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Canteen Roster

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* Very Important Information*

As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening on Presentation Night, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift ($15.00 value maximum), for their own children (including preschoolers), to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs Mahony or a teacher before the night.

Christmas Hamper

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our “Christmas Hamper” which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.

P&C Meeting - Reminder

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.

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 webpage, 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 was “I accept that everyone learns differently” During this lesson we learned about the 3 different learning styles—Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic. These are only 3 broad categories. Some students take longer to learn, some students need a quiet environment to learn whereas some learn through talking and discussions. We need to make sure we are respectful of others and their learning style. We need to ensure that our behaviour enhances everyone’s opportunity to learn.
**Point Wolstoncroft Camp**

4/5/6 enjoyed 4 days at Point Wolstoncroft last week, enjoying many activities such as- sailing, high ropes, kayaking, archery, giant swing, swimming and rock wall climbing.

We also enjoyed two nights of games with the last night a giant Trivia Night—which one of our teams won! The children represented our school beautifully, further enhancing the reputation of Iona. I sincerely thank all the parents who attended this camp with me—Mr Gale, Mrs Lidbury, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Latham and Mrs Bayley (who was very busy “doctoring”, especially Avalon’s 130 Year 6 children). The following photos should give some insight into the venue and the week we had.
Leader’s Elections
Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches next Monday with our elections carried out on the same day. We wish them good luck as they present themselves to the rest of the school. As I have stated many times to all students, these speeches only reaffirm what they already know of our Year 5 students—we are voting for leaders who already have these skills and values.

School Swimming
Our School swimming Program resumes again tomorrow—please ensure your child has their swimming gear tomorrow.
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7pm Saturday 5th December
Largs School of Arts

Featuring:
- Free Entry
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Community Singing
- Visit from Santa
- Supper Available

The simplest way
...to make tabbouleh.

Ingredients
1 cup cracked wheat (bulgar)
2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
1 small cucumber, diced
3 spring onions, finely sliced
1 bunch parsley, chopped
1 bunch mint, chopped
2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tbsp olive oil

Method
Cover the cracked wheat with water and soak for 15 minutes. Mix with remaining ingredients and serve chilled. Makes a great addition to your kids’ lunch box – add to sandwiches/wraps or send in a small container.

Tips
For best results, use flat leaf parsley when available. For a more substantial meal: add 425g can drained chickpeas, or serve with grilled fish or meat and flatbread.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

MAITLAND INCLUDES YOU...
to Party in the Park

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 2015

WHEN: 10.00am - 2.00pm 3 December 2015
LOCATION: Walka Water Works, 55 Scobies Lane Oakhampton Heights New South Wales 2320
WHAT IS PROVIDED: Free entry, free BBQ lunch, live performances and interactive activities. $2 miniature train rides. Accessible toilets are available at the venue.
THEME FOR 2015: ‘INCLUSION MATTERS: ACCESS AND EMPOWERMENT FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES’

A shuttle bus will be provided from a central pick up point in Maitland should you require transport to and from the event.

For more information regarding transport or the event, please contact Community Planner, Jessica Forbes on 4934 9881 or jessica.forbes@maitland.nsw.gov.au

You’re invited
Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There’s something for everyone.

Bookings and information:
For all tours: Please remember to wear closed shoes, and bring water, sunscreen, and weather protective clothing, such as a hat or raincoat. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.
Bookings for all NPWS Discovery tours are essential.
Book online following the links below, or phone 13000 962465 (13000 72757).

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Tour Office on (02) 4984 7210, or email tourism@nps.nsw.gov.au

Tomaree’s WilderQuest treasure trail
Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11:30am
Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II. Visit the site of the commandos, fort and guns. Taking off your defence hats, we get close to nature as we explore the sand and take in spectacular views. Stay to create your own WilderQuest bag.
Cost: Adults $15; children (6–15 years) $10 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family $45 for 2 adults and 2 children.
Meet: At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on greenery area adjacent to the Shoal Bay picnic area, to access the Tomaree Head Conservation Park.

WilderQuest wild world of rockpools
Friday 8 January 2016, 12:30pm–2:30pm
Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour’s headland.
Cost: Adults $15; children (6–15 years) $10 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family $45 for 2 adults and 2 children.
Meet: At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on greenery area adjacent to the Boat Harbour picnic area.

WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery
Thursday 14 January 2016, 7pm–9pm
Join our Discovery Rangers for an exciting discovery walk into the heart of nature around Port Stephens. We’re off to discover the hidden bush placers, beach-colours, create your own micro-trail and be part of an exciting WilderQuest bush hunt. For the young and young at heart.
Cost: Adults (16–18 years) $10 per person. Family $35 for 2 adults and 2 children. Children under 4 yours free.
Meet: Boat Harbour near the toilets of Kingsley Drive, at the northern end of Boat Harbour Beach.

Spooky night walk
Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6:30pm–8:30pm
Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience ‘behind the scenes’ of Tomaree’s World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.
Cost: Adults $15; children (6–15 years) $10 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family $45 for 2 adults and 2 children.
Meet: At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on greenery area adjacent to the Henry Head Beach picnic area.

WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery
Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm
Stay to create your own WilderQuest bag and be part of an exciting WilderQuest bush hunt. For the young and young at heart.
Cost: Adults (16–18 years) $10 per person. Family $35 for 2 adults and 2 children. Children under 4 yours free.
Meet: At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on greenery area adjacent to the Henry Head Beach picnic area.

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Meet: Boat Harbour near the toilets of Kingsley Drive, at the northern end of Boat Harbour Beach.

For more information on group tours for these programs, other events, and school tours, please contact Tour Office on (02) 4984 7210 or Discovery.Lower.Hunter@COP.nps.nsw.gov.au