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**Payment**

Someone left some money in this bag on my desk, last week. We have no idea who owns it or what it is for. Please see me if you are the anonymous donor.

**Author Visit**

Yesterday we enjoyed a visit from Jess Black, a local Newcastle author who spoke to all children about her career and the skills and processes of writing books. She also had an hour and a half session with 15 students from 4/5/6 teaching them the intricacies of writing. They really impressed Jess with their enthusiasm, good manners and skills. The whole day was a wonderful day focusing on this area of literacy.

**Stockland Greenhills Star**

We have entered a Stockland Star that will be on display at Greenhills in August. Parents please register your details as a Stockland Star member at the Customer Care Centre. You will then receive a voting coupon for every $10 spent at specialty stores. Voting slips need a receipt in order to be verified. Customers who vote are eligible to win $3000. Please vote for Iona Public and keep an eye out for the ‘bonus point period’ as well.

**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.)

School Update
The contract for our school renovations has finally been awarded. You will notice workman doing some preliminary works during this week, cleaning the playground equipment area and preparing the front fence. While this is happening, the company, Kingston Building, are organising all the material that is needed to bring our school back to its former state.

Discipline Policy
As a follow up to last week’s "Iona Public School Behaviour Referral System", we have resent home a copy of this outline as it was attached to the back of a permission note last week—we would like everyone to have copy to keep at home.

Next Wednesday, Ms Hamer and I will be off class as a Planning Day. We will be looking at the PBL program (Positive Behaviour Learning), which we had planned introducing this year as a part of our School Strategic Plan. This program requires all teachers to incorporate this program into their class learning as a prerequisite to ensuring this type of behaviour occurs in the classroom and playground. Later this term we have also planned an Interrelate Day focusing on anti-bullying strategies and a Cyber bullying workshop day for all children. Once this PBL program has been further developed and planned, we will be adding this to our current Anti-bullying policy, before sending a copy of this policy home for all families to read and understand. Ms Hamer and I will also be planning our 2016 English Curriculum Plan next Wednesday.

Mrs Bayley’s Report last Friday
Last Friday Mrs Sarah Bayley spoke to the children at our school assembly about her recent visit to Namibia. She showed some photos of the school where the children expressed their thanks of our support through song and dance. Their Principal also presented a message thanking us for our support. The African Aids Foundation support has enabled them to build two new classrooms as well as having many extra resources to help them with their education. It’s wonderful to know that our support has such far reaching implications in another continent and in another society so different to ours!

Opera House Recorder Group-report
Our recorder group performed at the Sydney Opera House last Wednesday under the expert guidance of Mrs Tuyl. From all reports the children—Asher, Hillary, Kimberley, Gabby and Jesse had a great time. The parents who accompanied them were greatly impressed with the quality of this concert, expressing some gratitude that their children were given this opportunity to perform at such a memorable event and location.

Book Week parade!
Book Week is officially next week but with our ongoing renovations it is making it rather difficult to allocate the space we need for children to change in readiness for the parade. However, after some deliberation, we have decided to hold our Book Week Parade on the last day of term, Friday 18th September. We will hold it at 2.00 in the Woodville Hall as our last event for the term. At least that gives every family some time to work out which costume their children are going to wear—including our pre-schoolers. Please put that date into your diaries.

Dungog Horse Sports
Entries are now opened for the Dungog Horse Sports day on 18th September, if you would like an entry form see Alison in the office. Entries need to be returned to school no later than 25th August to allow them to be processed and posted to Dungog before the cut-off date.

Tony Bones Show Photos
Crazy Sock Day
Tomorrow, our Year 6 have organised a fundraiser, Crazy Sock Day, all for a gold coin donation.

P&C News-report
We held our P&C Meeting yesterday and the following points were discussed- the Trivia Night, the Horse Sports and upcoming school events. I sincerely thank everyone for attending this meeting as we had an excellent roll up of parents.

Debating
Our School Debating Team—Asher, Chelsie, Gabby and Kim will be participating in the Maitland Learning Community’s Debating Competition being held at Tenambit. P.S. on Monday, 24th August. In this competition the children are only given one hour preparation time before delivering their debate. Our team will be practising their skills over the next week.

