Calendar

Thurs 14th May  Star Struck Practice
Wed 20th May  St Peters’ Music Festival
Thurs 21st May  Star Struck Practice
Friday, 29th May  Garden Working Bee
Sat, 20th June  Trivia Night

School Update

We are back! As mentioned last week, our 4/5/6 classroom will be out of action for some time. 4/5/6 have relocated to the K/1 room, K/1 to the library and 2/3 remained in their own room. The playground equipment and sand area will stay out of bounds until the sand is replaced. The playground itself is getting better every day, so we are opening up sections as they dry out. It will be a little tight at school for a short while, but it is nice to be back in our own school environment.

Thank you Largs

Once again, we are very grateful to the Largs School Community for making our two weeks so comfortable. The children will look back on this experience with some enjoyment and have some lasting memories. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to thank our families for embracing our school change and supporting us in this time of need. Our role is to now ensure our school gets back on track with everything renewed and refreshed.

Uniforms

An order form for uniforms is attached. All orders need to be returned with payment no later than Monday 18th May. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Morning arrival times-reminder

Please note, due to our 4/5/6 room being out of action for some time, I ask that all families do not drop off their children before 8.30 am in the morning. The other classrooms are rather small, making our areas for supervision very limited. Families may approach me for special consideration.

Regional Cross Country

Well done Oscar and Lachlan who competed in the Regional Cross Country in Newcastle. They are shown, proudly displaying their participation certificates, showing their placings—what an effort!
P&C Meeting
At yesterday’s meeting the following was discussed—upcoming fundraising events (we’ll let everyone know as soon as we have the dates and events finalised); the update with our school, a financial report and upcoming school events. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, 16th June, at 6.00 pm

Muffin Monday- Year 6 fundraiser
Next Monday, Year 6 is planning to have a Muffin Monday—that is selling some muffins (and some caramel tarts!) as a fundraiser for their Year 6 gift. They will send out a note tomorrow with some more information as they are finalizing their organisation tonight (now that is commitment!)

Star Struck
Our Star Struck practices will continue each Thursday afternoon from 3.15 – 3.50, continuing each Thursday until the Star Struck Week in Week 8. Please see Ms Tully if you have any questions.

Sports Teams
Now that we are back at school, it’s time to start organising our representative sporting teams. All children in 4/5/6 who wish to be considered for **Netball (both girls and boys—see Mrs Mahony); Softball and Soccer (see Mr Sheppard),** must ensure they see the teachers in charge. Unfortunately we will be entering the various competitions without much training due to the state of our playground, but we will endeavour to organise some training as soon as we can. Netball training will be on Friday afternoons from 3.15pm.

African Aids Foundation Fundraiser
Following the cancellation of a proposed Bunnings BBQ to raise money for the African Aids Foundation charity which supports our sister school, Ngunjini, Sarah Bayley has organised a chocolate fundraiser. Her family will be travelling to the school in a few weeks and Sarah hopes to be able to help the school to fit out a new classroom. If your family is able to assist by selling a box of chocolates, please see Sarah at home time on Thursday, or on Friday before school.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books went home today. If you do not wish to purchase the book or if you would like to order an electronic version, please return book ASAP, payment is required by 10th June for any books purchased.

Tocal Excursion
To support student learning in the area of family changes over time (K/1), British colonisation (2/3) and early colonial life (4/5/6) our whole school will be attending an excursion to Tocal House on Tuesday, 26th May. We will be leaving by bus at 9.30 am for a 10.00 start at Tocal (The accompanying note will fully explain the day). We will be leaving Tocal at 2.00 pm, being back at school by 2.15 pm. The cost for this excursion is $13.00 per child ($10 for Tocal and $3 for the bus. We can take up to 6 parents with us free of charge, any extras will cost the same as the children—so get in early if you want to attend with us!. Please complete the permission note asap and return it to school, with the money before the due date.

