Thank You Pat Lannen
A BIG thankyou goes to Pat Lannen from K/1 and Miss Bath.
K/1 have been learning about their roles and responsibilities and also those of family and community members. Pat visited the school, dressed in uniform, in his role as a Paramedic. We started with a discussion, then the children asked Pat various questions. Pat also showed us the ambulance and the different types of equipment paramedics use. Of course, he needed to treat several ‘casualties’ as well! As Pat left, we were treated to a ‘lights and sirens’ demonstration.
Our thanks also goes to the NSW Ambulance Service for allowing Pat to bring a vehicle along – and for the ‘goodies’ supplied. Obviously the visit was enjoyed by the ‘little kids’ and ‘big kid’ alike!
During the discussion, Pat emphasised the importance of having their address and phone number put on the fridge – so they are easily accessible – in case the children need to ring 000 in an emergency. I would encourage parents to assist their children in doing this. Children should try to learn these details as well, in case they need them when they are not at home.
BUNNINGS BBQ ON SUNDAY - HELPERS DESPERATELY REQUIRED BETWEEN 10AM – 4PM, EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE AN HOUR. REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

Footy Colours Day - Reminder
Tomorrow, 11th September is Footy Colours Day, which is a day we can help fight cancer and change lives with a simple gold coin donation. Children are to wear their football team’s colours all day—jerseys, scarves, beanies or anything else you have—and make a donation to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Earn and Learn
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the stickers sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. So all sticker sheets need to be returned, completed or uncompleted to school by next Wednesday. Remember to check your handbag, car and fridge. Every sticker counts.

Book Week Parade - Reminder
It’s time to really start thinking about the outfit your child is going to wear to the Book Week Parade (adults can also join in!). The Book Week parade and Book Fair is on the last day of this term—Friday, 18th September at 2.00 in Woodville Hall.

Start Smart Financial Workshops - Reminder
On Wednesday, 15th September all children will participate in this Start Smart Financial Program (at no cost). This program teaches money skills in a way that students understand and enjoy. “Your students will learn to identify and understand currency, the difference between “wants” and “needs”, the importance of saving and budgeting and how to shop around for the best deal”. Each workshop runs approximately for 45-60 minutes and is delivered by representatives from the Commonwealth Bank.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
Over the last two days Ms Hamer and I have participated in an introductory course about this program, PBL. We have already started with this program this week focusing on RESPECT- “I FOLLOW ADULT’S INSTRUCTIONS.” Next Monday our lesson’s focus is “I speak politely to everyone”.
This program is a “consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a quality school environment”. It is for all schools, all students and all staff. PBL helps to make schools better places to live, work and learn. It does so by giving schools the tools to build comprehensive, school-wide systems that support academic and social-emotional and behavioural learning for all students.”
At our school, we will be focusing on the value of “Respect” over the next term, with each teacher planning a lesson that the whole school does EACH MONDAY. This lesson will then be reinforced throughout the week in class, in the playground and at assemblies.

How can you help your child with PBL?
Please ask your child what we talked about during the PBL lessons each week. You can positively reinforce and talk about the lessons, constantly reminding your child of the core values in which we are focusing. This program will form the basis with our new Well Being Policy which now needs to be further developed. There will be a section of our newsletter, each week, dedicated to PBL so please support us by reinforcing our school focus areas at home.
Art
Iona Public have a ‘mini gallery’ at Bakin’ & Beanz Maitland.
Some artwork has been chosen to be put on display. If your child’s artwork is displayed in the café, they will receive a voucher at assembly. If they take this voucher into Bakin ’& Beanz café, they will receive a lollipop.
Bakin’ & Beanz is located on Ken Tubman Drive Maitland.

Stockland Greenhills Star
We came 2nd in this competition that was held at the Greenhills Shopping Centre, and as a result we received $2000 for our school. We sincerely thank Ms Tully, our very talented Creative Arts Teacher (amongst her many other jobs) for creating and organising our Star.

Hunter Catchment Day
Four of our students—Kimberley, Ty, Linden and Zac enjoyed a fabulous trip around the lower Hunter today as a part of the Crawl. Mrs Diane Murphy accompanied these students. We should have an excellent report in next week’s newsletter, explaining what they did during the day.

Cyber Bullying Program
The students from 3/4/5/6 and the School Staff were educated today about this important program—Cyber Bullying. We will give you a full report in next week’s newsletter about this important program.

