Calendar

Mon 23rd March  Year 6 – Young Leaders Day
Tues 24th March  Uniform orders due
Wed 25th March  P&C Meeting 3.00pm
Fri 27th March  Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Thurs 2nd April  Zone Cross Country
Fri 27th March  Easter Hat Parade; last day of term

P&C Meeting

P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 3.00pm. All Welcome

Harmony Day

To celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 4/5/6 will be making Swedish Chocolate Balls. They will be sold on Friday during lunchtime and afternoon tea time for 20c each.
Ingredients- Unsalted butter, oats, sugar, vanilla essence, decaffeinated coffee, cocoa, coconut.
Our program for the day is as follows: 9:15 Mr Szabo—Hungarian Dance with the whole school; 10.00 – 11.30 rotating groups with the Hughes family (England) the Chang family (Taiwan) and our African Aids/ Africa (Sarah Bayley). **We also ask all children to wear something orange, the colour which represents Harmony Day.**

Working With Children Check - Reminder

As of June 15th last year, all people working with children in schools in any capacity need to have a Working With Children Check before being allowed to take on class reading roles, canteen help or any activity in which our children are involved. It is a free check, so please see Alison in the office to have your paper work done and cleared as soon as possible.

Canteen

There will be no canteen on 27th March. The last canteen for Term 1 will be tomorrow, 20th March.

Zone Sports Trials Representatives

On Tuesday we had a number of children represent our school at the Zone Winter Sports Trials. They were: Jesse and Ty (soccer); Kim and Georgia (Netball) and Grace and Lachlan (Hockey). All the children did us proud, with Lachlan being selected for the Zone Hockey Team and Georgia being selected for the Zone Netball team. Congratulations to both students—well done!

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

We are once again joining other small schools at the athletics carnival at Woodberry oval on Wednesday 25th March. This is the oval directly behind Francis Greenway High School. We would like all students to meet us at Woodberry Oval by 8.45 am ready to participate at 9.00 am sharp.
**Families are asked to organise their own transport for the day (all students from K-6 are expected to participate on the day).**
The activities will start at 9.00 with all children rotating around the many different activities. The 5, 6 & 7 year olds will have their activities separate to the 8,9,10,11 & 12 year old students. All children will wear a name tag, the colour of their group (for younger students), with their age printed on it. Canteen facilities will be available on the day. Please ensure the children take the following: Sunscreen, (wear) school sports uniform, something warm in case it gets cool, rain coats (be prepared as our weather has been rather changeable of late), recess, lunch and water.
Easter Hat Parade - Reminder
Easter Hat Parade is on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April at 2.00pm. Hats will be made at school. If children wish to bring extra materials in, they may. Pre-Schoolers are also welcome to join in the parade with a hat bought from home. 4/5/6 students will be making their hat on Wednesday 1st April in class. Please make sure you bring in any Easter decorations on the day.

Young Leader’s Day in Sydney
On Monday 23rd March, our Year 6 leaders will be attending the Young Leaders’ Conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. They will be leaving school, by car, at 6.00 am with Mrs Bird and Mrs Murphy, before catching a train from Morisset. They should return by 6.00 pm. At the conference they will listen to 3 main speakers—Bindi Irwin; Mike Baird (NSW premier) and Dylan Parker & Bryce Norton (Paper Plane Pilots). They should be inspired about how these very successful people achieved in their lives.

On the same day (from 12.00) Ms Bath and I will be attending a “Performance and Development Framework Meeting” (a mandatory workshop) in Maitland.

Parent Volunteers - Reminder
All volunteers must sign in at the office before proceeding to the classroom or canteen.

Uniform - Reminder
Orders and money need to be in by Monday 23rd March to allow for delivery before end of term.

Healthy Active Kids Lunchtime Stickers and ideas
Attached to this week’s newsletter are some ideas about what to provide your children for lunch each day. This includes some stickers that can be placed in your child’s lunch box to remind you and your child what a healthy, filling lunchbox includes.

Found
Blue reading glasses in a Hunter Discount SPECS case. Please see Alison if your child is missing their glasses.

Zone Cross Country -reminder
The Zone Cross Country is being held at Tocal on Friday, 27th March. Iona P&C is catering this event. To try and combat the heat, this year’s event is starting at 9:45am instead of 2:00pm. Bacon & Egg rolls are being served from 9:30am, so we would like some support from this time. Alternatively you may be able to help on Thursday afternoon bagging lollies and loading trailers.

Cakes and Slices are also required and they can be dropped off to the canteen either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the P&C so if you can help out in anyway please see Lucy or Pat.

