



IONA COLLEGE
HAVELOCK NORTH, HAWKE'S BAY

HEADLINES

DECEMBER 2011

Dear Parents and Friends

Another year has ended. It is hard to believe how quickly time has flown by. Life in general just seems to be getting busier or is it because I'm getting older? Ellie Burge, our Chaplain, has reminded us that this is Advent, a time of waiting. In the hustle and bustle of the Christmas preparations remember to take some time for yourself, reflect and be still.

As we are waiting, perhaps we reflect that this is also a time about journeys: the journey of the magi as they follow the star, the journey of families as they travel to be together during this season, the journey that sees some people leave Iona and begin elsewhere and the journey of our graduates as they mark their rite of passage and enter the big wide world.

The Christmas season is a joyful time, a time of hope, hopefully a time of peace. Certainly a time that is meant to be about love. It is a time that celebrates life. The birth of Jesus, and all that we have to be thankful about in our own lives.

This is an opportune moment to thank staff and students for a wonderful year and successful conclusion. We have had sumptuous Christmas Dinners, beautiful Carol Services, a nostalgic Graduates' Chapel and a motivating Prize Giving. Thank yous must go to Mrs Smith and Mr Tyman for their work on the school magazine. It is a vibrant and informative publication.

Finally, as we tune into the radio, watch the news or read the papers, we are constantly reminded of the crisis the world is in. Economies are collapsing all over the place. So at Christmas time, when it is so easy to be caught up in the material, remember there are gifts that cost nothing:

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING...
But you must REALLY listen. Active listening means no interrupting, no day-dreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...
Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses and pats on the back. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...
Clip cartoons and share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."



4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...
It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or even more elaborate, perhaps a sonnet. A thoughtful, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.
5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...
A simple and sincere "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOUR...
Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...
There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION...
The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not that hard to say "Hello" or "Thank You".

So keep giving this Christmas season.



Pauline Duthie
Principal



Students' Successes

Academic Achievers NCEA Excellence Awards

At a recent assembly, we recognised students who have pursued their personal best, persevered and gained Excellence in a number of internal assessment standards across a number of different subjects.

Year 13

Heather Baird	Art Painting
Molly Baker	Biology, Chemistry, Geography
Rebecca Brooks	Art Design, Art Painting
Sasha Bruce	Art Painting
Leigh Douglas	Chemistry
Georgia Forde	Chemistry, Geography, Physical Education
Branagh Gavegan	Art History, Geography, History, Physical Education
Tasenska Guilford	Art Design, Physics, Technology
Hae Youn Jang	Chemistry, Japanese
Catherine Lawrence	Chemistry, Geography
Jane Lyons	Art History, English
Emily Mackie	Chemistry
Sarah Nicolle	Art Design, Art Painting
Hannah Parnell	Geography, Physical Education
Kirsty Parsons	Biology, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Geography

Briellen Pryde	Geography
Elsa Renton	Chemistry
Caitlin Rokela-Friel	Chemistry
Lucy Ross	Biology, Chemistry, Japanese, Physics
Tiana Rutene	Chemistry
Hannah Southcombe	Art Painting, Geography
Catlin Ward	Art History, Classical Studies, English, Geography
Isabel White	Chemistry, Classical Studies, Physics
Ashleigh Whitfield	Art Design, Art History, Classical Studies, Japanese

Year 12

Libby Averill	Chemistry
Sophie Bartleet	Chemistry, English
Charlie Baylis	English
Laura Coventry	Chemistry
Sophia Cranswick	Art Painting, Chemistry, Physical Education
Sally Daulby	Art History, Geography
Tiffany Dixon	Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Physics
Grace Emeny	Art History, Chemistry, Mathematics
Victoria Gillespie	English

