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Drums
Due to Zone Athletics Carnival there will be no drums tomorrow. Make-up lesson is Monday 17th August.

Staff Training Courses on Thursdays - Reminder
Our next Thursday afternoon course is on 6th August at Rutherford, and we need to arrive there by 3:45 pm. *(This means that it is imperative that all students are picked up from school right on time at 3:15 pm on Thursdays.)* If this is a problem for you, could you please make arrangements with another parent to take your child home with them on these days?

Garden Makeovers Extraordinaire
We need to say a huge thank you to Kim, Debbie and Nicole for their hard work in Week 2 cleaning out the front gardens at school. They made a huge difference.

On Friday last week for Tree Day, Cate arranged to completely renovate the front garden, working with the students. It is now a garden full of flowers with a central flowering apricot, generously donated by Cate and Ged. We can’t thank her enough for the fantastic job she did for us. Jody and Fiona also assisted Cate with the gardens in the afternoon.

Ms Bath away
As many of you are aware, Ms Bath is currently away on sick leave –we are expecting her to return 4th August. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Bird is taking care of the K/1 class in a full time capacity during this time.

Unwanted serving plates/platters - Reminder
Ms Tully is trying to organise an art project to make bird baths for the school. She is in need of glass serving plates or platters (anything larger than a dinner plate) as well as an assortment of shallow bowls. If you have any spare glassware that you could donate to the school, please drop them into the office. Thank you!

Enrolments for 2016 - Reminder
It is that time of year again when we need to notify the Department of Education of our expected enrolments for next year. If you are sending your child to Kinder here next year, or you know someone else who intends to do so, or even someone who will be moving to our area and will be sending their child/ren to Iona next year, could you please advise Alison by the end of Week 3 ie Friday, 31st July. Similarly, if you know that your child/ren will not be continuing at Iona next year, could you advise Alison of that.

Earn and Learn
This program run by Woolies supermarkets allows schools 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 school or at your local Woolworths.

Excursion Report—26 Storey Treehouse
On Tuesday the whole school thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle.
to watch the 26 Storey Treehouse. This was a wonderful experience for many children who enjoyed live theatre for the first time. One kinder child was so excited that her mum had to warn me that she would take some settling down in class before going—suffice to say she had a great time!

Mr Sheppard back
As you are all now aware, I have returned from my overseas holiday. I sincerely thank all families who have been asking me about my trip. My wife and I had a wonderful time exploring Paris, London and England, Amsterdam and Switzerland. It is much warmer over there as it is summer—we enjoyed 30 degree temperatures while the Hunter Valley was freezing so we are taking a little time to adjust back to our climate.

Doodle 4 Google Competition
Students have been invited to participate in the Doodle 4 Google Competition which asks students to design a Google logo based on the theme “If I could travel back in time I would…….”. This is an optional activity. Students can collect an entry form from Ms Tully and gain information from www.google.com.au/doodle4google. Entry forms must be returned to Ms Tully by 7th August.

School Update
It has been very disappointing that no work has yet started with our school after the floods. I have been in constant contact with the Department about our renovations and repairs, and they have assured me that this will start soon. I will keep pushing and let you know of our progress each week.

Ms Tully Conference
Ms Tully will be attending a two day Conference in Sydney next Thursday and Friday, A Love of Learning conference. Mrs Oates will be relieving Ms Tully for these two days.

Public Speaking
Next week we have a number of children participating in the Hunter Regional Public Speaking Competition. Our Stage 3 representatives are Chelsie and Kim competing at Wirrenda on Thursday, 6th August; Our Stage 2 representatives are Oscar and Eaden competing at Paterson on Tuesday, 4th August with our Stage 1 representatives being Seth J. and Tilly who are competing at Tenambit on Friday, 7th August. We wish them all the confidence, ability and enjoyment as they represent our school at this level.

Tony Bones Show
Next Thursday, 6th August our school will have the opportunity of enjoying another Tony Bones presentation of the CBCA Short Listed Book of the Year Show, “The Stone Lion”. This will be presented in the Woodville Hall starting at 2.00 pm at a cost of $9.50 per child. We have enjoyed many of these shows over the last few years, with very talented actors presenting the stories from the Short Listed books as judged for Book Week each year. Other family members are also invited to attend if they wish. Please complete the attached permission note as soon as possible.