Healthy Gala Sports Day
I have attached a note about a “Healthy Sports Gala Day” that is planned for Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October (Week 2 Term 4). The theme is “Positive Bodies, Positive Minds”. Mt Kanwary P.S. has organised this event where all children, K-6, participate in various sports with qualified coaches, at Maitland Park for two days. We have participated before and it is a wonderful two days. The cost for the two days is $25.00 which includes transport, by bus. Also, attached to the information note is a canteen order that must be returned by Thursday, 17th September (next week!)

Canteen Helpers
The Term 4 roster is in the office. No-one has indicated that they can help. If no-one puts there name down canteen will no longer be run. See P&C news.

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 9 weeks each Friday from 1.15 – 1.55. (We are not going swimming in Week 7 as 4/5/6 will have been at the Point Wolstencroft Camp). 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. We have also applied for a schools sporting grant to lower the cost to $35 per student, we will not know the outcome of the grant until early next term. (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.

Woodville Hall membership
The Woodville hall committee is seeking renewals for membership, so please consider joining and assisting the committee with their continued hard work in maintaining the hall. Please have a look at the hall—it has been recently painted and looks great! There’s still a lot of work to be done. The cost for membership is only $20 (single) and $30 (household).
School Building Works update
Our school works project is now progressing well. As you can see, the work with our playground area is looking good—and no sand! We are arranging, through our environmental committee, another area in which the children can play cars and dig tunnels. The classroom works are also in earnest with the smartboard and connected classroom put into today; the painting and plastering finished, the carpet and vinyl has been installed, the shelving goes into tomorrow.....it’s all looking good. The toilets are in the process of being retiled, with the front fence the next project to be targeted (and the multi-purpose court). The good news with the front fence, is we are having it realigned so we can utilise a lot of that area for EXTRA PARKING. This has been an issue for us for many years, and at least the flood has given us a solution.

City United DCC
Registration Days 2015-16

“Come play cricket at The Park in 2015-16”

City United is looking for players in the following age groups
- 5-7 yrs – Milo in2cricket program
- Under 12, 13 and 15’s

If you are interested contact any of the people below for further information
Andrew – 0427 385468 amcpherson@bigpond.com
Gary – 0410 629 056 gmoweray@iprimus.com.au
Paul – 0419 294 033 kritnaul@bigpond.net.au
Find us on Facebook

Vacation Care At Raymond Terrace

Operating from Raymond Terrace Before And After School Care, Cnr William & Irrawang Street, Raymond Terrace.
- Operates during school holidays
- 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday
- Friendly High Quality Educators
- NCAC Accredited
- Excursions and workshops each holidays
- Games, crafts, cooking and fun with friends
- Costs from as little as $26.60 a day

Vacation Care really is the cheapest and best entertainment around for School Kids 4-13yrs
Contact Port Stephens Children’s Services for bookings and information 49860308
Vacation Care is a community service of Port Stephens Council
P&C News

Canteen Issues

Due to changing circumstances of one of our regular helpers, we are facing the real prospect of not being able to run the canteen next term unless Jo gets more assistance each week.

As we only have healthy options on the menu, the work required to prepare lunches is too much for just one person. Parents need to show some commitment to the school and students and find a few hours out of their day to help. We are only asking for perhaps 4 hours at the most once a term or perhaps every second term if more help is forthcoming. In addition, if you have offered to help and need to cancel can you please make an effort to find someone to replace you? Alison or Jo shouldn’t have to do this at the last minute, as so often happens. Further to this issue, unless things improve it is unlikely that we will have a canteen next year. It is time to stop standing in the background and step forward. Please see Alison if you can help.

On a more serious canteen matter. Last week some money was stolen from a number of lunch bags in the canteen. This is not an isolated incident, which has occurred previously on one other occasion this year. As I am sure, you will all agree this type of behaviour is unacceptable. I would encourage ALL parents to speak to their children about this matter. If any student has any knowledge about this matter, please speak to Mr Sheppard.

As a result, all canteen orders and money need to left at the office and placed in the order box, which will be locked. It is very sad that this type of behaviour has crept into our wonderful school.

Executive positions – 2016

We are asking parents to consider a position on the P&C executive next year. Some positions were filled by familiar faces this year whilst others remained vacant. Your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated, but it is about time some new parents stepped into the executive positions. Critical analysis of the executive from the outside is not helpful. If parents have and want a voice then it would be better served on the committee.