Bella Grigg	Art History, Art Painting, Classical Studies, English, History, Mathematics	Sarah Cowan	English, Health, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Technology
Lauren Groundwater	Chemistry, English	Sarah Crosse	Biology, English, Geography, Japanese, Mathematics
Zoë Harty	Art History	Laura Dinsdale	English, Health, History, Mathematics, Music
Beth Haydon-Carr	English	Meagan Frankum	English, Geography, Japanese, Mathematics, Music
Anna Hewitt	Chemistry, Physical Education	Alexandra Gault	English, Geography, Health, History, Mathematics, Science
Jeong Dam In	Japanese, Mathematics	Louise Gould	English, Geography, Physical Education, Science
Sarah Karika	Physical Education	Renae Griffin	Biology, English, Food & Nutrition, Geography, Health, Mathematics, Science
Olivia Karlsson	Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics	Katherine Hodson	Japanese
Nicole Lansdown	Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Physics	Samantha Holt	Biology, Geography, History, Mathematics
Kyoung Min Lee	English, Japanese	Jessica Hunt	Biology, Physical Education, Science
Isabella Maunsell	Art History	Emma Jenkin	Biology, Japanese
Kristy McCormick	Art History, Art Painting, English, Japanese	Taleah Johnstone	Accounting, Biology, Japanese
Jakayla McKee	Art History	Brittany MacGregor	Japanese, Mathematics
Hannah McLeod	Physical Education	Lucy Mackisack	Food & Nutrition, Physical Education, Science
Aimee Mossman	Chemistry, History, Mathematics, Physics	Rosie Morgan	Accounting, Japanese, Physical Education
Kelsy Mudgway	Art History	Bianca Musson	Physical Education
Hannah Poole	Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Music, Physics	Amy Parnell	History, Japanese
Penelope Radburn	Chemistry	Chelsea Peters	Geography, Health, Mathematics, Music
Micaella Roadley	Chemistry, Classical Studies, English, Mathematics, Physics	Rebecca Pointon	Japanese
Megan Sandford	Physical Education	Lee-Andra Ririnui	English, Japanese
Monique Sinton	Chemistry, Classical Studies, English Mathematics, Physics	Eden Saccente	Art Painting, Geography, Physical Education
Alice Trow	Chemistry	Sophie Small	English, Geography, Health, Japanese
Kate Ward	Geography	Libby Southcombe	Art Painting, English, Japanese
Samantha Wedd	Mathematics	Emma Spender	English, Geography, History, Mathematics
Biddy Wilson	Chemistry, History, Mathematics, Physics	Erana Stanbridge	Japanese
Jessica Wilson	Art Painting, Physical Education	Hannah Steele	Biology
Rata Wood	Technology	Lucy Stratton	Accounting, Economics, English, Geography, Health, Mathematics, Science
Coralee Wood	Art History, Chemistry	Briar Thomas	Japanese, Mathematics, Science, Technology



Year 11

Rosie Allan	English, History, Physical Education	Poppi Tucker-Low	Economics, English, Physical Education
Alice Anderson	Geography, Physical Education	Alice Wilson	Art Painting, Geography, Mathematics, Technology
Sophie Bennett	English, Health, History, Music, Science		
Jessica Bird	Mathematics, Physical Education, Science		
Mary Blackburne	Art Painting, English, Geography, Japanese, Mathematics		
Sarah Boyd	English, Geography, Health, Japanese, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science		
Eleisha Campbell	Geography, Health, History, Mathematics, Science		



Distinction Awards presented at Final Assembly

Year 7

Anna Bennett	Music
Claire Downey	English
Amelia Price-Gosman	Art
Emma Smith	Oral Communication
Erin Unac	Music
Sally Ward	Oral Communication
Lucy Druzianic	Fabric Technology, Mathematics
Anna Scott	Maori, Mathematics
Payton Wilson	Art, Science, Social Studies
Kelli Frewin	Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies
Bella Langlands-Grieve	Art, English, Food Technology, Latin, Music, Oral Communication

