Iona Workshop 15 May
(Reminder)
It’s on tonight!!!

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.

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

Thanks
Darren and Sarah Bayley

Forest Working Bee
What a great day! Thanks to everyone for their support and wonderful effort! (including our wonderful cooks on the BBQ and Karen for driving down to Thornton to get some more leaf litter). As a result of our combined efforts we now have some excellent habitat areas in our forest, we have updated our paths, trimmed...
trees, tidied up the grass areas, cleared debris, prepared the wooden table for oiling and in general, made this area a great place to be for humans and local wildlife. If you haven’t had a chance to see this area, please wander down and have a look.

**Horse Sports Days**

Dungog - 13th June, entries into school by Monday 19th May (please note this is Starstruck day)

Cessnock- 20th June, entries into school by Monday 19th May

Merriwa- 11th August (this is for K – 12) entries into school by Monday 14 July

Please see Mrs Mahony for an entry.

**Entertainment Books - Reminder**

You should have received your Entertainment Book during last week Term 1, if you did not please see Melissa 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 Melissa or Mrs Mahony and we can arrange more for you.

Thank you for your support.

**St Peter’s Church-Choir Performance - Reminder**

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.

Iona Public School is taking part in the ‘Local School’s Photography Competition’ with 12 photos selected for display from photos taken by our year 4/5/6 class. These will be displayed as a group exhibit and go up against photos from Paterson, Vacy, Martins Creek and Gresford Public Schools. They will be on display at Vacy Hall.

**Starstruck**

Our Starstruck troupe will start practice with Cassie next week at lunchtime. They need to prepare for their next Major Rehearsal on Thursday, 29th May.

**Ms Hamer—Long Service Leave**

Ms Hamer is on Long Service leave as from tomorrow afternoon and will return to school on Friday, 6th June. Mrs Melissa Bird will be taking Ms Hamer’s place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Mrs Oates taking the Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Soccer Team**

Our School Soccer Team will be practising in school time over the next two weeks (as Tracey is unavailable after school in this time). They will be practising with Tracey next Friday, 23rd May and Friday 30th May (at lunchtime). I will endeavour to give them some extra runs, in school time, over the next few weeks as well. Our selected team will be playing at Lochinvar on Wednesday, 4th June.

**Disability Awareness—Year 6 Project**

Our Year 6 students are actively involved in a Leadership Project called “Disability Awareness”. They wish to raise awareness of the challenges children face with disabilities. They have been leading some activities at lunchtime this week to
increase awareness of different disabilities with all children. On Monday they had “sit down basketball shooting”, Tuesday “a felt game” (sense of touch), Wednesday a Birthday game” (mutism), Thursday a “blind fold follower game” and tomorrow a game of “Marco Polo”. They will also be surveying some children who took part in these games to see what their experience was like being in the shoes of someone with a disability.

They are also in the process of organising some guest speakers to discuss the difficulties that some people face in their lives with a range of disabilities. The following photos show some of these activities.

Children lining up for the felt game

Gabriel experiencing a shock in Nyah’s felt game on Tuesday
The simplest way
...to use leftovers in the lunchbox

Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst clearing out the fridge.

Your kids will love these tasty leftovers and their lunch box will be sure to come home empty.

Try some of these ideas:

- Cottage pie or spag bol sandwiches - both taste great on wholemeal bread
- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover vegies into a frittata
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).

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