Calendar

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Canteen Roster

This Week       Jo          Karen
Next Week       Jo          Anita

PBL- Positive Behaviour Learning-reminder

On our school website I have added some information about our PBL program. The information comes under the “Curriculum and activities” section at the top of the school web page, and within that there is a special section for “Positive Behaviour Learning-PBL”. The program is explained in this section with an outline of the lessons we are targeting this term. Each lesson taught to the children will also be attached to this section. We ask that you have a look at this PBL section and familiarise yourself with the values we are targeting at our school within this program.

This week’s lesson is “I Listen Attentively” Some points to consider are: Why is it important to have good listening skills? Listening attentively means we: 1) have eyes on the speaker, 2) have our voice off, 3) have hands and feet still 4) listen to all information. We use our whole body to listen (have a look at the chart on our website).

Invoices

Point Wolstoncroft payment is due tomorrow, with the remainder of your school account to be finalised by November the 16th. An invoice is attached.

Gingerbread Making

Mrs Alina Mackee has been busy this week, working with the children (with the help from Mrs Nicole Crossland) creating this masterpiece! Believe it or not, it is not finished—I will include a final photo in next week’s newsletter. This will make a wonderful impression in the Hunter Valley Gardens Gingerbread House Competition.
Musica Viva – report
Once again, Musica Viva was “a hit” yesterday. The photos show the children being actively involved, enjoying the chance to play some music.

Talent Quest
Our Year 6 students initiated a Talent Quest which was held yesterday and today which was a wonderful way for our students to demonstrate their talents and also entertain others during lunch time. The final results will be announced in tomorrow’s assembly.

Focus On Reading
Ms Hamer and I have been actively involved with this course, Focus on Reading, throughout this year. As a part of this course, we have to present an Action Research Project, on Friday, 13th November. My project is the development of an Oral Reading Rubric (a list of skills involved with oral reading) which is ultimately targeting the improvement of reading aloud with all students. Ms Hamer is focusing on the teaching of prefixes and suffixes which will ultimately improve the vocabulary understanding of students when they are reading. We will be presenting our projects to the staff and hope to use this research to further improve the reading of all our students.

Quality Teaching Rounds
Last term, the staff were actively involved with this course (4 afternoons from 4.00 – 7.00), Quality Teaching Rounds. The aim of this course is to focus on the Quality Teaching skills of all teachers in the classroom. As a result, we are following on with the skills taught in this course, over the next two weeks. Next Wednesday, Ms Hamer and I will be teaching a lesson each, with the “team of teachers” watching and taking notes on “how we teach”. This will lead to some professional discussion about quality teaching. The Wednesday after, Ms Tully and Mrs Bird will be teaching a lesson each with the rest of us observing. Again, the aim of this is to further improve the delivery of education for our students.

State Cricket
We wish Georgia all the best next week, as she is representing the Hunter Region in Girls Cricket, playing in the State Championships in Dubbo next week. It will be a wonderful and enjoyable experience for her. Congratulations to Georgia for this great achievement!
Grandparents Day
We had a great day on Monday with a wonderful roll up of grandparents celebrating Grandparents Day. We enjoyed the performances of the children at our assembly, afternoon tea and an afternoon of activities with marbles, boules, cricket and handball. Our “heel and toe” was a wonderful way to finish the day—the smiles on everyone’s faces were priceless.

School Disco - Tomorrow
Date: 30th October 2015
Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Place: Woodville School of Arts
Cost: Free to all Iona students and their families
Rules: All students must remain in the hall and have a parent’s supervision.
Food: Everyone brings a plate to share
Help needed on Friday morning to set up the hall!

Kindergarten Orientation
Our Kindergarten Orientation continues next Thursday morning at 9.15am, 5th November with a parent meeting starting at 12.00pm.

Creative canvas
We have been given the opportunity to enter student artwork in an art exhibition being held at Maitland High School. Students are welcome to create their own artwork on the theme "What Happiness Means to me!" and hand it to Ms Tully by Friday 30th October. The exhibition is open on November 5th from 3:30-4:30 at Maitland High School. Artwork can be on canvas, paper or cardboard but no bigger than A3.

The following students have submitted their artwork which will be displayed at the exhibition.
David, Jesse, Jona, Eliza, Madeline, Zali, Amy, Tilly and Chelsie.

Kidspreneur Projects
The 2015 Kidpreneur program for our Year 6 Leaders has kicked off to a good start with both businesses, Candle Creation and Slooshies achieving profits right from their first day of trading.

The children learnt the basics and theory around running their own businesses last term including aspects of advertising, accounting, company structures and production management. This term they are putting these skills into practice in their own business and enjoying the rewards that can come from a profitable business by earning money for their Year 6 gift and our chosen charity the African Aids Foundation.

Candle Creations achieved a turnover of around $74.00 for their first afternoon and Slooshies income on their first week was approximately $107.

Great Start Year 6.
The children will continue to operate their businesses at different times throughout the term. Thank you to those who have already supported the children and please continue to do so when you can.
Dianne Murphy

30th October 2015
**Point Wolstoncroft Camp**

4/5/6 will be attending this camp in week 7. Could I ask all parents to make sure they complete the medical and consent form online:

Booking code 0475118


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**P&C News**

Once again, we were unable to hold the P&C meeting last night as the only attendees were Daryl, Gail and myself. After a number of false starts and previous poor attendance at the night meetings, I think it is obvious that night meetings are a failure. This is disappointing given how vocal some parents have been about being unable to attend the day meetings and wanting the alternative of a night meeting.

With respect to the fact that we have both family and work commitments this continuing lack of support for the P&C leaves us in a difficult position as we move forward towards next year. Unless new parents come forward to attend meetings or help in executive roles the P&C faces the prospect of dissolution. Obviously, this would potentially result in all fundraising events ceasing but of most concern would be the risk of losing the significant funds we currently have raised over recent years. These funds could likely be surrendered to the Dept. of Education and Training or another kindred organisation as prescribed in the constitution. I am sure you would all agree no one wants this to occur. Unless we see a change in participation, we may have no alternative.

Last night’s meeting will not be rescheduled after the two previous attempts, so instead the last meeting of the year will be advised for a date later in the term.

Could you all please give some thought to this issue, discuss, and come forward with any ideas.

Thanks,

Pat Lannen

29 October 2015
## IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2015

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**TOTAL**

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: ........................................................................

29 October 2015