



Iona Public School

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Learning Together in Harmony

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9

Calendar

Term 3 2025

24 Sept	3 Way Conferences
26 Sept	Last day of Term 3
26 Sept	PBL Rewards Day

Term 4 2025

13 Oct	Staff Development Day
14 Oct	Students Return
20 Oct	K-2 Gala Day
23 Oct	School Photos
24 Oct	Swimming starts (Fridays)
4 Nov	P&C Meeting 8.15am
12, 19, 26 Nov	Kindergarten orientation
20 Nov	Colour Run
11 Dec	Presentation Day

Welcome to our last newsletter of term 3. We would like to remind all families that the last day of term will be Friday 26 September. We look forward to celebrating the term with 3-Way Conferences on Wednesday 24 September and PBL Rewards day on Friday 26.

Mrs Bird will be taking extended leave for the next two weeks. Mrs Barber, Ms Morris and Mrs McAlister will be replacing her during this time.

We sincerely thank Mrs Preece for her exceptional support throughout this term as she stepped in as the Acting School Administration Manager during Mrs Mahony's leave.

We thank you for your ongoing support throughout the term and wish all our students and families a safe and enjoyable break. We look

forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 with students returning on Tuesday 14 October. Monday 13 is a Staff Development Day.

Warm regards,
Rachel Leary

Important Reminder for Afternoon Student Dismissal

To ensure the safety of all our students, we kindly ask that parents continue to follow our afternoon dismissal guidelines. For everyone's protection, students should be collected at the school gate. They are not to exit the gate without a parent present.

Over the past two months, there have been several near misses involving students and vehicles in the car park. To keep our children safe, please come to the gate to meet your child at the end of the day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation--your child's safety is our top priority.

PBL Reward Day – Favourite Sporting Team

Students are invited to wear their favourite sporting colours on Friday 26 September as a PBL reward. This term, students voted at the SRC meeting to enjoy an ice-cream spider as part of their celebration.

The ice-cream spider, which includes ice-cream and a soft drink, will be served at first break. If your child is unable to have these items due to dietary restrictions or allergies, please let the office know so we can provide an alternative.

We look forward to a fun and colourful day!



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Sport Term 4

Next term we are all head to Raymond Terrace Pool for our annual Swimming School program on Fridays starting 24 October-12 December.

Permission will go out on SENTRAL once we are notified if we have been successful or not with a funding grant through Sporting Schools. Please complete these ASAP.



School Photo Day – Change of date

Please note school photo day is now Thursday 23 October.

3-Way Conferences-Reminder

Mrs Leary and Mr Burgess will be holding 3-way conferences on Wednesday 24 September 2025, from 8:30-4:30pm. Parents will be able to book a time with their child's teacher to discuss goals and needs for 2025. These interviews are a very important part of your child's learning and student attendance is expected. Each meeting will be 15 minutes, if this day or length of appointment does not suit, please email your teacher to arrange another time. Please contact the office on 4930 1415 to organise a booking for your conference.

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Canteen News

In Term 4 we will be making fruit cups to have available for students, any fruit donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Megan or the office if you are able to assist.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 4 November at 8:15am in the library. Please come along and support our wonderful school.

Meerkat Production

Last Wednesday we had the pleasure of Mt Kanwary and Martins Creek visiting us for our annual literacy interaction day. The students participated in 3 literacy activities before heading to the Meerkat performance. Friendships were built at lunchtime with games of handball and craft activities. We look forward to next years annual event.

Colour Explosion



Monty's Colour Fun Run coming 20 November!

Students will receive their sponsorship forms today.

Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page.

Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize or send your donations to one of the great causes on offer! Please note that online donations open on 14 October.

You can even earn free bonus donations!



Indie turned 9 on 12 September
Finn will turn 6 on 21 September

Class News

K-1

As we approach the end of the term, the Sea Stars continue to show great enthusiasm and effort in their learning. We are very proud of their progress and look forward to sharing more achievements with you soon.

Over the past two weeks, the Sea Stars have been working hard on their information reports about an animal. Our Year 1 students have been developing their ICT skills by publishing their reports using Word, while our Kindergarten students have enhanced their creativity by selecting images from the internet to accompany their reports on publishing paper. These completed information reports will soon be proudly displayed in their Quality Work Folders for you to see.

