Calendar

Fri 12th Feb  
Swimming Carnival

Tues 16th Feb  
K/1/2 Class Meeting

Wed 17th Feb  
P&C AGM & Meeting 2.00pm

Thurs 18th Feb  
Year 6 Leadership Day

Mon 29th Feb  
Young Leaders Day 5/6

Canteen Roster
Please remember to have your lunch order in by Wednesday afternoon to allow time to purchase all the fresh ingredients.

This Week  NO CANTEEN
Next Week  Ruth

K/1/2 Class Meeting - Reminder
Miss Wallington and Mrs Bird are holding their class meeting on Tuesday 16th February at 3.15 in their classroom.

P&C Meeting/AGM
Our P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday, 17th February at 2.00 pm in the School Library. We cordially invite all parents to attend.

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival - Tomorrow
On Friday, 12th February our Year 3-6 students (and some Year 2 students who turn 8 this year, and can swim 50m) will attend the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival being held at Beresfield Pool. The carnival starts at 9.30 am so we ask all students to be there so we can mark the roll. All children attending the carnival are expected to participate in the age events or novelty races. Mr Sheppard and Mrs Oates will supervise the students. Participating schools are: Iona, Millers Forest, Glen William and Mount Kanwary.

Each family needs to make their own arrangements with transport—everyone is to meet the teachers at Beresfield pool and c-shirts are to be worn for the day.

Our cheer squad may bring red and white plastic streamers only.

A canteen will be operated by the pool staff. Cost of pool entry is $2.20 each for students. Parents are required to pay for themselves on entry to the pool ($2.80). Please return the permission note, and $2.20 per child, as soon as possible.

The program for the day is as follows:
“All events are timed finals”- only appropriate qualifying times go through to the Zone Carnival.

9.30-11.15
100m races; 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 50m kickboard (non swimmers)

11.15-11.30
Recess

11.30 – 12.00
Junior and Senior Individual Medley

12.00 -12.30
Lunch

12.30 – 1.00
Junior Relays (8, 9, 10 yrs)
Senior Relays (11, 12 yrs)

1.00 – 1.45
Novelty Races

1.45
Presentation

All these times are a guide only.

- The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Maitland Pool on Tuesday, 23rd February.
**Star Struck - Reminder**

Here is a link to the dance
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErsQ38wT_Og&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErsQ38wT_Og&feature=youtu.be)

Rehearsal times are:
* Fri 5th Feb 3:20-4:15
* Wed 10th Feb 8:25-9:10
* Wed 17th Feb 8:25-9:10

**CHANGE** - Due to our team being fabulous and learning the dance so quickly, we will be filming on Wednesday 17th. We are cancelling Fri 19th rehearsal.

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**Iona P&C Welcome BBQ 2015**

As is tradition at Iona PS, at the start of the school year, the P&C hosts a BBQ at the school.

The BBQ is to be held on Friday 19th February starting at 6.00pm.

Please bring along your own meat, drinks, chairs and also a salad or dessert to put on a table to share.

It is a great fun night and gives our new families a chance to meet our old families. The kids have a great time playing with their school friends.

Hope to see many families there, any questions see Pat Lannen.

- *I do ask that all families refrain from bringing alcoholic drinks to this BBQ as we have many school children here on school/departmental grounds. I appreciate your efforts in the past and your understanding of this request.*

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**School Council Meeting**

We held our School Council Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting we discussed the following:- the Annual School Report survey, the Community Promotion, Ms Hamer and Ms Bath updates, the class structures, the 2016 School Plan, the Environmental Committee, Charities for 2016, the “Skool Bag” messenger system, the children’s toilets and applications for more funding especially for student extra support.

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**Dungog High School Information Evening**

Year 5/6 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an information evening at Dungog High School on Wednesday 24th at 5pm in the MPC. The evening will allow guests to hear what Dungog High has to offer, speak with staff and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

Among the staff attending will be the 2017 Year 7 Advisor Mrs Justine Shumack and our Transition Coordinator Mrs Denise McKinna. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Dungog High School, with the names of your family members on 49923022 by Friday, 19th February to ensure your place for the night.

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**Bakin’ Beanz Art Space**

Congratulations to Rachael, Oscar, Marni D, Lydia and Abigail. Your artwork is up on display at Bakin’ Beanz Café Maitland. Don’t forget to take your voucher into the store. There have been many positive comments from the public concerning Iona’s artwork. Well done!

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**Annual School Report Survey**

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a “School Life” Survey which will be used as a part of our Annual School Report for 2015. The survey is rather open ended with written responses requested. Only those parents who were part of our school during 2015 will be given the survey. All survey responses are to be returned by Friday, 4th March so the School Council can collate the responses.

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**School Promotion**

As a part of our School Council meeting we discussed the need to promote our school—an initiative that is a part of our 3 Year Strategic Plan. We are looking for ideas to assist us with this initiative, and we are especially interested in finding out the skills that our families may have with promotion, media, technology (pamphlets, website, newsletter design..). If you are inspired and have some ideas and/or skills to share, please see me or one of our School Councillors (Kim Proctor, Cindy Lidbury or Pat Lannen).
Young Leader’s Day in Sydney
On Monday, 29th February, our Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) will be attending the Young Leaders’ Conference at Sydney Olympic Park. They will be leaving school, by car, at 6.00 am with Mr Sheppard and other parents. To that end, we need some volunteers to assist with this transport. Please let Mrs Mahony know if you can assist with transport as soon as possible—we also need to know those children who will not be attending by next Thursday, 18th February as we can receive refunds if we notify the organisers by next Friday. The day is always very enjoyable and memorable with many inspiring speakers presenting through the day. The cost for the day is $50 per child. The speakers this year include: Commissioner Andrew Scipione (NSW Police Commissioner); Leticia Lentini (she serves as the Events Magician and Brand Marketing Manager at Google Australia and New Zealand. She’s been with Google since 2005, and has held a variety of roles in the marketing team as well as managing the day to day operations of the Australian office) and Nathan “Dubsy” Want (He is one of Australia’s emerging voices in youth culture. For the past decade, he has been working with young people, speaking into their world and giving them the skills and resources to navigate life. Nathan isn’t afraid to face the hard conversations and challenges in their world.).

