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**Canteen**

As you are aware our canteen ladies shop each week to ensure our lunches are fresh. To assist Jo and Ruth could you please have your lunch order in by Thursday morning, as they will be doing the shopping on Thursday’s during school hours.

**3 Way Conferences**

Our 3 Way conferences are planned for the end of this term, but this year we have made them **optional** for families. Please contact Alison to book in. We have made the following times available to those families who wish to take this opportunity to be involved with the 3 Way Conference. They are:

- **K/1:** Wednesday, 17\textsuperscript{th} September
  - 8.30 – 11.15
- **1/2/3:** Thursday, 18\textsuperscript{th} September
  - 8.00 - 11.15
- **4/5/6:** Wednesday, 17\textsuperscript{th} September
  - 8.00-9.00; 12.00 – 3.45
- *Other times by arrangement with class teachers

**Bookclub - Reminder**

Orders and payment need to be returned by August 27\textsuperscript{th}.

**Canberra Excursion - Reminder**

Our 4/5/6 excursion to Canberra is getting closer—it’s only 2 weeks away. Please ensure that you keep up your payments for this excursion, as would need all fees paid by Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} August (we leave on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September).

**Life Education**

The Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) will be visiting our school again on Thursday, 11\textsuperscript{th} September. The cost is $9.00 per child, with the following organisation in place:

- K/1: 2.00 – 3.00 “Harold’s Mystery Tour”— 1/2/3: Identifying the function of vital organs; recognising that a balanced diet and exercise promotes good health, exploring strategies to manage feelings and emotions, safety in public places and recognising the safe use and storage of medicines.
- 9.45 – 11.15 “Harold’s Heroes”- Recognising safe and unsafe behaviours, the effects of second hand smoke on the body, awareness of the safe use and storage of medicines, emergency procedures such as how to call 000 and healthy food choices.
- 4/5/6: 12.00 – 1.30 “On the Case”- what’s in a cigarette, effects of smoking, history and laws relating to tobacco, myths and facts, influences and pressures to smoke, strategies to reduce harm, reasons why young people choose not to smoke.

There are Healthy Harold Products for sale on the day. The merchandise for sale list is attached to the newsletter. Please sign and return the permission note attached.
HVGS Interschools Dressage & Jumping

Tom I, riding his pony Allengreen Gift competed in the HVGS Interschools dressage and jumping. Tom did us proud as you can see by the results below.

1.2 Dressage Test 4th Place
65cm AM7 Showjumping Competition - 1st Place
65cm Table A Showjumping Competition - 1st Place
Champion 65cm Showjumper
Reserve Champion Overall Primary Student Showjumping

Well done Tom.

Ms Bath

As you know, Ms Bath has only recently returned from some sick leave, and has been working 3 days a week for the past 3 weeks due to some physiotherapy she needs with her recovery from foot surgery. She has now decided to continue on a part time basis for the rest of the year, working 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) on her K1 class. Mrs Melissa Bird will be taking that class each Monday and Friday for the rest of the year.

Book Week Parade - tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August we are having a “character dressup” parade to celebrate Book Week. Students need to wear school uniform to school, but bring a costume to change into for the parade which starts at 2:30pm. For the parade, each child is asked to dress as a character they know from a book. Please come along and share in the fun of celebrating Book Week. We are also having a book fair where families will be able to purchase a book (or two) to celebrate Book Week. The books will be supplied by McDonalds Bookshop in Maitland.

Debating

Our School Debating Team will be contesting their second debate as a part of the Valler Cup for local small schools, tomorrow, Friday at 10.15 in the 4/5/6 classroom. They will be debating against Gresford P.S. with the topic being “All homes should recycle”. (a great theme for all families to think about). Our team for this debate is: Chelsie, Lucy and Asher with Bethany as the Team Advisor. We are the affirmative team arguing that we should recycle.

Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Final

Asher has once again qualified for the Regional Final in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. He is competing in this final, next Monday at Cardiff South P.S. We wish him all the best and congratulate him on such a fine achievement once again.

Year 5 High School Visits

Our Year 5 students have been invited to be involved in a Science class at Maitland High School as part of our transition to high school program. This activity not only gives them the opportunity to work in class with students from other primary schools but also allows students the chance to enter the high school and see specialist teaching rooms. They will be attending this class next Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} August at Maitland High School from 1.30 – 2.30 pm.
K/1 Library Excursion
K/1 class enjoyed their excursion to the Port Stephens Library on Tuesday, as a part of the Book Week celebrations. Ms Bath (with Mrs Durrheim) was very impressed with the new library facilities at Raymond Terrace. Our children again representing our school wonderfully well.

Swimming School Term 4—Starts Week 1
We will be starting our “Swimming for Sport” program at Lakeside Leisure Centre from Week 1 next term. We will be participating in this program for 10 weeks each Friday from 1.15 – 1.55. The bus will pick up the children each day. The program is run by qualified swim instructors, with groups of 6-7 non-swimmers inside in the beginners’ pool with an instructor, or for more competent swimmers, groups of 10 students outside in the 50m pool with an instructor. (Only competent swimmers will need to wear the school Swim Shirt.) The P&C has again agreed to help fund the cost of the program for every student by paying the bus fares each week. This means each student is only paying for the 40 minute swimming lesson. The total cost (per child) for this program is $70.00. (The school and P&C are supplementing $37.00 per child) Please see either Mrs Mahony or myself if you require assistance paying for these lessons. Ms Hamer will be talking to each parent about their child’s swimming ability before the end of term. Could you please sign the general consent form attached and send it to school as soon as possible.