Point Wolstoncroft Excursion- 4/5/6
4/5/6 will be attending Point Wolstoncroft in Term 4, so we now need to know numbers—children and parents who wish to go. We are not sure how many parents we can take, that will depend on how many children are going, but if you want to go, please put your name down. The dates for the camp are: Tuesday, 17th November through to Friday, 20th November. The cost per child is approximately $320 (all inclusive). Parents would be around $350. A non-refundable deposit of $50 will confirm your child’s place.

Choir – St Peters Music Festival
Our choir will be performing at St Peters Anglican Church, William St, East Maitland on Wednesday, 20th May at 6:30 pm. Audience members are asked to make a gold coin donation when they attend the concert. Detailed information notes were sent home on Tuesday for all choir members. Please note: choir members need to meet Ms Hamer at the church at 5pm for a combined choir rehearsal. Parents then return for the performance.
Principal’s Conference next week
I will attending a Regional Principal’s Conference next Thursday, 21st May and Friday 22nd May in Pokolbin at the Cypress Lakes Resort.

Interrelate at Largs
Attached to last week’s newsletter was some information about an Interrelate program being held at Largs P.S. on Monday evening, 1st June beginning at 6.00 pm. The first session is “Where did I come from?” and the second session is “Preparing for Puberty”. The cost to the family is $25 with two sessions costing $30. The flier explains what each session is about, but having been involved with the Interrelate Program for many years, it is certainly worthwhile knowing, especially having some specialist present the information about these areas of growing up. We need to know some numbers, so we can inform Largs to ensure this program can go ahead.

Gymnastics for Sport
Our delayed gymnastics program began today with Cassie in the hall. It will continue each Thursday for the rest of this term. Permission notes and detailed information was sent home on Tuesday.

Dance for P.E.
Mr Janoz Szabo is once again kindly donating his time to our students and running dance classes for each class on Tuesday mornings in the hall, commencing next week. We are extremely lucky to have such a talented dancer and teacher volunteer to share his expertise with our students.

Horse Sports
Merriwa Central School horse sports day to be held at Merriwa Showground on Monday 10th August. Riders from Kindergarten to Year 12 are eligible to enter. Entry forms are available from Mrs Mahony and entries need to be returned to school no later than Friday 29th May.

Awards Week 3
Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1
George for displaying a mature attitude at a new school
Rocco for working well on your 2D shapes
Ben for creating a fantastic 2D shape monster
Isabella M for creating a fantastic 2D shape monster
Eliza for always working to the best of your ability
Marni J for giving all things a go! Well done Marni
2/3
Seth D for being fair and tinking of others during PE
Danny for great work in maths
Jona for consistent effort in maths
Phoebe for wonderful persuasive writing
Fred for being a helpful and responsible class member
Lily for being a helpful and responsible class member
4/5/6
Linden for trying hard to complete all maths activities
Sofie for being more organized and conscientious
Asher for outstanding narrative
Leila for conscientious approach to all work
Linden for being an outstanding help this week
Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Gabby for being a really good role model in footy
Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Fang-Chi for interacting well with Largs students
Library Award
Environmental Award
Healthy Food Award

Birthdays:–
Isabella M turned 7 on 8th April
Felix turned 9 on 11th April
Lily C turned 8 on 12th April
Will turned 9 on 12th April
Shaleea turned 7 on 15th April
Eliza turned 6 on 17th April
Sofie turned 9 on 20th April
Aria turned 8 on 27th April
Oscar turned 10 on 2nd May
Bono is a bay thoroughbred gelding who would live in your back pocket, if he could, very sweet. He was raised to be a race horse, but after his first race, wasn't promising enough.

He has been put out to pasture and needs a good home, his registration number is 0565699 and his registered name is Iona Honours, born in 2008.

If you would like to see him, he's right down the road from Iona, please contact me if interested. He really needs a good home, someone that will take care of him and love him.

Please e-mail me if interested Christine_english@msn.com
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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: .............................................................