In mathematics, our Kindergarten students have been focusing on addition using the 'counting on' strategy and explored measurement by comparing the lengths of various objects. Meanwhile, Year 1 students have taken steps into multiplication by learning about arrays, building a strong foundation for future maths success.

Mr Burgess

2-3

They say time flies when you're having fun, and the Masterminds would definitely agree! This term, we wrapped up our learning by writing persuasive arguments on the topic of 'Saving the Koala,' inspired by the book *Koala Ark* by Stephen Michael King. We've also been putting our Canva skills to good use by turning our arguments into eye-catching posters. Our handwriting is shining bright, with Year 3 students practicing patience to develop beautiful, quality cursive writing.

In mathematics, we've continued to build our addition and subtraction skills using strategies such as bar graphs, jump strategy, compensation strategy, and vertical regrouping. Recently, we've shifted our focus to data, collecting information on topics of our choice and transforming it into column graphs.

Have an awesome holiday, everyone!

Mrs Leary

4-6

Although I won't be here to finish the term with our amazing learners, I know they are in the very capable hands of Mrs Barber, Ms Morris, and Mrs McAlister. Please note that 3-Way Conferences have been postponed for my class and will now take place early in Term 4.

Students have been working incredibly hard and are continuing to smash their goals in both English and Mathematics. In English, we are wrapping up our *Argument and Authority* unit, with students showcasing their persuasive skills by creating engaging brochures.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another great term of learning!

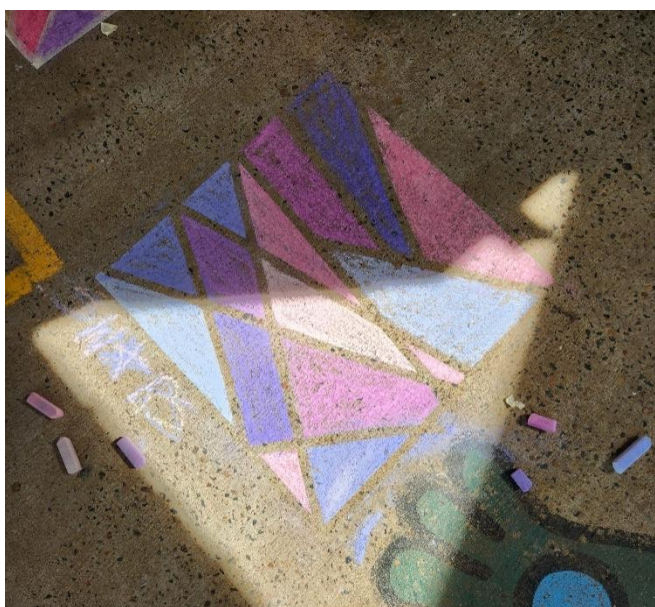
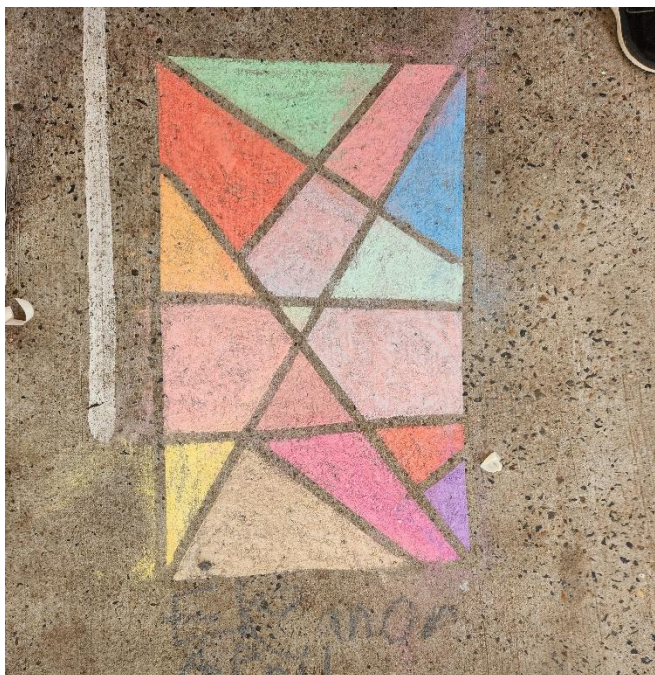
Mrs Bird

Lunchtime Craft

Week 7 - Peel to Reveal

Happily, named Peel to Reveal (thank you Caleb) the students learnt how to use masking tape and sidewalk chalk to decorate the concrete. Their faces always lit up when they see how their designs panned out.