Year 8

Holly Black	Mathematics
Milly Bowen	Oral Communication
Sophie Jarvis	Art
Kate Karika	Physical Education
Olivia McLeod	Physical Education
Sophie Parsons	Fabric Technology
Sophie Pilbrow	Music
Rebecca Boyd	Art, Fabric Technology, Maori English, Food Technology, Latin, Oral Communication
Siobhan Pike	Art, English, Food Technology, Latin, Science
Aimee Clark	Art, English, Food Technology, Latin, Science
Amy Lawrence	Latin, Mathematics, Music, Oral Communication, Science, Social Studies



Year 9

Georgia Barrow	Oral Communication
Helen Holt	Music
Koonlanan Hongsakul	Art
Alanna Iorns	English
Emma Knight	Fabric Technology
Samantha Mactaggart	Oral Communication
Sophya Mossman	Health & Physical Education
Rose Pardoe	Fabric Technology
Lucy Richards	Fabric Technology
Annelise Roadley	Health & Physical Education
Jean-Louise Roberts	Music
Kate Scott	Mathematics
Brittany Tilson	Art
Bridie Casey	Fabric Technology, French
Poppy Compston	French, Social Studies
Gabrielle Frewin	English, French

Claudia Karlsson	Japanese, Oral Communication
Tanisha Lovell	Food & Nutrition, Oral Communication
Annabel Thomas	Art, Music
Flo De Bievre	Art, French, Music
Megan Hassall	Japanese, Mathematics, Social Studies
Michelia McBride	Food & Nutrition, Japanese, Science, Social Studies
Olivia Druzianic	Fabric Technology, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
Jennifer Nimon	Art, English, Music, Oral Communication, Science, Social Studies
Harriet Williams	Art, English, Health & Physical Education, Japanese, Mathematics, Science



Year 10

Lizzie Astwood	Food & Nutrition/Technology
Lucy Bambry	Japanese
Lucy Bowen	Social Studies
Kate Cregoe	Art
Sian Fendall	Mathematics
Jessica Godwin	Social Studies
Courtney Hayward	English
Kate Mabin	Art
Georgia Mossman	Oral Communication
Olivia Potter	Health & Physical Education
Ella Brown	Mathematics, Science
Laura Hitchcock	Oral Communication, Science
Jessica Kane	Art, Health & Physical Education
Caitlin Shannon	Health & Physical Education, Oral Communication
Leslie Bolton	Japanese, Mathematics, Science
Phoebe Ayers	English, Food & Nutrition/ Technology, Oral Communication, Social Studies
Samantha Bolton	Art, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science
Sally Ward	Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Studies
Danielle Maynard	English, French, Mathematics, Music, Science
Abigail Weaver	Art, Mathematics, Oral Communication, Science, Social Studies
Lucy Bennett	English, French, Japanese, Mathematics, Music, Science

Year 11

Mary Blackburne	Art
Eleisha Campbell	Geography
Sarah Crosse	Biology
Samantha Holt	Biology
Jessica Hunt	Biology
Rebecca Pointon	Japanese
Sophie Small	Japanese
Libby Southcombe	Art
Erana Stanbridge	Japanese
Briar Thomas	Materials Technology
Poppi Tucker-Low	Physical Education
Sophie Bennett	History, Music
Sarah Boyd	Geography, Science
Laura Dinsdale	English, Music
Meagan Frankum	Japanese, Music
Chelsea Peters	French, Music
Eden Saccente	Art, Physical Education
Emma Spender	English, Geography
Renae Griffin	Food & Nutrition, Mathematics, Science
Alice Wilson	Art, Materials Technology, Mathematics
Alexandra Gault	English, Geography, Mathematics, Science
Sarah Cowan	English, History, Materials Technology, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science
Lucy Stratton	Accounting, Economics, English, Geography, Mathematics, Science

