Calendar
Fri 11th Mar Hunter Wetlands Excursion
Mon 21st Mar Harmony Day
Thurs 24th Mar Easter Hat Parade

Canteen Roster
This Week NO CANTEEN
Next Week Ruth
Please remember to have your lunch order in by Wednesday afternoon to allow time to purchase all the fresh ingredients. Please write your child's name and class on the bag.
No Canteen this week due to our Wetlands Excursion, any orders that have been placed will carry over until next week.

Harmony Day
On Monday, 21st March we will be again celebrating Harmony Day at our school. We have organised an afternoon of activities for the children with some of our parents, once again, making a presentation of their country's culture. The afternoon starts at 2:00 and concludes at 3:15 pm. The children will be in 3 groups, rotating through 3 different activities. They are: Mrs Chang (Taiwan), Mr Leonard (England) and Mrs Leonard (Denmark). We sincerely thank our parents for taking on this task, ensuring our children have a better understanding of our multicultural society. Parents are most welcome to attend these sessions, with their children, as well.

2/3/4 Speeches
A Reminder to all students in 2/3/4, class speeches due on Monday 14th March.

Uniform Orders
All orders and payments need to be returned to school by Thursday 24th March. (Cheques made payable to Iona P & C Association).

Medical
Medical action plans expire after 12 months. If your child requires an action plan for anaphylaxis, asthma or any other medical condition can you please arrange a new plan.

PBL
This week's lesson was “I care for school property and environment”. In this lesson we focused on favourite areas of the school, how we would feel if our favourite areas were damaged? How this relates to respect! What disrespect would look like around our school, and the importance of looking after our school environment including picking up hats, jumpers etc. A copy of this lesson is on our school website.

Easter Raffle - Reminder
The P&C organised an Easter Egg raffle for Thursday afternoon, donations for prizes and any raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Tuesday, 22nd March.

Star Struck
Congratulations Star Struck team. We found out last week that we have made it into Star Struck 2016. We will find out more at a later date and will let you all know details as soon as we can.
Forest Working Bee/ School’s Clean Up Day-report
Last Friday we had an excellent day regenerating our forest area and our school grounds in general. As a result, our forest area looks amazing—the children were so excited to be allowed to use this area again. Our school grounds have also been cleared of low branches and environmental rubbish, with our new vegetable garden area started behind the main classroom buildings. Our lunch time BBQ went very well, making the day a very enjoyable, hardworking yet worthwhile event. Thank you to everyone who assisted during the day—this is what makes our school such a great place to be!

Easter Hats - Reminder
K/1/2 will be decorating crowns. School will provide the crowns and some decorations. Students are welcome to bring in some special Easter decorations for their crown. Please bring in any items by Friday Week 7.

2/3/4 will be making their Easter Hats in school on Friday 18th March. We will provide some Easter decorations and crowns. However, students are welcome to bring in a base (plastic hat etc) and any special items they want on their hat. Please limit the decorations to items that can be secured with a hot glue gun.

5/6 will be making their Easter hats in school on Thursday 17th March. We will provide some Easter decorations and crowns. However, students are welcome to bring in a base (plastic hat etc) and any special items they want on their hat. Please limit the decorations to items that can be secured with a hot glue gun.
Hunter Wetlands Excursion - tomorrow
Tomorrow, Friday 11th March, all children, K-6, will be participating in an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands in Shortland. We will be leaving school, by bus, at 9.00 am, and should return back to school by 3.00 pm. The children will be participating in the following programs: Stage 3: Rivers and Wetlands; Stages 1 and 2: Living Things, Life Cycles and Habitat. The Stage 3 program description is: Powerpoint introduction; water quality testing, adaptations of pond animals, classification of pond animals, biodiversity of pond animals and birds, and features of a wetland landscape. The Stages 1 and 2 program descriptions is: powerpoint introduction, discovery activities, dipnetting, the visitor’s centre (live and static displays of wetland animals) and a wetland walk (walk to view birdlife on outer ponds.). The cost for the excursion is $17.50. Hats, sunscreen, comfortable “covered” walking shoes, insect repellent, and own recess, lunch and water will be needed. Our Friday “Sports Uniform” is to be worn.

3 Way Conferences
Believe it or not, it’s that time of the year again. These will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term (after Easter). These conferences are optional but it is an opportunity to see how your child is progressing at school. The 3 way conference times for each class are listed below-
The timetable is as follows-(please consider leaving the more popular times in the morning and afternoon for those families who are unable to get here throughout the day)

Years 2/3/4 – Mrs Oates
Wed 30th March 8:15 - 8:30
3:15 – 3:45
Thurs 1st April 8.15 – 10:45
3:15 – 3:45
Wed 6th April 8:15 - 8:30
3:15 – 3:45
Thurs 7th April 8.15 – 10:45
3:15 – 3:45

Years K/1/2- Ms Wallington/Mrs Bird
Wed 30th March 8:30 – 9:30
Fri 1st April 8:30 – 9:30
Wed 6th April 8:30 – 9:15
Fri 8:30 – 9:15

5/6 Mr Sheppard
Wed 30th March 8.00 – 9.00
12.00 – 4.00
Wed 6th April 8.00 – 9.00
12.00 – 4.00

Other times by arrangement

Please see or ring Mrs Mahony in the office to book in your time. If you wish to make arrangements for times not mentioned above, please see your classroom teacher.
### IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER 2016

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**PARENT HELPER SHIRTS ORDERED ON REQUEST.**

**HATS, SPORT SHIRTS & SPORT SHORT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE.**

**CASH OR CHQ  (PAYABLE TO IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C)**

**CHILDS NAME:** ..........................................................