Education Week awards
The Education Week awards were held last night at Maitland High School. We were well represented with including Sophie performing and demonstrating her wonderful keyboard skills; and our recorder and choir members performing with the combined MLC choir. Some of our children also received awards with one from each stage—they were-Eliza; Seth J; Zac and Georgia. Pat Lannen also received an award for his “outstanding commitment to supporting Iona through his exceptional work as a member and executive of the P&C” with the school receiving an award for our Year 6 Leadership program “An excellent program generating outstanding student outcomes, integrating global and local citizenship initiatives with financial literacy through the Kidpreneur program”. We would like to congratulate everyone who thoroughly deserved recognition for their efforts with these awards and all those who performed on the night.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Our school representatives will be competing at the Zone Carnival being held at Woodberry Oval this Friday. We wish them an enjoyable and successful day. The first event starts at 8.30 am so I ask all students to meet me at the oval by that time. The day starts with the 800 m events,
followed by the 200m then the 100m events; the field events are staggered throughout the day.

Softball Training
Our Senior students will continue their Softball practice with Di Barrymore each Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.00 in preparation for a Softball Gala day in which we have entered on Friday, 21st August. We are very lucky to have someone of Di’s experience and expertise who is so enthusiastic and willing to give freely of her time, training and mentoring our children with softball skills.

Soccer report
Last Friday our school soccer (football) team played in the second round of the NSW Smalls Schools Soccer Knockout Competition against Salt Ash at Mallabulla. They played beautifully, creating many more chances than the opposition but great goal keeping from the Salt Ash goalkeeper saw our team lose a very tight match, 2-1. We can be very proud of our team who played the game very competitively and in the right spirit (as did Salt Ash). We sincerely thank all parents who assisted with transport and Ms Hamer who organised this event in my absence. (I did manage to get there and cheer on the team!).

Awards Week 2

Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1
George for great thinking skills
Duke for having beautiful manners
Tasmyn for trying hard to understand ‘time’
Lydia for great efforts in reading ‘time’
Abenet for always showing sportsmanship
Abigail for always having a lovely attitude towards class activities
2/3
Tilly for always having a lovely attitude towards class activities
Lily C for working well in all class activities
Felix for always offering to help others in class
Marni for persisting in maths learning activities
Jack for his positive attitude to all class activities
Keeley for her outstanding effort in all writing activities
4/5/6
Kane for improved setting out in maths book
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Eaden for a wonderful effort and improvement in maths
Zac for always listening with respect for others
Kim for outstanding writing and presentation of her information report
Whyatt for working well in all class activities

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Marni for being a good sport in soccer

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Kimberley for always being a courteous and caring citizen of our school

Healthy Food Award
Leila for eating a variety of healthy food

Birthdays:-
Zoe turned 10 on 5th July
Lachlan turned 10 on 11th July
Kyan turned 10 on 18th July
Eaden turned 10 on 22nd July
Brodi turned 10 on 22nd July
Danny turned 9 on 29th July

Tony Bones Performance – Permission Note
I give permission for my son / daughter ………………………………………….……….. to attend the Tony Bones Show being held at the Woodville hall on Thursday 6th August.

I understand that there is a cost of $9.50 per student for the performance.

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………  Date …………………………..

P&C News

Trivia Night
Our trivia night is on Saturday 29th August in the Woodville School of Arts. We require help sourcing prizes eg gift vouchers, chocolates, wine, please only small donations as we would do not want to clash with Horse Sports fundraising which will be in Term 4 (attached is the donation request letter).
Help decorating the hall is also required, if you are able to help please see Lucy or Nicole.

JOIN US AT THE WOODVILLE HALL ON SATURDAY EVENING 29TH AUGUST 6:00PM FOR A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION...

BYO NIBBLES AND DRINKS AND MONEY.... LOOSE CHANGE FOR GAMES AND RAFFLES...

RICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

$10 PER HEAD OR $80 PER TABLE

ADULTS ONLY