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### Headlice

There have been several reported cases of headlice in the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly.

### Eat It To Beat It

The workshop proposed for next week has been abandoned due to lack of numbers.

### Mulch Pile – Kindling Anyone?

There is quite a significant amount of dropped wood which has accumulated in our mulching pile which is too old to mulch – it needs to be green timber. P&C suggested some parents may like to collect some of it to use as kindling for woodfires at home. If you could make use of some of it, please feel free to gather it when convenient. If during school hours, please contact the office about the safest access times so children aren’t in harm’s way.

### Hats

There has been a price increase on school hats. Hats will now be $5.50 each.

### Musica Viva

Our next Musica Viva concert is on Friday 8th August at 2 pm in Mr Sheppard’s room. The group performing is Sounds Baroque and will be a very different music experience for our students. Cost of the performance is $7.50/student. Please sign the permission slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return with payment to the school.

### Morris Gleitzmann Presentation

We are extremely lucky to have been invited by Maitland City Library to take our students to listen to world-renowned author Morris Gleitzman speak at Maitland Town Hall. The excursion is on Wednesday 6th August and we are taking the 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 classes. Mr Sheppard and Ms Hamer will accompany the classes. Cost will be $5.00/student and travel will be by bus. We will not be leaving school until 10:15am so students will come to school as normal. We will return to school in time to have a late lunch before resuming normal lessons. Please sign the permission slip below and return it to school with payment for the excursion.

### Book Club

Orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday 30th July.

### Zone Athletics Carnival

A reminder that all athletes competing at the Zone Carnival need to meet Mrs Oates and Mrs Murphy at 8:15 am at Woodberry Oval on Friday 1st August (next week). Events start at 8:30 am, so prompt arrival is imperative.
Amnesty International Fundraiser

One of our mums at school, Lucy A, is going to run in this year’s City to Surf Race in August to raise money for Amnesty International. The P&C agreed at yesterday’s meeting that Lucy and her children (as well as a couple of P&C volunteers) will make cupcakes (including Gluten Free, dairy free etc versions) and sell them at school to raise funds for Amnesty. I have copied Lucy’s explanation below about why she wants to help Amnesty International from her face book page.

Amnesty International fights for the basic rights that we enjoy because in Australia we have those freedoms. I feel so lucky that the people I love do not suffer the inhumane, cruel injustices that occur worldwide.

Please donate and help me raise money to support Amnesty International to fight for the freedoms we have been born with.

At the meeting, it was decided to combine the cupcake day with our Education Week Open Day on Wednesday, when there will be lots of people to take advantage of the delicious cooking. So, there will be lots of cupcakes of all varieties available for sale at afternoon tea on Wednesday, after the kids have finished their Jump Rope for Heart activities. Cupcakes will be $2.00 each. If your child won’t have an adult here on Open Day, they may ask you for $2.00 to buy a cupcake.

Girls Tunics

We are placing an order from PSW for girls’ winter tunic. If you would like to order any please see either Nicole or Alison before Friday 1st August. Tunics are $40 each and are available in size 4 – 10.

Staff Leave

If all goes according to plan, Mr Sheppard will return to work on Wednesday for Open Day, and Miss Bath will begin a staggered return to work three days/week from the start of Week 4 (week beginning Monday 4th August). Let’s keep our fingers crossed – Murphy’s Law does tend to intervene!

Jump Rope for Heart and Open Day

On Wednesday 30th July, during Education Week, we will be having our Jump Off as the culmination activity for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising. This is the same day as the Tony Bones performance, so parents can make a day of it, and be part of school again. This day will be our school open day from lunch time onwards. Please join us anytime from 11:30. We will be providing tea and coffee for our adult guests at 1:30 pm. Lucy’s cupcakes will be available for sale for those wishing to avail themselves of something sweet. The JRFH sponsorship form for fundraising has already been sent home. These documents are accountable. Even if your child does not get any sponsorships, the blank form must be returned to school. Please put it somewhere safe. All funds raised go to support the National Heart Foundation and help in the research to prevent heart related death and disease, which affect so many people in our lives. We have set a nominal target of $1200, so please encourage your children to ask relatives and adult friends to sponsor them in this vital fundraising for the National Heart Foundation.

Please return all sponsorship forms and funds raised by Wednesday next week. Also return any forms which were not used.
**Tree Day - Reminder**

Friday 25th July is National Tree Day. Students will be planting some more native plants in the forest.

