Calendar
Wed 4th June  Soccer @ Lochinvar
Thurs 29th June  Starstruck Rehearsal
              Catchment Crawl

Uniform Order
Attached to the newsletter is a uniform order. All orders and money need to be returned to school no later than 6th June. Parent helper shirts are also getting ordered if you would like one (ready for horse sports day) please write this on the bottom of the order or see Mrs Mahony or Nicole.

Starstruck - Reminder
Our Starstruck troupe will continue to practice with Cassie next Tuesday at lunchtime.

MAJOR REHEARSAL
Our second major rehearsal is fast approaching. Some changes have been made to the day’s schedule so please note: Students are expected to attend school until 10.30am; we will then depart and meet outside the Newcastle Entertainment Centre by 11.30am. We should finish rehearsals by around 4.30pm. Our meeting point will be the last tree near the Brown Road entrance.

COSTUME REMINDER
As a result of our parent meeting a few weeks ago, costumes are being made by a seamstress this year due to their complexity. These are well underway and looking amazing. A payment of $50 for each child is requested to cover the cost of our seamstress (the school is funding the cost of materials). Please make this payment to Mrs Oates ASAP, but by no later than 6th June.

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. Our new soccer shirts and shorts have just arrived—they look great!
Your Future Your Say Meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended our Meeting last Thursday evening—we had over 30 parents attend, which was expertly run by Darren and Sarah Bayley. We divided into groups and listed many ideas that we can now use for our Strategic Plan. Of course there were some negatives, but overall we had countless positives that make our school so unique and a great place to be. These included—having such a tight knit community, high standard of education, children support each other across age groups, sporting and extra curricula activities, the values and morals and positive behaviours, small and personal, our kids!, fosters a sense of self and self-belief because of size, composite classes (as a positive), approachable staff, well resourced, “a school culture that creates well rounded, educated, content, moralistic, and happy, functioning members of society ” This is only a snippet of what was outlined—the strategic plan will be more comprehensive.
We will be using all these ideas to draft our Strategic Plan over the next few weeks, and we will then give everyone a copy to peruse before finalising this Strategic Plan. This will keep us on course for the future with a plan developed by the whole school community.

Woodville School of Arts
The Woodville School of Arts is holding a fundraising BBQ at the Woodville General Store on Saturday. Bacon and Egg sandwiches and sausage sandwiches will be available between 8am – 3pm.

School Council
At the meeting it came to our attention that many parents do not know much about the School Council, what has been done and how it works. We haven’t had a meeting this year, but this Strategic Planning Meeting was initiated at our School Council Meeting at the end of last year. We had discussed the implications of the new Principal Classification agenda that the Department of Education is implementing in 2017, so we wanted to prepare ourselves for the future by carrying out a SWOT (Strengths; Weaknesses; Opportunities; Threats) analysis with the whole school community. The School Council Report from last year’s Annual School Report was as follows-
The Iona School Council for 2013 consisted of Sarah Bayley (President), Debbie Clement (community representative), Pat Lannen (P&C President) and Daryl Sheppard, our Principal. The School Council met most terms where we discussed many ongoing issues such as: continuing our efforts with Port Stephens Council about the lack of parking space in front of the school, maintaining the ongoing support for the African Aids Foundation for 2013, reviewing and updating the Live Life Well Policy and the Sun Protection Policy, assessing and summarising the Annual School Report surveys, discussing planned events for the school throughout the year and continuing our discussions and review of our enrolment policy. The council also reviewed the Annual School Report and reported back to the P&C meetings, all issues discussed so ongoing communication of School Council decisions was maintained.
Horse Sports
Thomas, Zac, Georgia & Lochie represented Iona Public School @ Singleton Horse Sports on Friday 16th May. The event had nearly 200 riders competing. All performed well. Results:
Thomas 11yrs Boys
3rd Hack Class
3rd Riding Class
3rd Pleasure Hack
2nd Keyhole
3rd Bending
3rd Pony Twist
4th Barrell
4th Shamrock

Georgia 11yrs Girls
1st Hack Class
4th Barrell Race
5th Keyhole

Lochie
2nd Ridng Class
3rd Barrell Race
5th Keyhole
5th Pony Twist
5th Shamrock
9yrs Sportsmanship Medal

Zac
3rd Riding Class
2nd Keyhole
3rd Bending
3rd Barrell
3rd Pony twist
4th Shamrock

Entertainment Books - Reminder
Please either pay for or return your entertainment books. This needs to be finalised before the end of May.

Choir
The choir did our school proud with their beautiful manner and clear melodic singing. Well done Mrs Oates for your excellent conducting.

Awards
Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1
Fang-Chiao for great effort in basketball
Annie for terrific effort in all areas
Maddie for being a friendly and helpful class member
Riley for his interesting science experiment
Will for terrific maths skills
Shaleea for being an organized and hardworking student
1/2/3
Brodi for working independently during art
Lachlan for working well in all class activities
Zoe for working well in reading activities
Hillary for great work in maths
Brodi for writing independently
Oscar for outstanding use of language in his narrative
4/5/6
Sophie for consistently working hard in all subjects
Linden for working hard with her writing
Sophie for always trying hard to achieve her best work
Ty for a more focused effort with all classwork
Bethany for excellent leadership skills
Nyah for excellent narrative

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Lachlan for always being a good sport

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Felicity for being a great help with our forest working bee

Library Award
Michael for reading silently in the library

Environmental Award
Bailea for being so enthusiastic with our forest cleanup

Healthy Food Award
Zac for always having healthy food

Birthdays:-
Aria turned 7 on 27th April
Oscar turned 9 on 2nd May
Ben turned 6 on 15th May
Fang-Chi turned 8 on 16th May
Seth D turns 7 today!!!
Website
Have a look at our website when you have a few minutes, Mrs Mahony has been very busy updating all the photos from this year.

Learning some new basketball skills with members of the Maitland Mustangs

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at

Sunday 8th June 2014
10am - 2pm
Railway Sheds
Newcastle Foreshore

Family Fun Day

and
tsidskids
red nose day
HUNTER REGION

An event to raise funds and awareness for SIDS and Kids Hunter Region.

Entertainment by Ruby the Clown
Come and meet Carly & Tresne from MKR

Magician
Airbrush Tattoos
Reptile Display
Face Painting
Craft Corner
Sausage Sizzle

SIDS and Kids Hunter Region is a not-for-profit organisation which provides ongoing bereavement support for those in the Hunter Region affected by the death of a baby or child during pregnancy, birth, infancy or childhood, for example, Miscarriage, Stillbirths, Neonatal deaths, SIDS, Accidents, Illnesses and Drowning.

For More Info Call 02 4969 3171

Free Entry

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PARENT HELPER SHIRTS ORDERED ON REQUEST.

HATS, SPORT SHIRTS & SPORT SHORT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE.

CASH OR CHQ   (PAYABLE TO IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C)

CHILDS NAME: .................................................................

22 May 2014