Please return your soccer uniform if you haven’t already done so.

**K/1 Presentation on Friday**
K/1’s museum exhibition, which was so wonderfully planned and organised by Mrs Bird, was very impressive last Friday. The pictures certainly showed the quality of work on display as a culmination of their unit of work on “Our Families”. We sincerely thank all families for being a part of this afternoon—it certainly made the afternoon very worthwhile.

**Life Education Van**
The Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) will be visiting our school again on Friday, 4th September. The cost is $10.00 per child, with the following organisation in place:
K/1: 2.00 – 3.00 “Harold’s Surprise”—:
Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity and safety
1/2/3: 9.45 – 11.15 “All Systems Go”- Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines
4/5/6: 12.00 – 1.30 “It’s your Call”- Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology.

There are Healthy Harold Products for sale on the day. The merchandise for sale list is attached to the newsletter. Please sign and return the permission note attached.

**Soccer Uniforms**

**Fathers’ Day Stall**
We are holding our Fathers’ Day stall next Thursday 3rd September. The choices of gifts range from $1.00 to $5.00 in value. Please ensure your child has the right money and that it is securely cared for.

**Trivia Night**
Our School Trivia Night is fast approaching and we are still in need for many more people to indicate their attendance at this event. It is
another way to further get to know your local school community. The P&C has done a wonderful job with organising this event, which ultimately raises money for the children of our school. The Jones family is providing some wonderful musical entertainment; Ms Hamer and her husband are busy organising the trivia questions and the whole committee has some excellent prizes which have been sponsored by many businesses in our area. Please let the committee know or our President, Mr Pat Lannen, if you can make it—even if you cannot get enough for a full table, everyone can be accommodated. Your support is needed—and we can promise a great night!

Bookclub
Please return payments and orders by Monday 31st August. If paying by cheque please make the cheque out to Iona PS.

Year 5 Maitland High School visit
Our Year 5 students have the opportunity of being involved with the Maitland High School’s orientation program which has been organised over the next 3 weeks. It is a great opportunity for these children to see how a high school operates and get a general feel of the high school environment—no matter which high school they will be eventually attending.

Mark Wilson—author/illustrator excursion
On Wednesday, 2nd September all children will be participating in the Mark Wilson author/illustrator excursion to Morpeth P.S. Mark Wilson’s books include: The Last Tree (2007 Whitely Award winner); Carpet of Dreams; Young Murphy (CBCA Award 2006); The Extinction Trilogy—I Saw..I Said.. and I Did Nothing. He has a very comprehensive history as an illustrator and author. We will be leaving school by bus at 8:40am and returning in time for lunch. The cost for this excursion is $6.00 per child which includes bus travel. Please complete the attached permission note as soon as possible.

Debating
Our School Debating team : Asher, Chelsie, Gabby and Kim are competing in the Maitland Learning Community’s (MLC) Debating competition on Monday with their first debate against Tenambit P.S. This is the first time they have competed in this type of competition with only one hour preparation—we wish them well!

Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Final
Gabby will be competing in the Regional Final of this competition on Thursday, 27th August at Lambton P.S. We wish her a wonderful experience and all the best as she competes against the best speakers in the Hunter Region.

Focus on Reading Update
Mrs Hamer and I are currently involved in the Phase Two section of the Focus On reading Course with our next course planned for Thursday, 3rd September. As a part of this course we are planning some action research projects for our children in our classrooms—which involves further improving the reading skills of these students.

PBL Training (Positive Behaviour Learning)
As a part of our school’s Strategic Plan, we had always planned to incorporate PBL into our school. After further discussion as a staff, we have decided to fully implement this program into our school later this year. As a result, Mrs Hamer and I will be attending two days training for this program on Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday 9th September. We will be discussing our preliminary involvement at next week’s staff meeting where we will be discussing those areas in which we should start our focus. When this program is fully implemented, lessons will occur each week (30 minute lesson, with each class involved in the same lesson, at the same time—so each child is given the same message). This program outlines expectations of the school and also rewards positive behaviour, which complements our Behaviour Referral System which was sent home recently. We will keep you updated.

