Out of Uniform Day – Tomorrow
As we usually do, we are having an out of uniform day tomorrow. The gold coin donation will go to our NSW schools’ charity, Stewart House. Please ensure your children wear enclosed shoes and still bring their school hat.

School Holidays
Friday is our last day of term. School will resume for teachers on Monday, 13th July and for students on Tuesday, 14th July. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

26 Storey Treehouse
We have booked tickets for a performance at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle for the whole school to see The 26 Storey Treehouse on Tuesday 28th July. This is based on the popular Paul Jennings series of books. We will be leaving from school during the day, and returning to school before 3:15 pm. The cost per student will be $25.00 including theatre ticket and bus fare. As we need to book definite seats in the theatre before the end of this term, we need parents to sign the permission note at the bottom of the newsletter. Once we book the seats, the tickets are not refundable, so we will be unable to refund tickets if students do not attend.

Reports
Student reports for Semester 1 will go home tomorrow.

Star Struck Afternoon Tea
This afternoon we are having a Thank You Afternoon tea for Cassie, Nicole and all of our Star Struck families. Star Struck is a wonderful opportunity for the students, but it wouldn’t be possible without the fantastic support we receive from families at our school. Please join us in the current 4/5/6 room at 3:15 pm so we can say thank you to everyone.

Mr Szabo’s Ballet classes
Mr Szabo has now finished his work with our students for the term. He is an amazing teacher, and our students are so lucky to have such a talented dancer donating his time to work with them. We would like to thank him for his generous contribution to our students’ learning.

Musica Viva
Our first Musica Viva concert for the year will be on Wednesday, 15 July at 2pm in Woodville Hall. This live performance by The Sousaphonics brings the sounds of afro-beat, circus, Balkan folk, Mardi Gras, Samba, Carnivale and just about every other festival in the world to our door. Parents are more than welcome to attend the performance at no cost. The cost for students is $7.70 each. Could you please sign the permission note at the end of the newsletter and return it to school with payment for your children.

Soccer
Our school team won 3-0 against Paxton Public School yesterday in a very exciting game. We
were very proud of the great sportsmanship and team work our students displayed. We will now play another game against Hinton or Lochinvar next term.

**Sport**

Thomas represented Iona at the 2015 Hunter PSSA Golf Trials at Stonebridge Golf Club - Cessnock on Monday 15th June Playing in the 9-hole competition. Thomas shot a creditable 65 to finish 4th against 20 other players from across the Hunter.

On Thursday 19th June Thomas represented Iona at the 2015 NSW Interschool Championships held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park. Thomas competed in the Primary School Division of the Eventing Eva60 competition riding his pony Allengreen Gift into 1st place, winning by a margin of 12 points.

**The Giving Box for African Aid Foundation**

A couple of parents have approached me with concerns over the Giving Box. This container is available during each scripture lesson if students wish to put some money in to go towards the African Aids Charity. There is no pressure on any student to put money in the Giving Box, but it is simply mentioned as being there if they wish to. Where this has become an issue is with some of our younger students who don’t really have an understanding of the value of money, and just want to be seen to do the right thing. We believe that teaching children that small actions on their part can make a big difference to less well-off people is a very important lesson, and the Giving Box is one way to help them see that they can make a difference. To avoid this being an issue, can you please discuss the Giving Box with your child/ren at home. If you don’t wish them to donate money, please explain that, and assure them that no one will make any judgements about this. If you are happy for them to donate small amounts, perhaps your family could agree on an amount the child may donate each week, eg 20 cents each week may mean the child goes without one icee. They can see that a small sacrifice on their part can make a big difference to our sister school students in Ngungini School.

**Earn and Learn**
This program run by Woolies supermarkets allows school to use stickers collected by their community to acquire free school resources. From Wednesday, 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, 2015 when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (available at school or at the supermarket). There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards.) Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

**Multicultural Public Speaking**
Asher and Gabby are representing our School at this speaking competition today at Rutherford Public School. We wish them both good luck.

**Awards Week 9**

**Merit Awards** were presented in:-

- K/1
  - **Isabella** for trying really hard in Gymnastics
  - **Lydia** for working well in all areas
  - **Marni** for always trying her best
  - **Ben** for persisting with art tasks and trying to solve problems himself
  - **Madeline** for brightening our classroom with her bubbly personality

- 2/3
  - **Sophie** for consistent effort to improve in maths
  - **Aria** for consistent effort in class
  - **Tilly** for putting 100% into everything she does at school
  - **Seth J** for outstanding commitment to his learning

- Isabella for consistent effort in class
- **Jack** for his beautiful attitude towards art tasks
- **4/5/6**
  - **Sophie** for consistent effort in class
  - **Aria** for beautiful bookwork in maths
  - **Eaden** for persisting with maths tasks
  - **Leila** for a creative and engrossing character riddle
  - **Georgia** for a creative and engrossing character riddle
  - **Oscar** for excellent focus and enthusiasm during dance
  - **Lachlan** for being focused and on-task during all school activities

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**
- **Marni** for being a kind and caring citizen of our school

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**
- **Sophie D** for consistently modelling all aspects of good citizenship

**Healthy Food Award**
- **Amy** for eating healthy food everyday

**Birthdays:-**
- Fred turned 9 on 12th June
- Leila turned 11 on 17th June
- Ty turned 11 on 24th June
Musica Viva Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren ................................................................. to attend Sousaphonics on Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July. I understand that there is a $7.70 cost involved per child.

Signed ................................................................. Date .............................................

PERMISSION NOTE – 26 Storey Treehouse

I give permission for my child / children ................................................................. to attend the performance of “26 Storey Treehouse” at the Civic Theatre on Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} July. I understand that transport will be by coach leaving school at 11.00 am and leaving Newcastle at approx 1.30 pm and that the cost will be $25 per student.

Signed ................................................................. Family Name .............................................