School Council
We are holding our first School Council Meeting next Monday 25th August at 3.15. Our School Council members are: Pat Lannen, Cindy Lidbury, Kim Wallis and myself. If you wish to raise any issues, please see these members before the meeting. Please remember that this meeting is for those elected to the council only. As stated in the Iona School Constitution Rule 10.3 “Council may invite members of the school community to attend a Council Meeting for a specific purpose. Such visitors have no voting rights and cannot introduce items of business at the meeting”.

Jump Rope for Heart
There are still quite a few Jump Rope 4 Heart sponsorship forms still outstanding. Please return to the office ASAP, so this can be finalised. Sponsorship forms need to be returned even if no sponsors were sought.

Leadership Conference
I will be attending a Primary Leadership Conference at the East Maitland Bowling Club on Friday 29th August. The agenda is as follows: opening address (Frank Potter / Regional Director); Key Note Address: Katherine Cartwright Maths Advisor, Australian Curriculum in NSW; then followed by a variety of workshops that I can select to attend including- Leading times of change, 21st Century Learning, Managing Difficult Conversations, Financial Management, Great Teaching Inspired Learning and the accreditation process, Every Student, Every School and the implications for school leaders, Managing an Inclusive School Environment—Multicultural Education, Leadership V Management, a Principal’s World (and how to get there) and Aboriginal Initiatives. I have to select 4 of these to attend so there is plenty to think about.

Excel Workshop
On the same day, Friday 29th August, Mrs Mahony will be attending an Excel Workshop, in readiness for the new Financial System that will soon be introduced to all schools.
Create Art Carnival at Gresford P.S.-reminder
Gresford P.S. is staging another CREATE Art Carnival on Wednesday, 3rd September. At this carnival there are many workshops—3D paper sculpture, lego movie making, manga to the max (drawing comic book characters), photography, splatter art, book making, fun with clay, drama and improvising, print making, rock friends (painting). The day starts at 9.30 and concludes at 2.45. The children who wish to go, select two workshops in which to participate. The cost for the day is $25 per student—there is also a canteen available for the day. 4/5/6 students will be in Canberra that week, but all students from K-3 will have the opportunity to attend on an individual basis. If you wish your child to attend this Creative Arts carnival, please contact the school for further information.

Awards
Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1
Abenet for great general knowledge
Keeley for terrific participation in class
Seth D for improved reading
Ben for good effort in maths
Annie for always being ready to learn 1/2/3
Katelin for independently using correct punctuation for speech
Jona for trying hard to complete all writing tasks
Fred for being a responsible worker
Sophie S for working consistently in all class activities
Brodi for great work on reading card activities
Fang-Chi for taking great care with her artworks
4/5/6
Amy for completing Focus On Reading tasks
Michael for having a positive attitude to his school work
Rachael for a well written report about “The History of Voting”
Gabby for excellent “Guided Imagery” presentation
Jesse for great focus and hard work during maths lessons
Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Gabby for being kind and considerate to others
Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Ty for being caring and thoughtful of others
Library Award
Kimberley for being quiet in the library and borrowing a lot of books
Environmental Award
Asher for enthusiasm when planting trees
Healthy Food Award
Kyan for having lovely manners

Birthdays:-
Asher turned 11 on 11th August
Kimberley turned 10 on 12th August
LIFE EDUCATION PERMISSION NOTE 2014

I give permission for my child/children ………………………………………………………………………………………………. to attend the Life Education program on Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} September and enclose $9 per child.

Family Name ………………………………………

Signed ………………………………………

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Permission Note – Swimming Term 4 2014

I give permission for my child/ren …………………………………… to participate in the school swimming for sport program at Lakeside Leisure Centre, Raymond Terrace during Term 4, 2014. I understand that transport will be by bus, and that each child will be charged $70.00

Family Name ……………………

Signed ………………………………………

21 August 2014
P&C News

Please make note of the following future dates: -

9th September  P&C meeting - 6:30pm (NB this is a Tuesday night)

12th September  School Disco - 6:30pm til 9:00pm. This will be a fancy dress night, with an open theme. Come in any outfit you choose. Parents are encouraged to dress up as well.

19th September  Walkathon

15th October  Iona School Horse Sports. – This is our major fundraiser. To be held on a Wednesday at the Maitland Polocrosse grounds. If anyone would like to distribute letters requesting sponsorship, these can be collected from the office. Please see Alison. We are also seeking donations for the raffle so we can get this started as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the Horse Sports Day please see either myself or Fiona.

Thanks

Pat Lannen
Iona School Disco

Time to get out your dancing shoes!

Date: Friday 12th September
Time: 6.30—9.00pm
Place: Woodville School of Arts
Cost: Free to all Iona students and their families
Rules:
1. All students must remain inside the hall and have a parents’ supervision
2. Have a good time
Food: Everyone brings a plate to share, a table will be set up
Drinks: Will be available to purchase on the night

Help wanted to set up on Friday morning at drop off time
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ________ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ________________________ Phone (optional): ________________________
Address: _____________________
Suburb: ______________________ Postcode: ______________________
Email (optional) ______________________ Child's Class: ______________________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeduction.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au