Maitland Learning Community Leadership Day
Our Year 6 leaders will be attending a Student Leadership Day at Tenambit PS next Thursday, 19th February accompanied by Mrs Murphy. The day is a “positive strategy to engage with young people and obtain their views about a range of matters. It helps students build a sense of connectedness with the school and the community in which they live.” Renowned motivational speaker, Mr Lorin Nicholson, will address the students and share his stories of perseverance, resilience, inclusion and leadership. The students will be leaving school at 9.15 and returning by 2.45 pm. With Lunch and recess included at a cost of $10 per child. All notes need to be returned as soon as possible.

Environmental Committee Meeting-next Tuesday 8.30
We will be holding our next Environmental Committee meeting next Tuesday morning at 8.30 am, as we have many plans and proposals to discuss.

Newsletter - Reminder
Everyone will get a paper copy of the newsletter this week. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter to let me know how you would like to receive it from then on.

Horse Sports
Entry forms for Willow Tree Horse Sports Day are available from the office. Please note, that although we thoroughly support those families who like to participate in these Horse Sports events, we do ask you to limit your child’s participation to 4 per year. These events are becoming very popular, meaning many children are missing many days of school—especially when they are also involved with many other sports as well.
Join Maitland Hockey's
Hook into Hockey Program

Suits Boys & Girls 4 to 11 years of age
When: Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March
Length: 4 Weeks of coaching
Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Where: Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park
Elgin Street, Maitland
Cost: $65 includes kit [stick & stick bag, ball, shin guards, mouthguard, reversible singlet, whistle, cards]
Need Stick size and Shirt size by 12/2. Email ros.s@me.com
Can notify later but may receive kit after start.

Play Hockey this Winter
Competitions for
Juniors (U6 & U9) from Wed 30/3/16 to 29/6/16: 5pm to 6pm;
U13 from Wed 30/3/16; 6pm;
U18 from Tues 29/3/16; 6pm)
Women's – Saturdays from Noon.
Men's - Intercity Comp. Sundays [Maitland Rams]
Training starts Thursday, 2/3/16 at 5pm for U13s & 18s

FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME
LOOK out for registration on our website:
www.maitlandhockey.org.au
Or
Like us on Facebook: Maitland Hockey Association

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Seaham Bowthorpe Football (Soccer) Club

Player Registration Days – Season 2016
Saturday 6th Feb 10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday 7th Feb 10.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 13th Feb 10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday 14th Feb 10.00am – 12.00pm

SEAHAM COMMUNITY HALL
(Back Hall) Warren Street Seaham

Small Sided Football $120.00 (U6 – U7)
Small Sided Football $140.00 (U8 – U11)
Competition $170.00 (U12 – U18)
All Age & Over 35 Men $110.00
(Registration cost includes weekly Match Fees)

Full payment required with registration
All new registrations require proof of age & current FFA number if applicable.
On Line Registration & Payment available at www.myfootballclub.com.au

For more info please contact either
Ken Williams (Registrar) 4988 6038 - kewillia2@bigpond.com
Tim Griffiths (Secretary) 4988 6638 - tgriffis@bigpond.com
Newsletter

The .................................................family would like to receive their newsletter by

☐ Email, our email address is: _____________________________________________

☐ Paper Copy

☐ I will read direct from the website

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Signed: _____________________  Date: _____________________

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Small Schools Swimming Carnival

I give permission for my child / ren........................................................ to attend the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 12th February at the Beresfield Swimming Centre. I understand that transport will be by private vehicle.

☐ I have enclosed $2.20 per child for pool entry.

I am able to help with time keeping  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Signed .................................................................Date..........................
I would like to start by welcoming everyone back this year and especially to our new families.

Upcoming events:
- **Feb 17th** – Annual General Meeting and General Meeting – 2pm in library
- **Feb 19th** – Welcome BBQ – This is our annual event to welcome our new families and start the year off in a social setting. BYO meat for BBQ and we ask everyone to bring a salad/dessert for a communal table – starts 6pm at the school.
- **Feb 29th** – Fundraiser BBQ. Thanks to those who have already offered to help. This is being held at a Clearance Sale at Mindarriba. Sale starts at 9am and should be complete by about 2pm. With enough volunteers, we should only need 2-3 hours of your time. We hope to be on site early to set up and started by about 8am. More info to come over next weeks.

As we start another year, I would like to encourage everyone to give some thought as to how you can help our school’s P&C. Mostly your support will be by assisting at various fundraising events, but we also need a committed executive committee to run the P&C. For those who previously have had no participation I have detailed below some information on three of the more important roles on the P&C executive. As you will see, they are not too challenging and with the support of the wider school community, most of you could easily fulfill the duties involved. Further information that is more detailed is available on the P&C Association website.

**President:** - Is responsible for

1. The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
2. The attainment of the P&C Association’s objectives
3. Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
4. Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
5. Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
6. Being signatory on the Association’s bank accounts
7. Chairing meetings

**Secretary:** - Is responsible for

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas. The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting.

**Treasurer:** - Is responsible for

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer’s primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for, as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association.

Pat Lannen – P&C President

11 February 2016