



Iona Public School

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Learning Together in Harmony

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5

Calendar

Term 3 2025

21 August	Book Week Parade
2 September	Father's Day Breakfast P&C Meeting 8.15am
4 September	Father's Day Stall
10 September	Meerkat Incursion
26 September	Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2025

13 October	Staff Development Day
14 October	Students Return
12, 19, 26 Nov	Kindergarten orientation

In Week 3 we started off Education Week with a cracker of a day at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. A huge thank you to Glen William and Martins Creek for organising and to our parents and carers for your support. Most importantly to our students for their sportsmanship, endurance, resilience and pride. The excitement in our stand was electric. The following students qualified for PSSA Zone Athletics, and we couldn't be prouder – Cameron, Clementine, Arlo, Oliver, Emma, Lara, Phoebe and Eleanor.

Over the past term, Eleanor and Sarah have been participating in the High Potential Gifted Education Creative Arts classes at Maitland High School. They have greatly enjoyed the experience, collaborating with fellow students from the Maitland Learning Community while honing their visual arts skills. To see the wonderful work they've been involved in, please click the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/hp-ge-creative-2025/home>

We all hope that everyone has sorted their costumes for Book Week this Thursday. I know the teachers have!! I wonder what they will be?

Rachel Leary

2026 Enrolments - Reminder

We are now taking enrolments for 2026. The enrolment form can now be completed online via our school website. Follow the link below for more information: [Enrolment - Iona Public School](#)

The child's birth certificate, immunisation and 100 points of identification regarding proof of address will also be required to complete the enrolment process. These documents should be downloaded and attached. Out of Zone enrolments will go to panel in the next few weeks.

2026 Kindergarten Orientation Days

Our Kindergarten Orientation Days will commence in Term 4. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and families. Orientation Dates: Wednesday 12, Wednesday 19 and Wednesday 26 November – 9-12.

Book Week Parade

This year's Book Week theme is 'Book an Adventure'. 2025 is also a milestone year for Book Week as they celebrate 80 years of Children's Book Week.

We will hold our annual book week parade on Thursday 21 August at 2:30pm. Students are asked to come dressed for the day as their favourite book character and parents and carers are invited to watch the parade at 2:30pm.



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P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 2 September at 8:15am in the library. Please come along and support our wonderful school.

Canteen News

Reminder to parent's canteen orders need to be in by 9am Wednesday morning.

Father's Day Breakfast



Piper turned 10 on 14 August
Penny will turn 6 on 20 August

Class News

K-1

This week in writing, our Kindy students have been busy planning information reports about animals. They've been exploring different research methods, including books, the internet, and videos. Stay tuned—our student information reports are coming soon!

In maths, Kindergarten have been learning to form equal groups, while Year 1 have been focusing on commutative addition strategies. Both groups are making great progress!

Science was especially exciting this week as we experimented with testing forces—lots of fun and hands-on learning!

Reminders:

- Please ensure home readers are returned on Monday or Tuesday.
- Library day has now moved to **Friday**.

Keep up the great work, Sea Stars!

Mr Burgess

2-3

The speeches presented today by the Masterminds were truly outstanding! We're excited to hear even more in the coming days, so don't forget to remind your child to bring their speeches to school as they make up a part of their assessment on Speaking and Listening.

In Spelling, we have been focusing on compound words, as well as suffixes and prefixes.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday, 27 August, we are delighted to welcome a special guest speaker who will share their experiences in Antarctica,

bringing our unit on Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester to an exciting conclusion.

In Mathematics, our current focus is on learning to tell the time. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Leary

4-6

We celebrated **Education Week** with lots of excitement! Students and community members had a fantastic time creating catapults together. Congratulations to our special **award recipients**—we are so proud of your achievements!

This week, students will begin presenting their speeches. Please make sure these are packed safely in school bags each day. In English, students are working on persuasive presentations about their hometowns. They are learning to use feedback from their critical friends and teachers, based on success criteria, to set personal writing goals.

In Mathematics, Stage 2 students are exploring tenths and hundredths and how they connect to fractions. Stage 3 students are focusing on converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

A reminder that **Check-in Assessments** begin in **Week 7**. Students will need to bring a working pair of headphones to participate. Wishing all our families a wonderful week ahead!