Year 12

Sophia Cranswick	Art Painting
Sally Daulby	Geography
Tiffany Dixon	Physical Education
Jeong Dam In	Mathematics
Isabella Maunsell	Digital Technologies
Penelope Radburnd	Biology
Kate Ward	Geography
Biddy Wilson	Mathematics
Lauren Groundwater	Biology, English
Grace Emeny	Art Photography, Business Studies, English
Olivia Karlsson	Chemistry, English, Mathematics
Kyung Won Kim	Accounting, Japanese, Mathematics
Hannah Poole	Biology, English, Music
Bella Grigg	Art History, English, History, Mathematics
Nicole Lansdown	Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Physics
Micaella Roadley	Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physics
Monique Sinton	Biology, Chemistry, Classical Studies, English, Physics



Year 13

Heather Baird	Art Painting
Rebecca Brooks	Art Painting
Sasha Bruce	Art Painting
Georgia Forde	Statistics & Modelling
Jane Lyons	English
Sarah Nicolle	Art Painting
Hannah Parnell	Physical Education
Tiana Rutene	Economics
Hannah Southcombe	Art Painting
Tasenska Guilford	Art Design, Materials Technology
Hae Youn Jang	Japanese, Calculus
Catherine Lawrence	Calculus, Physics
Emily Mackie	Chemistry, Music
Kirsty Parsons	Biology, Geography
Isabel White	Chemistry, Classical Studies
Molly Baker	Biology, Geography, Calculus
Branagh Gavegan	Geography, History, Physical Education
Lucy Ross	Biology, Chemistry, Japanese, Physics
Catlin Ward	Art History, Classical Studies, English, Geography, History



Digital Technologies

Rebecca Brooks has qualified for the National Certificate in Computing Level 2.

Language Perfect

Bronze Medals

Lucy Bennett	Zoe Frankum
Georgia Jaques	Jessica Kane
Tanisha Lovell	Samantha Mactaggart
Sophya Mossman	Olivia Unaç
Harriet Williams	

Silver Medal

Poppy Compston scored in the top 5% of 80,000 competitors around the world.

Science Badges

Anna Bennett	Large Animals
Amy Lawrence	Botany

Speech - Oral Assessments

Distinction badges were awarded to:

Junior - Year 7

Katie Holden	Bella Langlands-Grieve
Aimee Pitcher	Emma Smith
Erin Unaç	Sally Ward

Advanced Junior - Year 8

Milly Bowen	Rebecca Boyd
Courtney Brodie	Aimee Clark
Ellie Duthie	Sophie Jarvis
Kata Laracy	Amy Lawrence
Hannah Mason	Siobhan Pike
Sophie Pilbrow	Katie Read
Phoebe Wedd	

Intermediate

Georgia Barrow	Katelyn Biss
Bridie Casey	Poppy Compston
Olivia Druzianic	Zoe Frankum
Megan Hassall	Georgia Jaques
Claudia Karlsson	Tanisha Lovell
Samantha Mactaggart	Jennifer Nimon
Rose Pardoe	Annelise Roadley
Georgia Rogers	Georgia Smith
Annabel Thomas	Sarah Thompson
Jane Ward	

NZ Speech Board Examinations

Speech and Drama

Grade 3:	Amiria Bates	Honours
	Claire Downey	Merit plus
	Lucy Druzianic	Honours
	Katie Holden	Honours
	Holly Moroney	Honours
	Anna Scott	Honours
	Olivia Thomas	Credit
	Erin Unaç	Honours
Grade 4:	Holly Black	Merit
	Lucy Collin	Merit
	Ellie Duthie	Credit plus
	Rebecca Gregory	Merit
	Lana Hyde	Merit
	Rose Pardoe	Merit
Grade 6:	Georgia Mossman	Honours
	Olivia Unaç	Credit & Merit plus
	Abigail Weaver	Honours & Honours plus
Grade 7:	Aimee Mossman	Credit plus & Merit
	Micaella Roadley	Merit plus & Honours



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Speech and Drama

Grade 6: Caitlin Shannon Merit

ATCL

Elisabeth Hewitt has passed her ATCL examinations - a tremendous accomplishment.

