Calendar

Fri 6th Nov  School Swimming
Fri 13th Nov  School Swimming
Mon 16th – Thurs 19th Nov  4/5/6 Point Wolstoncroft
Fri 20th Nov  NO SCHOOL SWIMMING
Wed 2nd Dec  P&C Meeting 2.00pm

Remembrance Day Poppies
Poppies are for sale in the front office for $2.00.

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 allow others to work without interruptions”. Some important points made in this lesson were: how does it affect others? How does it make others feel? Are there times when you need to interrupt? How do you politely interrupt and why? This lesson is on the website so please have a look at this lesson and talk to your children about it.

Invoices
Please make sure all outstanding monies due to the school are paid by November 16th.

Gingerbread Making

The finished product now on display at Hunter Valley Gardens—wow!!
Talent Quest-results
The Year 6 Captains did a great job last week organising the Talent Quest, ensuring all participating children were supported, the judges had everything on hand and the awards, results were announced and given out last Friday. Great job!
The winners were: Oscar, Kyan and Lachlan with a choreographed dance (which they performed 3 times at the disco)
2nd: Lachlan and Grace—whip cracking
3rd: Amy, Chelsie and Eaden performing a comedy routine.
We had many fantastic acts—it was so great to see so many children wanting to perform—we have so much talent at this school—well done, everyone!

New paved Car park
Thanks Mr Proctor!!

School Disco – report
We sincerely thank Mrs Lucas for organising our School Disco last Friday—everyone had a great night with the DJ commenting to me at the end of the night about how great the kids were. He has done many discos and he thinks our children were the best especially in the way they all had so much fun. We also thank everyone for their support throughout the night, it’s that community cooperation that makes this school such a great place!

New Focus on Reading Training
Ms Hamer and I will be away next Friday, 13th November attending this training in Newcastle. I will need a father to assist us with some swimming supervision next Friday, as we do need a male at the pool in my absence. If you can assist us, please contact me at school.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 2.00 on Wednesday, 2nd December. Please put this date into your diaries as we really need as much support with this meeting as possible.

Kindergarten Orientation-report
We had our final Kindergarten Orientation today, with our new Kinders really enjoying the experience. We welcome our new families for next year—after our meeting today they all have a better understanding of how we operate at Iona.

New Prac Student
Next Monday, Mrs Boyce will be starting a 4 week Professional Practice placement with Ms Hamer on 2/3. Please make her welcome.

Point Wolstoncroft Camp - URGENT
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

5 November 2015
CELEBRATING MULTICULTURALISM: MAITLAND’S RIVERLIGHTS FESTIVAL

River awash with colour

JESSICA BROWN

The Hunter River at Maitland will be awash with hundreds of beautiful lanterns on Saturday for this year’s Riverlights Multicultural Festival.

The main event will take place just after 8pm, but there is plenty to do before sunset.

The event celebrates diversity through music, food, language and dance with more than 20 cultures represented in the heart of the city.

Mamadou Ba will be at the festival to represent the Mauritania community.

Mr Ba’s parents are from Mauritania, in West Africa, but he was born in neighbouring Senegal after his family fled their homeland.

He came to Australia with his family in 2007 and has been involved with the festival for three years.

“I enjoy being involved with other cultures and communities,” Mr Ba said.

“I think it is important to share our culture with people and help them understand its value so we can live together better.”

Festival goers will be able to wander through the cultural villages and enjoy world music, cooking demonstrations, markets, camel rides and food stalls.

There will also be an opportunity to make lanterns to be launched as part of the iconic paper lantern flotilla.

This year’s Riverlights festival will also feature special citizenship ceremony conducted by the mayor Cr Peter Blackmore.

Maitland Riverlights is a free, family-friendly event and will take place in The Levee shared zone on Saturday from 4pm to 9pm.

To see this year’s festival program visit maitlandriverlights.com.au/whats-on/cultural-passport

READY TO CELEBRATE: Iona Public School students Isabella and Felix with some colourful lanterns. Picture by STUART SCOTT 0410155502

Rejoicing in sounds of Africa

African beats will take over Maitland for the Riverlights Multicultural Festival this Saturday.

Berias Masseque and the Afro Fusion Band will lead a talented line-up of artists to be showcased as part of the event.

Born in Mozambique, Berias Masseque moved to Australia in 2008 to study music.

Now his style embraces other cultures, combining his African heritage with various musical influences, including jazz, Latin and contemporary.

“Sharing my culture through music gives me a sense of worth, belonging and the joy of giving part of me to the nation that I now call home,” Mr Masseque said.

“Everyone has something to share and a story to tell, and I believe when we celebrate our differences, we replace fear with friendship.”

The group led by Masseque will put on an energetic live show that gets audiences on their feet.

The Riverlights Festival will host two stages with music and dance performances throughout the evening.

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**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:** ....................................................

5 November 2015