Mrs Bird



PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival



Location: MPC
Date: Friday, 21st
November
Time: 5pm - 7pm.
EXPO



You are cordially invited to attend the Maitland High School Expo!

The MHS Expo is a whole-school celebration, featuring work from all year groups and subject areas. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the creativity, talent, and high potential of our students.

Our purpose is to showcase and celebrate the diverse high potential and creative talents of students across all faculties and year groups, providing an interactive and engaging experience for the school community.



We hope you can join us in celebrating the remarkable efforts and accomplishments of our students.

Lunchtime Craft

This term during craft time we have been making flowers out of paper, fine tuning our cutting skills and imagination. Some designs have turned into toilet brushes others have made whisk, but all in all, they had a ball.

The creative skills of students, when given pipecleaners and beads, did not disappoint. Some students made stars, while others made dancing figures, we had lots of colours and the odd bead that rolled away. Keep checking the board to see what we are doing this week.

Mrs Gibbs



Good for kids
good for life



Game: Tricky Catches

Try this activity at home to challenge your coordination and practice the skill of catching.

You will need:

- Different items to catch (e.g. a tennis ball, bean bags, frisbee, soft ball, large ball or a rolled up pair of socks).

How to play:

- Find a space away from others and hold your throwing object.
- Throw your object into the air and do a trick before catching it.

You could:

- See how many times you can spin in a circle
- See how many times you can clap
- Try to do a burpee
- Do a dance



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TMCC 2025/26

REGISTRATIONS

SENIORS: \$220 & \$20 per game
(Includes free game shirt)

JUNIORS: \$210 no game fees
(Includes free game shirt)

JUNIORS PLAYING SENIORS:
\$100 plus Junior Rego (\$310 in total)
no game fees

CRICKET BLAST: \$100 (5-8yo) kids

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swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

Ideas to add more vegetables

It can be tricky to think of new ways to add vegetables to the lunchbox. Here are some of our favourite tips:

- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or some cheese. Why not try tzatziki or tomato salsa?
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox. Our favourites include homemade sweet potato wedges or corn cobs.
- Use chickpeas, beans or lentils in your child's lunchbox. Why not try these vegetarian koftas?



For more tips to increase vegetables visit: www.swapit.net.au/vegetables

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IS NOW ENROLLING

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

Email: development.nsw@airleague.com.au
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Rural Resources Round-Up Community BBQ

Enjoy a relaxed BBQ lunch with mates, neighbours and other landholders with the opportunity to connect with all local Hunter LLS teams and other service providers, rounded up into one yard!

It's been a tough couple of months! Hunter Local Land Services is putting on a **free community BBQ** whilst giving our landholders the opportunity to connect with all our local teams and services as well as some other local service providers, all in one place at one time.

Got questions about...

- **Erosion** – our Catchments or River Rehabilitation team can help
- **Animal health & nutrition** – our District Vet, Livestock Officer and Ag team will be on-hand
- **Pasture recovery** – chat to our local Agronomists
- **Weeds or pest animals** – weeds and biosecurity officers can talk you through management options
- **Your PIC** – chat to our friendly customer services officers
- **Anything else** – we've got you covered!



There will also be representation from local councils, Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS), Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP), Farmgate Support Program/Hunter New England Health & NSW Reconstruction Authority.



WOODVILLE School of Arts – Friday 22 August, 11.30pm – 2.30pm

WINGHAM Memorial Town Hall – Friday 29 August, 11.30pm – 2.30pm

Register via the link below or scanning the QR code above:

<https://commes.lls.nsw.gov.au/pub/pubType/EO/pubID/zzzz68803a1fc9969420/interface.html>

Contact: Lori McKern, lorimckern@lls.nsw.gov.au, 0419 186 271



Smart school snacks

Helping kids stay energised and focused at school starts with nutritious snacks!

When packing your child's lunchbox, aim for snacks from the five food groups – add wholegrains, fruit, vegetables, dairy and lean proteins.

Try these smart snack ideas:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetable sticks with hummus
- Wholegrain crackers with cheese
- Yoghurt tubs or pouches
- Boiled eggs
- Mini tune or salad wraps



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