**Netball**

The school netball team this year consists of

- **Bailea** – GA
- **Nyah** – WA, C, GS
- **Lucy** – GD, GK
- **Bethany** – GD, GK
- **Felicity** – WD, GK, WA
- **Georgia** – GA, C
- **Amy** – WA, GK, WD,
- **Chelsie** – WA, C, WD,
- **Kimberley** – WA, GS, C

The team played in NSW Schools Cup Gala day on Thursday 17th July at Singleton. During the day the girls played 4 x 24 minute games, resulting in 2 wins, 1 draw & 1 loss.

All the girls displayed plenty of natural talent & always played with outstanding sportsmanship. Thanks to our umpire for the day Emme, Mrs Mahony our team manager, the parents who transported & supported on the sideline & our surprise visitor for the last game Mr Sheppard. These girls have been a pleasure to work with & I am so proud & honoured to have been lucky enough to coach them.

**Congratulations**

**Girls on a wonderful day!**

Melisa Smith Coach
Musica Viva Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren ………………………………………………………………………….. to attend Sounds Baroque on Friday 8th August. I understand that there is a $7.50 cost involved per child.

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

Morris Gleitzmann Presentation

I give permission for my child / ren to attend Morris Gleitzmann presentation at Maitland Town Hall on Wednesday 6th August travelling by bus. I understand that there is a cost of $5.00 per child.

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

24 July 2014

NSW Education & Communities
Free Professional Support for NSW Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our service and to inform you of how we can be of assistance to parents of children at your school.

Parent Line NSW is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. In the last financial year the program provided counselling, support and information to more than 8,500 people who were involved in raising a child. 33% of callers have used the service before and have found it so helpful they have called back. Parent Line helps parents with a wide range of issues including behavioural problems, separation anxiety, other child mental health concerns, child development, bullying and child issues around parental separation.

Our opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. Callers can leave a message outside of these hours and a counsellor will assist them during the next operating period. Our counsellors are all fully trained professionals with specialised experience in working with families from widely diverse backgrounds.

Parent Line NSW also manages the ADHC funded Early Childhood Intervention Information Line for families who have questions and concerns about their child’s development or who have a child 0-6 years who has been newly diagnosed with a disability. Parents can seek support and guidance about understanding what this means to their family and in finding support services for their child.

Free Parent Line publicity material is available on www.parentline.org.au and the Parenting Counsellors can be accessed for the cost of a local call from a landline (some charges apply to mobile phones) on 1300 1300 52

Sincerely

The Parent Line Counselling Team
P&C News

The P&C meeting was held yesterday, thanks to everyone who attended.

The following items were discussed: -

We will be holding fundraiser, which also will give all our families a chance to leave a lasting reminder of their association at the school. More details are attached to this week’s newsletter.

The P&C has given an in principle commitment to fund the purchase of new computer tablets. At a cost of approximately $800 each, these will need to meet all the requirements of the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Cost will include all software and technical support. The school hopes to purchase 10 tablets and a charging dock (a further $3000). The Department will notify the school when the new tablets are available.

Future Dates for your diary: -

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Paving Fundraiser

We are giving all families the opportunity to purchase a paver which will be placed in the school grounds. This paver will be engraved with your details.

We have discussed two options for the pavers: -

1. Remove the existing concrete between the gate and office and replace with the pavers.
2. Erect a small brick wall in the grounds, which is then topped with the paver.

An example of the second option is the existing wall under the kitchen window.

Attached is sheet to fill in with the details you want on the paver. Some example may include: -

LANNEN FAMILY
2008 to 2014

JESSE & RACHAEL LANNEN
2008 to 2014

The choice is yours.

The cost will be $40 per paver. This is a chance to leave a lasting reference to your time with the school. If families find they may not be able to afford the cost, please see either myself or Daryl.

If you have any questions please come see me.

Thanks.

Pat Lannen

24 July 2014
SINGLE NAME PAVER

Iona Public School

P&C Fundraiser

SINGLE NAME PAVER: $40

Your donation of $40 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your association with the school. The paver will be permanently installed in the school grounds proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 14 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.)

NAME BRICK

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque to:

Iona Public School P&C

Contact Name

Street

City

State

Post Code

Phone ( )

Our Donation

Offer closes on Friday 8th August

24 July 2014

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