Dates

P&C Meeting – 14th October - 6pm

School Disco – Woodville Hall - 30th October

Pat Lannen

P&C President
Iona triumphs in school debate

By Abby Thorne

Maitland High School hosted its second annual debating competition for primary and high school students in the region. The debating competition is run by the Maitland Learning Community and involves all nine primary schools that feed into Maitland, including the two finalists, Iona and Bolwarra public schools.

MLC middle years support teacher Cherree O'Neill explained that the competition was a strategy to ease students' transition from primary to high school through interacting with older students and finding their way around the secondary school.

“They are getting used to what a high school environment is like,” she said.

Iona went into the final a strong competitor; the day before the grand final on Tuesday, they beat a team from Maitland high.

Iona and Bolwarra year 5 teams each put up a fierce argument on the topic: “Life bans should be imposed on sports people who cheat.”

The affirmative team, Iona, won the grand final with the phrase: “Sports people that cheat need to get the heat.”

Mrs. O’Neill said debating was a great way for students to exercise their minds and practise their public speaking skills.

“It’s [debating] a sport of the mind, good to exercise intellectual juices,” she said.

AFFIRMATIVE: Iona Public School year 6 student Chelsie Lucas delivers her speech during the debating competition.
Woodville School of Arts Inc

Membership renewal form

I, .......................................................................................................................................................... [full name of member]

hereby apply to renew my membership of the Woodville School of Arts Incorporated

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Contact details: Circle Preferred method – phone/text/email/postal

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I wish all information, other than my name, to remain private: YES/NO

I attach $………… Membership fee

Or

I have deposited a membership fee of $………. to Woodville School of Arts BSB 032 529
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Note: This membership covers both the Woodville School of Arts Inc and the unincorporated Woodville School of Arts. It is the unincorporated Woodville School of Arts for which you are paying an annual fee of Single $20/ Household $30

Return this form to woodyvilleosa@gmail.com, drop it into the store, or mail it to The Treasurer, Woodville School of Arts,
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Make It Workshop  For 7 to 10 years  10.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 22 September 2015  Cost: $20 per child
Kites, puppets, giant bubbles and other fun things.

Bush Skills Adventure  For 8 to 12 years  9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 29 September 2015  Cost: $20 per child
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Wriggly Wetlanderisers  For 5 to 8 years  10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 September 2015 & Tuesday 29 September 2015  Cost: $20 per child
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cartooning Fun  For 8 to 12 years  10.00am - 12.30pm
Thursday 1 October 2015  Cost: $20 per child
Learn basic cartooning skills and have fun creating your own characters.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6466

Wetlands Explorer  For 5 to 12 years
Available any time during the school holidays.  Cost: Free
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open every day 9am to 4pm

Entry
$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). $5 general entry

Activities
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm
- Try dipnetting from the jetty
- Playtime at Discovery Playground
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults
Paterson Valley Swimming Club Inc.
2015/2016 Season

The first club race night is on the 20th October 2015 at 5PM. STRICTLY only swimmers registered prior to this date will be eligible to swim on the first club night.

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM TOCAL COLLEGE OR PATERSON POST OFFICE.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK – PATERSON VALLEY SWIM CLUB

Registration forms can be sent to The Treasurer, Paterson Valley Swimming Club, 7 Reynolds Close, Duns Creek 2321 or will be accepted at Tocal Pool on following dates:

Tuesday 6th October 2015 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.
Saturday 10th October 2015 from 9.00am to 12noon.

FEES: Swimming member $45.00 Non-swimming member $5.00

Payment can be made by cheque, cash or by direct deposit.

All members of the Paterson Valley Swimming Club must hold season tickets with Tocal Pool and live within the Paterson River Valley area, or be a member of the Club for at least two years. Only those with season tickets numbers beside their names will be eligible to swim. Season passes are available at The Tocal Office (or their website) or Paterson Post Office.

NOTE: The Paterson Valley Swimming Club AGM will be held during the club races on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

Any enquiries please email amymerchant@bigpond.com

This year we are privileged to have a qualified swimming instructor, Camille McClusky join us on swim club nights to correct strokes and answer any swimming questions.
Permission Note – Swimming Term 4 2015

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, 2015. I understand that transport will be by bus, and that each child will be charged $70.00

Family Name ……………………….

Signed ………………………………………

10 September 2015