Our Zone Cross Country Representatives are as follows:
Girls 8/9: Marni, Lily C., Keeley and Katelin
Boys 8/9: Seth D., Joel, Fred and Zac
Girls 10: Zoe, Grace
Boys 10: Lachlan, Oscar, Kyan and Connor
Girls 11: Kimberley, Gabby, Sophie and Rachael
Boys 11: Michael, Kane
Girls 12: Amy, Georgia and Chelsie
Boys 12: Asher, Tom and Jesse

Congratulations and good luck next Friday to all runners.

We would also like to sincerely thank the Redmond and Coren families for again allowing us to use their wonderful property for our School Cross Country. They always prepare the course for us, and also allow us use of their golf buggy to set up the course. We are extremely lucky to have such support in our community! It was also fantastic to see so many families supporting our School Cross Country event, I hope all of you “pulled up” healthy and strong after your running!

Pie Drive Order - Reminder
Delivery of pies will be Wednesday 1st April NOT Thursday 2nd April as previously advised.
Maitland Learning Community Performing Arts Festival
This is happening on Thursday, 30th April at 6:30 pm. The choir and the Jump Rope team will be performing. The hall has a maximum capacity and we therefore have to limit tickets to two/family. Donation for the tickets is $5/ticket. Could you please contact Alison to let us know whether your family will need one or two tickets. Sales will have to be on a first in basis.

Three Way Conferences – Reminder/some changes
As mentioned last week, our 3 Way Conferences are scheduled for the next few weeks. The 3 way conference times for each class are listed below-

The timetable is as follows-(please consider leaving the more popular times in the morning and afternoon for those families who are unable to get here throughout the day)

Years 2/3 – Ms Hamer
Tuesday 24th March 8:00 - 8:45;
Thursday 26th March 8.00 - 8.30; 9.45 – 10.45
Tuesday 31st March 8.00 – 8.45
Wednesday 1st April 8:00 – 8:45; 3:15 – 4:00
Thursday 2nd April 8:00 – 8:30, 9:30 – 10.45

Years K/1- Ms Bath/Mrs Bird
Friday 27th March 8.30 – 9.00; 10.45 – 11.15
Wednesday 1st April 8.30 – 10.00

4/5/6 Mr Sheppard
Thursday, 26th March 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 3.00
Wednesday 1st April 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 4.00

Other times by arrangement
Please see or ring Mrs Mahony in the office to book in your time. If you wish to make arrangements for times not mentioned above, please see your classroom teacher.

Lovedale Long Lunch 2015
School Social Fundraiser
Date: Sunday 17th May 2015
Cost: $100
Includes entry into all venues, bus, food, wine, entertainment and a donation to the school.
Payment: can be made at the school office
RSVP: Tuesday 21st April 2015
Any enquiries see Kim Proctor
FAMILY FUN AT THE
HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
Easter School Holidays 2015

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 9.30am – 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:
- Wetlands Adventures
- Craft & Face Painting
- Fun Games
- Reptile Encounter
- BBQ
$5 Adults, $3 childrens under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun
- Dinghying
- Canoeing
- Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one)
- Playground
- Walking Trails
- Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack)
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday
Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April
Bush Skills Adventure 8 to 12 yrs ($20 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush damper & learn about useful bush skills too!
Wriggly Wetlanders 5 to 8 yrs ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.

Bookings Essential - 4951 6466

SPECIAL EVENT
Fundraiser Movie Event - 2nd April
Get your friends together & join us at Glendale Events Cinema for the premier of
The Spongebob Movie
Sponge Out of Water 3D.
All tickets $12. Entertainment from 5.30pm movie starts at 6.30pm.
Tickets from www.stickytickets.com.au

HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
1 Wetlands Rd, Shortland NSW 2307
Ph: 4951 6466 Email: twca@wetlands.org.au
Open 9am to 4pm - 7 days
Spoonbill Cafe open 9am to 3pm - 7 days

The simplest way
...to make lunch healthy.

It takes no more time to pack a healthy lunch than an unhealthy one – and lunch boxes are a great time to give your kids fruit and veg!

- add vegie sticks - like carrot, capsicum and celery - every day
- cut fruit into small pieces, kids are more likely to eat small pieces of food
- squeeze lemon juice over cut apple to prevent it from going brown
- pack a wholegrain sandwich and a reduced-fat yoghurt
- choose water over juice – it’s healthier and cheaper
- always add an ice brick in summer to keep your kids’ lunch cool.

Remember: pack fruit + veg every day!

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

Hunter Valley Dance Centre
www.huntervalleydancecentre.com.au
- Accepting mid term and Term 2 enrolments
- Classes for children from 3yrs to Adults
- Early Childhood & Pre-school Dance
- Ballet, Jazz & Modern
- Adult Ballet & Stretch classes
Classes held at Largs, East Maitland & Maitland
Enquiries: 49334752 or 0407108898
## IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2015

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