ABRSM Examinations

Piano

Grade 2: Flo De Bievre
Sally Ward Merit
Anna Bennett Distinction

Grade 3: Laura Dinsdale
Helen Holt

Flute

Grade 6 Meagan Frankum

Dance

Lizzie Astwood passed both her RAD Intermediate Ballet and NZAMD Jazz examinations with Distinction.



Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Awards

Bronze Award	Courtney Hayward
Silver Awards	Emma Boyd
	Tasmin McCormack
	Micaella Roadley
	Megan Sandford
	Monique Sinton
	Briar Thomas
	Samantha Wedd
	Rata Wood

Barista Course

The following girls have completed their Barista Skills Certificate:

Emma Boyd	Leigh Douglas
Tasenska Guilford	Brooke Guthrie
Sarah Nicolle	Bridget Robertson
Lucy Ross	Tiana Rutene
Sacha Spurrier	Lucy van Deursen
Catlin Ward	Ashleigh Whitfield

Sporting Successes

Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' Sports Awards

Lucy Ross received a Merit Award for her Contribution to Sport.

Girls also nominated for the Female Sportsperson of the Year Award were:

Lucy Collin	Equestrian
Nicole Lansdown	Equestrian
Phoebe Treseder	Cycling
Courtney Gettins	Softball
Sarah Cowan	Cricket
Hannah McLeod	Athletics
Rosie Morgan	Football
Bianca Musson	Tennis

Athletics - Reading Shield

On Friday 28 October, the Iona team competed in this athletics competition and came 2nd overall. Results were:

Flo De Bievre	2 nd	Jnr 100m
	2 nd	Jnr 200m
	1 st	Jnr Long jump
	1 st	Jnr High jump
Sarah Karika	1 st	Snr 100m
	1 st	Snr 200m
Hannah McLeod	2 nd	Snr 100m
Kim Douglas	3 rd	800m
Emily Mackie	1 st	Snr Long jump
Lauren Groundwater	2 nd	Snr High jump
Lucy Ross	1 st	Snr Shotput
	1 st	Snr Discus

The Senior Girls 100m x 4 Relay team - Hannah McLeod, Meghan Jackson, Emily Mackie, Sarah Karika - came 1st.

Athletics - ECNISS Road Race

Year 9 and 10 girls competed in the road race held at Westshore on 2 November with the following success:

Year 9:	Lucy Collin	12 th
	Flo De Bievre	19 th
	Emma Knight	25 th
	Year 9 team	5 th
Juniors:	Kim Douglas	2 nd
	Phoebe Treseder	7 th
	Abigail Parnell	10 th
	Emma Freebairn	18 th
	Lucy Bambry	32 nd
	Junior Team	2 nd



TACS Athletics

On Thursday 10 November, Year 7 and 8 girls competed in this competition with the following results:

Sally Ward	2 nd	Shot put
Amy Martin	1 st	Long jump
	1 st	800m
Taylor Davis	3 rd	Shot put
Aimee Pitcher	3 rd	200m
Kate Karika	2 nd	100m
	1 st	200m
Bronte Spierings-Abel	3 rd	100m
Olivia McLeod	2 nd	800m

Overall, Amy Martin was the Year 7 Girls Runner Up and Kate Karika was the Year 8 Girls Runner Up.



Cricket

Sarah Cowan has been selected to play in the annual New Zealand U21 Women's Development cricket tournament in Christchurch in December. Sarah has also been chosen as 12/13th player for the Central Districts Women's team to play the Canterbury Magicians on 9 December at Cornwall Park, Hastings.



Football

Rosie Morgan has been selected for the Central North Island Tri Series Representative Girls Football team. She is the only Hawke's Bay player selected and will play in the tournament at Wellington in December.

Hockey

Rebecca Boyd and Hannah Mason were the Most Valued Players for the 2011 season in the Hawke's Bay Representative Rawleigh Hockey team.

Netball

Sophia Cranswick successfully trialled and will be participating in the Eastern Netball High Performance Summer Programme.

Pony Club Eventing Championship

The following girls have been selected for teams competing in Masterton on 3-5 January 2012:

Heretaunga	Renae Griffin & Brittany Tilson
Dannevirke	Lucy Collin
Central Hawke's Bay	Jane Ward & Emma Knight



Brittany Tilson has qualified for Horse of the Year with several Champion Saddle Hunter Pony wins, Champion Paced and Mannered wins and Champion Rider.

Lucy Collin has won the Supreme Saddle Hunter Pony in 4 out of 5 shows. At Stratford, she won the Champion Rider of the show and Champion Category B Show Hunter and Supreme Saddle Hunter.



Tae Kwon Do

The following girls sat and passed their Yellow Stripe grade:

Harriet Williams	Annabelle Nimon
Jean-Louise Roberts	Lucy Richards
Michelia McBride	Bronte Spierings-Abel

Tennis

Bianca Musson has been selected to play for the Waikato Bays regional interclub team in the Elite/Premier Grades playing weekly at Tennis Northern, Albany, Auckland.

On Thursday 3 November, six girls competed in the Intermediate Tennis Tournament at Onekawa.

Sophie Jarvis came 3rd in the Girls Intermediate Championship and Olivia McLeod, Katie Read and Phoebe Wedd were placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively in the Girls Intermediate Social competition.

The Iona team came 4th in the Teams Championship.

Volleyball

Iona's Kahuranaki junior volleyball team won their Division 2 final in the secondary schools' competition against St Joseph's. Our Te Mata team also played off in the finals, finishing 4th.



IONA 100 - Counting Down to the Centenary

November - 100 Years Ago

It was on November 9, 1911, that the Presbyterian Church, at its General Assembly in Dunedin, received an offer from Mr H M Campbell [representative elder from Hastings] on behalf of Mr Hugh Campbell of Breadalbane, of a piece of land, almost seven acres in extent at Havelock North, as a site for a Presbyterian Ladies' College. The Rev A Whyte, seconded by the Rev A Grant, moved that the Assembly express its gratitude to Mr Campbell for his munificent gift and appoint a committee, with the Rev A Grant as Convenor, to consider the matter and report to a later sederunt.

On November 11 the Committee reconvened and recommended to the Assembly that it accept Mr Campbell's offer. A permanent committee was appointed, consisting of fourteen Ministers and five Elders, representing the national church.

On November 30, the Committee met with Mr Hugh Campbell at First Church in Dunedin. This meeting began with Devotions, readings from Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-6, Proverbs 30:10 & 30, and prayer for Divine blessing. It was at this meeting that Rev A Cameron stated that he had received correspondence from Miss Isabel Fraser two years earlier offering her services to the church. He was directed to reply to her. Members of the Committee were asked to arrange for the raising of money so that the school might begin within a year.

In our Archives we have the Minute Book of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Havelock North. We also have a copy of Miss Fraser's letter to Rev Cameron.

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Final Wrap-Up for 2011

Iona Wins Again!

Congratulations and a huge Thank You to Gabrielle and Kelli Frewin who entered a competition in the school's name and won the regional award. The Electrolux representative presented the school with a green ergonomic vacuum cleaner worth \$800 and a \$500 cheque for the green enhancement of the school.



Collecting Stamps

Stamps collected by classes are given to St Columba's Church to support the Leprosy Mission. The following forms collected the most stamps in 2011:

1 st	11TH
2 nd	8DF
3 rd	13JN

Farewells to Staff

Mrs Sue Ross

We farewell Sue after nine years at Iona. Sue was appointed a Mathematics, Science and Biology teacher in 2003 but during her time here also assumed the roles of Careers adviser, Star co-ordinator and Head of the Science, Mathematics and Computing Faculty. Not only will Sue be missed in the biology classroom and for her administrative skills, but she has also been a stalwart of Iona netball. We wish her well with her promotion to Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart College in Napier.

