.

**Young Leader’s Day in Sydney - Reminder**

Next 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 what these very successful people achieved in their lives.

**Stockland Star - Reminder**

Triple points until Friday. Get your dockets in!!!

**Grandparents Day-report**

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us with our Grandparents day last Friday—it was a fabulous day with so many grandparents and parents here for the afternoon. The children performed beautifully at our assembly, with a great many of you joining in the active activities after lunch. (I hope there weren’t too many injuries!). We will ensure that we have the urn on next year so everyone can access their cup of tea more quickly. The following photos indicate the wonderful support that we had for the day—

*Many of our Grandparents enjoying the assembly*

*One of our groups enjoying soccer*
Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival - report
What a fabulous day it was yesterday at the Small School’s Athletics Carnival! It was a great effort by the children and great support by our whole parent community. **However, we have just found out that we were the overall winners for the day so we get to keep the Frank Bunnett Small Schools Athletics Shield.** We will publish the results as soon as we have them all—the Zone Athletics Carnival is not on until Week 3, Term 3, 1st August, so we have plenty of time. We had 3 Champions for the day—Lucy C—Senior Girls Champion; Callum—Senior Boys Champion; Tom B.- 11 Yrs Boys Champion. (proud pictures below). Both our Junior and Senior relay teams won their races very convincingly, indicating the strength of our team.

Dance Off (Year 6 initiative-report)
Liam, one of our Year 6 leaders, organised a Dance Off on Tuesday, at lunch time, which was a great initiative for all children to enjoy. We had around 14 entries who danced to music and were judged on rhythm, individuality and enjoyment. The winners were: 1st: Bailea; 2nd: Lucy C.; 3rd: Oscar D. Well done to all those who participated and well done to Liam for organising this activity.

Easter Hat Parade-reminder
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.

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!”

Anzac Day at Morpeth
We will again be participating in the Anzac Day March at Morpeth, on Friday, 25th April. (the last week of the school holidays) We are to assemble at Campbell’s Store, Cnr Tank and Swan Streets at 10.45am. All children attending are to wear their full school uniform.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jones family with Christie passing away this morning. She has been a wonderful attribute to our whole school community and we send Tim and his children all our sympathy at this very sad time.

27 March 2014
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

Awards

**Merit Awards** were presented in:-

K/1

Ben for trying hard to learn to skip

Lydia for excellent environment picture for news

Keeley for demonstrating great understanding of compound words

David for terrific construction for news

1/2/3

Kyan for great thinking in science

Joel for enthusiasm and involvement in science activities

Lily E for working well in all class activities

Phoebe for being a self - directed learner

Sophie S for demonstrating an outstanding attitude to all class work

4/5/6

Kimberley for excellent grandparent exposition

Gabby for excellent grandparent exposition

Gabriel for positive attitude with all school work

Liam for initiative and effort with golf on Grandparents Day

Lucy for excellent leadership at Grandparents Day

Tom for excellent leadership at Grandparents Day

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**

Seth J for being enthusiastic in the dance-off

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**

David for helping keep our playground safe and tidy

**Library Award**

Sophie D for always reading silently and being polite bringing back books

**Environmental Award**

Jesse for showing leadership in environmental groups

**Healthy Food Award**

Ty for nice manners in the kitchen
3 Way Conferences – Reminder (start next week)
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;
Wednesday 2nd April 8:00 – 8:45; 3:15 - 4:00
Thursday 3rd April 8.00 - 8.30; 9.45 – 10.45; 3.15 – 4.00
Tuesday 8th April 8.00 – 4.00
Wednesday 9th April 8:00 – 8:45; 3:15 – 4:00

**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.

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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 Tuesday 1st April

Signed: ……………………………………………………….. Date:……………………………………………….

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27 March 2014
Vacation Care

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Kooragang Wetlands

family festival

- explore scenic board walks
- meet Platypus Pete
- enjoy a horse and cart ride
- tickle a turtle and admire a green tree frog
- go nuts about nature
- visit the family history tent
...and much, much more!

All activities and entry free

10 am - 3 pm on Sunday 6 April
The Schoolmasters House
Kooragang Wetlands on Ash Island

Phone 4964 9308 for details.
Children’s Dance Master Class

Saturday 5 April  Special event!

Creative and lively dance sessions for children of all ages - to improve dance skills in tap, circus and jazz. Classes led by brilliant professional dancers and dance teachers:

Hannah Trott & Eden Read

at Woodville School of Arts Hall

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Bookings essential

Classes limited to 20 children. Each class will be followed by a short presentation of the skills that have been taught in the class.

Some previous dance experience would be beneficial

Eden Read 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.

Hannah Trott is a professional dancer and dance teacher. She has performed widely in Europe, Asia and Australia. She is a graduate of the National Institute of Circus Arts Melbourne, an aerialist, and an ex-Disney Princess. + Hannah and Eden currently teach in schools in Victoria, and both have appropriate child protection clearance

HOW TO BOOK: please contact us on:

woodvillesoa@gmail.com

ph 4930-3440 or 0408 660 638

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Wristbands for Christie

$5

All proceeds go to the

Christie Lyn Foundation

Thank you