Week 8

When cleaning out the storeroom, we discovered lots of plain dogs with coasters for bellies. Using both paint and textas, lots of dogs were decorated. We even had the privilege of having Mt Kanwary and Martin's Creek schools joining us in our craft sessions on a very wet Wednesday.
Mrs Gibbs

AWARDS WEEK 8

K/1

Matilda for her dedication to improving her ICT skills during the writing of an information report

Laylah for her growth in confidence reading during literacy groups

2/3

Arlo for producing quality 'cursive' writing during handwriting lessons

Imogen for using a variety of strategies in mathematics to solve problems

4-6

Stella for always putting 100% effort into everything you do

Lucy for fantastic contribution during maths talks

Health & Safety

Finn for always being safe during the wet weather
Sport

Oliver for always taking it out in handball without an argument

Ella for always taking it out in handball without an argument

Environmental

Daisey for helping and caring for the Father's Day plants

Peer Nominated Citizenship

Indie for always approaching jobs with an enthusiastic attitude

25 Nights Reading

Lucy

50 Nights Reading

Lucy

75 Nights Reading

Lucy, Eleanor, Sarah

100 Nights Reading

Lucy, Eleanor, Sarah

125 Nights Reading

Lucy, Eleanor, Sarah

150 Nights Reading

Lucy, Robert, Eleanor, Sarah

175 Nights Reading

Lucy, Robert, Eleanor, Sarah

200 Nights Reading

Georgie, Stella, Eleanor, Sarah



Good for kids
good for life



Healthy screen habits

Screens are part of modern life, but too much screen time can affect sleep, mood, concentration, learning and physical activity.

The Australian Guidelines recommend **no more than 2 hours** of recreational screen time (not including schoolwork) for children aged 5-17.

You can create healthy school habits by:

- Setting clear daily screen limits
- Having screen-free zones, like bedrooms and at mealtimes
- Encouraging outdoor play or hands-on games
- Modelling positive screen behaviour as adults

Let's support our kids to thrive, with a healthy balance of screen time, play, and rest!



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Housing support for Mid North Coast and Hunter flood recovery



This factsheet explains the \$50 million Housing Support Package initiative for the Mid North Coast and Hunter regions in response to AGRN 1212.

What is the Housing Support package?

The NSW and Commonwealth Governments have launched a \$50 million Housing Support Package to assist impacted communities across the Mid North Coast and Hunter regions in response to the devastating floods in May 2025 (AGRN 1212).

The package includes a suite of services to help residents return to safe and stable housing - whether through repairs, relocation or temporary accommodation.

Who will benefit?

Support is available to uninsured, low-income homeowners and renters as well as eligible landlords who commit to restoring rental properties to the private rental market.

What support is available?

Temporary accommodation

- Caravans for flood affected homeowners who need to live on-site while their homes are being repaired

Home repair grants

- Grants of up to \$25,000 for uninsured, low-income homeowners and landlords to support essential repairs to uninhabitable properties.
- Landlords will need to commit to returning properties to the private rental market.

Rental support grants

One-off financial assistance to renter who were displaced as a result of the disaster event, to help low income renters relocate or cover moving-related expenses such as:

- Removalist fees
- Rental bonds
- Advanced rent payments

How to access support

The Housing Recovery Service is a dedicated one-stop concierge service for people seeking housing assistance.

Call **1800 695 043** from Monday 25 August.

The service will:

- Assess individual circumstances
- Determine eligibility
- Recommend the most suitable housing assistance
- Support households through the application process.

More information

For more information on the support available and the application process, scan:

