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Netball

On Tuesday our netball team played against Bellbird P.S. in the NSW PSSA State Knockout Competition. It was a tough game, with the Bellbird team full of Netball Rep Players. As the game went on we became stronger, but in the end we lost, as Captain, I was very proud of our team.

Bailea, Team Captain.

Missing Clothes

Can you please check your child’s jumpers to make sure you have the right one, we have a few missing.

Iona Workshop 15 May (Reminder)

Iona Public School - your future your say

The Principal invites you as a member of the school community to participate in an evening to map out the schools priorities for the next 5 years. It is important that we capture the views of the school community to develop a position statement and report on the type of school Iona wants to be. This report will be a key document to influence decision makers in the department of education and elsewhere to ensure our community is heard and that its’ views are taken into account.

Where... Iona Public School; 4/5/6 classroom

When... Thursday 15th May from 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Light refreshments and supper will be provided. Please RSVP to the front office 49301415 by Friday 9th May.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to shape the future of your school.

Thanks
Darren and Sarah Bayley

Please give this meeting some serious thought as we would like as many families as possible represented at this meeting. After all, as the title says—this is our chance to have a say with our future. Please let Alison know if you can attend.
Soccer Trials/Training
Yesterday afternoon we had our first training session for the School Soccer (Football) Team. We have entered the NSW Small Schools’ Competition this year and we play our first game on Wednesday 4th June as a Gala Day between Lochinvar, Kitchener and Hinton Public Schools. Mrs Tracey Merchant is again our coach with Mr Sheppard managing the side. We will be training again next Wednesday afternoon at the same time.

P&C Meeting
At yesterday’s P&C Meeting we discussed the following: the profit from the Zone Cross Country Carnival, the Brick/paving fund raising; A Thompson’s Pie fundraiser, a Buttai Barn family evening, the Stage 3 Gala day coming up later this term and the Chaplaincy program.

Breakfasts and sausage sizzles
The Woodville School of Arts will be cooking breakfast and lunch at the Woodville store on Saturday 24 May, and Saturday 21 June. Starting at 8am they’ll be serving egg & bacon toasties, and then gourmet rissoles and sausages for brunch and lunch. There will be raffles on both dates for some great local prizes, and on 21 June there will be a plant stall.

All proceeds will support the WSoA maintenance fund. The hall urgently needs a new oven, also new storage after its shed was stolen during the Christmas break. Plant donations for 21 June would be welcome. Please contact the WSoA of woodvillesoa@gmail.com, or 4930-3440.

If you can help, please see us at school or Pat Lannen.

Paterson Valley Swim Club
Presentation night for Paterson Valley Swim club is Friday 9th May starting at 6.30 with a sausage sizzle with will cost a gold coin. There will also be raffles on the night. Hope to see all members there.

Forest Working Bee - tomorrow
We are planning a forest working bee tomorrow, 9th May from 9.00 am, where we will be cleaning up our forest area. This 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 and a grant we received from the HRCMA. We will organise a sausage sizzle for the day as well. As they say, “many hands make light work!” Please let us know, in the front office, of your availability. Please bring in wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes...if you can. We need to move leaf litter to resurrect our paths, clean up the forest area and erect a new vegetation area.

Entertainment Books - Reminder
You should have received your Entertainment Book during last week Term 1, if you did not please see Melisa Smith or Mrs Mahony. Those who still have books could you please either pay for them or return them to school promptly.

If you or any of your family or friends would like extra books please see Melisa or Mrs Mahony and we can arrange more for you. Thank you for your support.

8 May 2014
Naplan – Reminder – next week
Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National NAPLAN Tests next week. This is the Letter to the parents from the Board of Studies -

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

TUESDAY 13 MAY
Language Conventions
( Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
Writing

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY
Reading

THURSDAY 15 MAY
Numeracy
(Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

St Peter’s Church-Choir Performance
The choir is performing at St Peters Anglican Church, William Street, East Maitland on Wednesday, 21st May.

Students need to wear blue winter uniform and be dropped off to Mrs Oates at the church by 5 pm for the combined choir rehearsal, which runs until 6:15 pm. Parents are asked not to enter the church during the rehearsal period and this year, there will be no tea/coffee provided prior to the performance. Parents should return for the performance which is scheduled for 6:30 pm and should finish about 7:30 pm. A gold coin donation at the door is requested, as the concert is a fundraiser for the church maintenance program.

If you have indicated that your child can attend this performance, please let Ms Hamer or Mrs Oates know if something comes up which will prevent their being there on the night.

3 Villages Art Festival
The 3 Villages Art Festival is a new initiative to promote the creativity and artistry of people living in the Paterson, Vacy and Gresford areas. It will be held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of May with the opening night on Friday 23rd May at Tocal Collage.

The festival is dedicated to the exhibition of art and photography and to promoting tourism in the local area through other entertainment and exhibits. There will be a range of activities carried out over the weekend ranging from a classic car display in Tucker Park, music throughout the 3 villages and children’s entertainment. Iona Public School is taking part in the ‘Local School’s Photography Competition’ with 12 photos selected for display from photos taken by our years 3/4/5 Tech class. These will be displayed as a group exhibit and go up against photos from Paterson, Vacy, Martins Creek and Gresford Public Schools.

Organisers of the 3 Villages Art Festival are confident that this will become an annual event with increased opportunities over time for our children to display their creative talents in other art forms. The organisers would appreciate your support by getting along to see the art and photography on display over the festival weekend and enjoy the entertainment on offer.
Year 6 Disability Awareness Program

Our Year 6 project is a Disability Awareness Program. We wish to raise awareness of the challenges children face with disabilities. We will be having activities happening during lunch times in week 3 and week 5 consisting of:

Monday— Sitting down basket ball with Thomas Bray
Tuesday— The felt game with Nyah
Wednesday— Marco Polo with Felicity
Thursday— Blind folded follower with Callum
Friday— The birthday game with Bailea

We are hoping that all children will take part in some of the games either in week 3 or week 5. We will be conducting a brief survey of some of the children who took part in the games to see what their experience was like being in the shoes of someone with a disability.

We are currently organising to have speakers coming to address the students of our school discussing the difficulties that some people face in their lives with a range of disabilities. The dates and times are still being arranged.

All Parents are welcome to come and listen to the speakers as well as joining in for the activities.
Cessnock School Horse Sports Day

Friday – 20th June
Cessnock Showground

Entry Fee: $20 per rider *(See conditions of entry)*

Age Groups: 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs&over

Riding Events: Riding Classes  Hacking Classes

Sporting Events: Flag
                Bend
                Barrel
                Ball Race

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 23rd May 2014

Facilities:
Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am
Camping Available on Thursday night $ 20 per family
No Stabling

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All entries must be made through their child’s school and submitted as school team.

All forms available on the Millfield PS website from Monday 21st April.  