CWA Competition
Today, we had six of our students from 4/5/6 participate in the CWA celebration of Italy, which was held at the Woodville Hall. They listened to a guest speaker who told them many things about the country of Italy, as well as enjoying the food that was on offer. Chelsie was judged to have
presented the best poster about Italy—well done Chelsie! Her poster can be seen below:

Softball Competitions
Tomorrow, Friday 21st August our school’s Stage 3 mixed softball team will be participating in a mixed T-Ball Gala Day being held at Stevenson Park, Mayfield.
Our Girls Softball team will be participating in the State Girls Knockout Competition against Soldiers Point at Soldiers Point on Friday, 28th August.

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. We are currently coming 2nd!

Canteen Helpers
We are in urgent need of canteen helpers for the rest of the year. The canteen roster is in the office if you can spare a couple of hours on Friday mornings.

Earn and Learn
Double Sticker Weekend!
To help you collect even more, we are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend.

Book Week parade - Reminder
Book Week was officially last 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.

Bunnings BBQ - Reminder
“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 Saturday 15th August Georgia & Thomas competed at the Hunter Valley Grammar School’s - Dressage & Showjumping Interschool Competition representing Iona Public School. Both riders & their horses were turned out beautifully & were successful in each of their classes. Individual results below;

Georgia
6th 1.3 Preliminary Dressage - Primary
4th 65cm Two-Phase Showjumping
1st 65cm AM7 Showjumping
1st 45cm AM7 Showjumping
Reserve Champion Primary Showjumping

Thomas
6th 1.2 Preliminary Dressage - Primary
1st 65cm Two-Phase Showjumping
4th 65cm AM7 Showjumping
3rd 45cm AM7 Showjumping
5th 45cm Two-Phase Showjumping
Reserve Champion 65cm Showjumping Primary

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker:
Fiona Hodson - Clinical Nurse Consultant Pain Management
Hunter Integrated Pain Service

Topic:
“Chronic Pain: Hunter Integrated Pain Service’s approach to improving Life”

WHERE: Soldier Point Bowling Club, 118 Soldiers Point Road, Soldiers Point
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: FREE - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Thursday 17 September 2015
RSVP: Thursday 10 September 2015

For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: EdcprosAdmin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

Awards Week 4
Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1

Lydia for preparing and presenting an engaging speech about “Birds”
Shaleea for preparing and presenting a well thought out speech about “Dolphins”
Tasmyn for preparing and presenting an engaging speech about “Budgies”
Rocco for being a fantastic news leader
Abenet for preparing and presenting a well thought out speech about “Sportsmanship”
Marni for working well in all class activities

2/3

Jona for using words very well in his writing
Lily E for great effort in writing
Aria for using similes in her recount
Danny for supporting other students in their art
Fang-Chi for great effort in writing

4/5/6

Jesse for being an effective leader in science groups
Leila for working co-operatively in science groups
Linden for working co-operatively in science groups
Kyan for working co-operatively in science groups

Mrs Tuyli’s Awards
Hillary for outstanding commitment to learning recorder pieces for Opera House concert
Jesse for outstanding commitment to learning recorder pieces for Opera House concert

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Grace for being caring and supportive of others

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Jack for being helpful and showing initiative

Library Award
Oscar for reading quietly

Environment Award
Lachlan for being supportive and helpful in environmental groups

Healthy Food Award
Jona for having amazing manners

Birthdays:-
Asher turned 12 on 11th August
Kimberley turned 11 on 12th August
LIFE EDUCATION PERMISSION NOTE 2015

I give permission for my child/children ..................................................................................................... to attend the Life Education program on Friday 4th September and enclose $10 per child.

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

Mark Wilson PERMISSION NOTE 2015

I give permission for my child/children ..................................................................................................... to travel by bus to Morpeth for an author / illustrator excursion to see Mark Wilson. I understand that there is a cost of $6.00.

Signed ..................................................  Date .................................................................
HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ________ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _________________________ Phone (optional): _________________________
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