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**Fathers’ Day Stall**

We are holding our Fathers’ Day stall next Monday 1\(^\text{st}\) September. The choices of gifts range from $1.00 to $5.00 in value. Please ensure your child has the right money and that it is securely cared for.

**Lost Clothing**

We have an insurmountable amount of clothing gathering around our school, with most of the clothing without names. Please check that all your child’s clothing has names on it, as we can then return it to the rightful owner. We have just sent off around 15 items of clothing to the charities as no one has claimed these for some time. Only this morning, I picked up two jumpers that were lying in the rain, while most other days I am consistently picking up clothes that have been left on the ground around the school.

**Life Education**

Thank you to Rotary Club of Paterson for supporting our upcoming visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

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

**K/1:** 9.15 – 10.15 “Harold’s Mystery Tour”— 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.

10.15 – 11.15 1/2/3: “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.
Canteen - Reminder
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 Thursdays during school hours.

School Attendance
We have many students at present who are arriving to school after 9.15. It is a requirement that all families ensure the appropriate attendance of their children at school including being on time. When children arrive late (5-10 minutes) it affects the classroom lessons, in many cases, the Daily PE program has started and the “late” children miss part of the lesson and/or the teacher has to make adjustments to include the child. All part absences are recorded with late permission notes required from the office. Please ensure your vigilance with your child’s arrival at school.

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

Debating
Our School Debating Team (Chelsie, Lucy, Asher and Bethany) won their debate last Friday against Gresford P.S., successfully arguing that all homes should recycle. They again demonstrated excellent debating skills as well as the ability to rebut the other team’s arguments.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th September at 6.30 pm. Please note the change of time for this meeting.

Book Week Parade
The Book Week Parade last Friday was wonderful—congratulations to all families for being so creative and thoughtful with your costumes. As you can see below, all the children looked fantastic in their costumes.

School Council
Our School Council met for the first time this year on Monday afternoon. The School Council members are: myself, as Principal, Mr Pat Lannen as the P&C Representative, and our two newly elected members, Ms Kim Wallace and Mrs Cindy Lidbury. At this council meeting we discussed the following: Chaplaincy at our school (see notification below); State and Federal Grants particularly targeting GATs (Gifted and Talented students); Iona Public School Position Statement which was formalised after our SWOT analysis evening; the School Council Constitution and the role of the School Council.

Jump Rope for Heart
There are 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.
Multicultural Public Speaking
Asher represented our school at the Regional Final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Final (held at Cardiff South P.S.) on Monday. He again performed very well, winning the Stage 3 section of this competition. This is the second year running that Asher has won this competition, a momentous achievement when you consider there are about 280 public schools in the Hunter/Central Coast Region of Public Schools. He will now compete in the State Final of this competition on Friday, 14th November in Sydney.

Canberra Excursion
4/5/6 leave for their 4 day excursion to Canberra on Tuesday, leaving school at 6.15 am and returning on Friday, around 8.00 pm. Ms Hamer and Mr Sheppard will be the supervising teachers for this excursion.

Crazy Hair Day
On Friday 12th September, our Year 6 students are holding another fundraiser—Crazy Hair Day—all for a gold coin donation. As there is no newsletter next week, an early reminder may be useful.

School Disco
This is a reminder that the School Disco is planned for Friday night, 12th September. All the details are outlined below.

Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival
Good luck to Tom who is competing in 3 events at Glendale this Friday. This is a great achievement.
LIFE EDUCATION PERMISSION NOTE 2014

I give permission for my child/children .................................................................................................................... to attend the Life Education program on Thursday 11th 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 .....................................................

28 August 2014

NSW Education & Communities
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 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.

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Life Education NSW thanks you for your support of the ideals of Life Education.

NB Harold Products are subject to availability

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

☐ I would like more information on Life Education NSW

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone (optional): ______________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Suburb: ________________________________ Postcode: ________________________________

Email (optional) ___________________________ Age: ______

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.