Public Speaking
We have had a number of children participate in the Hunter Region’s Public Speaking Competition over the last week. Seth J has progressed to the finals, held today, whilst all other children participated with great distinction. Well done everyone and congratulations to Seth for winning his Stage 1 preliminary section.

Bunnings BBQ
“Bunnings Maitland have re-opened”, over the years Bunnings’ have been very generous to our school and again have offered to help with the clean-up and mulching at school. They have also given us the opportunity to hold a fundraising BBQ ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, “we need volunteer helpers”. If you could please spare a couple of hours to assist there is a volunteer sheet located in the office for servers, BBQ cooks or money collectors we will need helpers between 8am-4pm.
Horse Sports

On Monday 10th August, a team of riders from Iona competed in a horse sports day held by Merriwa Central School. About 170 riders attended, from afar away as Belmont, Dubbo and Barraba. The team and their parents camped two nights at Merriwa showground.

The Iona team consisted of the following students: - Zali, Ashley, Isabella, Matilda, Lachlan, Rachael, Kimberley, Georgia and Thomas. Zac was unable to compete after his horse went lame earlier in the week, but provided immense support for the rest of the team.

All of our team members won ribbons in various events for their age groups, with Iona missing champion primary school by the narrowest of margins. This was a fabulous result considering the large numbers of entrants in each age group.

Ashley won Champion for her age group, with Isabella winning Reserve Champion in the same age group. Well done girls!

Here are the Iona results:

- Ashley – Led class – 3rd in rider, 1st in barrels, bends, stockman’s challenge, cloverleaf, flags & mug race.
- Isabella – Led class – 2nd in rider, 2nd barrels & bends, 3rd stockman’s challenge, cloverleaf, flags and mug race.
- Zali – Led class – 3rd rider
- Matilda - 2nd barrel, bends, flag, cloverleaf & stockman’s challenge. 4th mug race.
- Kimberley – 5th rider class, 2nd bends & cloverleaf, 4th flags, 5th barrels.
- Rachael - 1st bends, 2nd stockman’s challenge, 3rd flags, 4th barrels and cloverleaf.
- Lachlan – 3rd hack class, 3rd rider class, 3rd cloverleaf and mug race, 4th barrels and flags.
- Georgia – 4th hack class & rider class, 1st bends, 2nd stockman’s challenge, cloverleaf & flag, 4th barrels.
- Tom – 3rd rider class, 2nd bends, 4th cloverleaf, 5th stockman’s challenge & flag. Tom also won the sportsmanship award for 11yo age group.

Thanks also must go to the parents who attended, for their supervision, support and feeding of riders and horses!!

Pat Lannen
Iona PS Behaviour Referral System

Classroom Consequences

Observe Behaviour

Playground Consequences

Warning / Conference with Student

Managed Behaviours

Type A Behaviour
- Restitution/referral to Buddy Class

Type B Behaviour
- Planning Room
  - Note sent to parent

Type C Behaviour
- Referral to Principal
  - Dept guidelines enforced if necessary
- Formal Caution
  - 3 Way interview with Parent
- Suspension
- Expulsion

Type A Behaviours:
- Continuous disruptive behavior
- Refusal to follow requests / refusal to work
- Put downs
- Inappropriate tone and attitude
- Inappropriate comments
- Teasing/harass calling
- Deliberate misuse of computer time
- Disrespectful to others
- Inciting problems
- Misuse of equipment
- Littering

Type B Behaviours:
- Repeated Type A behaviour
- Refusal to attend Time Out room
- Behavior continues in Time Out room
- Insolence/Defiance
- Swearing at others
- Deliberate damage to school equipment
- Deliberately interfering with operation of school computers or files
- Teasing/harass calling

Type C Behaviours:
- Repeated Type B behaviour
- Refusal to attend Planning room
- Swearing at a teacher
- Bullying
- Aggressive behaviour
- Stealing
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Spitting on others/fighting
- Intimidating others
- Racism
- Weapons, Smoking, or use of prohibited substances
- Deliberate property destruction

Two referrals to planning room in a term leads to loss of privileges as determined by Principal. May include: loss of play time; not representing school in sport, public speaking, choir, music performances, leadership role; loss of privilege of attending extra-curricula eg music lessons, music concert

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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.

Fundraising
For Iona Public School P&C

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...

Tickets are available at the school office
$10 per head or $80 per table

Adults only