Mrs Karen Henry

Karen has been at Iona for 21 years. Originally appointed as an ESL tutor and Keyboard Skills teacher in 1990, Karen is retiring from teaching and her position as Director of International Students at the end of 2011. Karen joined the staff after 21 years living and teaching in Canada. Our international

students have certainly benefitted from her expertise, care and common sense. We wish Karen a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

Mrs Janne Baker

Janne has been on the Iona staff for 13 years. She has resigned from her position as Supervisor of the cleaning staff. We will miss Janne's amenability, good nature and efficiency and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Karen Holder

Karen is on maternity leave for 2012. We wish her well for the birth of her third child in January.

Ms Angela Warmke

Angela is taking a year's refreshment leave in 2012. We wish her all the best in her studies.

Roll Increase

The Minister of Education has granted Iona College an incremental roll increase of 10 students per year for the next 5 years. This will mean that our roll will be capped at 300 by 2017.

The increase has been granted on the understanding that we will increase the Intermediate Department and means that we can add an additional class at this level and also allow for the subsequent flow through of these new students into the secondary school.

Class sizes will still be kept small and within current school policy but this roll increase will mean that pressure for places will be somewhat alleviated and our waiting list numbers reduced. With 300 students we will not lose our sense of community and connectedness but will have greater flexibility in curriculum and staffing.

Earthquake strengthening

Many people have commented on the scaffolding outside the dining room. This is part of our on-going earthquake strengthening of the school. Large steel beams will be inserted up the side of the building, across the ceiling and down the other side. The building will then be braced to allow for potential horizontal or vertical shaking. This will bring this section up to 100% of current building code.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused as you used the one-way system. An already narrow turn was made even tighter. Work needed to start now so that it could be completed for the beginning of the 2012 school year.

Feedback on Communication and Community Relationships Survey

Thank you to the 111 respondents – our biggest number yet.

1. *Do you feel that you are given opportunities to comment on areas of focus for the school?*

82.6% of people felt that they were. There were a few specific comments that related to Sport and these have been passed onto the Director of Sport as part of end of year review.

2. *Do you receive sufficient information about the school's programmes and activities?*

88.2% of people felt that they did. A few parents felt they got information too late or that they had to rely on their daughter for information about things such as mufti days. One parent suggested a "weekly update button" on the website. This is a suggestion we will adopt for 2012, so that fuller details about daily happenings are available.

3. *Do you feel the newsletter (Headlines) provides useful updates and information?*

99.1% of people felt that it did. They enjoyed reading it and felt it was "newsy, with a good combo of facts/dates."

4. *Do you think this survey tool is a useful and effective way to solicit information?*

94.5% agreed with the consensus being it was "quick, effective, efficient and paper friendly!" You will be seeing more of it in 2012!

5. *What could we do to improve our communication with you?*

Some boarding parents wanted a bit more communication from the hostel and especially about weekend activities. I know that Ms McKnight is looking into this via our LMS which will have a parent portal in 2012.

There were some requests for a weekly or fortnightly newsletter possibly via email. This is a possibility but we will monitor the weekly update button first.

Some respondents wanted more face to face parent interviews and better notification of test results.

There were some requests to have permission forms/consents returned via email. We will investigate how this can be made possible.

The other issue raised by some was the timing of when information arrives. Often it was quite late and didn't leave you enough time to consider options. We will endeavour to make this better.

Thank you for your input. We do value your feedback and will do our best to ensure we meet your needs wherever possible.

School Office Hours

The school office will close for the Christmas holiday period on Friday 16 December and re-open on Monday 16 January 2012.

Mailout in January

You will receive a mailout in mid January informing you about activities and events for the coming year. Permission slips should be handed in to the office on the first day your daughter returns to school.

Introducing our 2012 School Leaders

Prefects

<u>Head Girl</u>	Sophia Cranswick
<u>Committee Prefects</u>	
Service/Heading of Boarding	Tasmin McCormack
Chapel	Hannah Poole
Sports	Anna Hewitt
Junior	Libby Averill
Cultural	Olivia Karlsson
<u>House Captains</u>	
Columba	Micaella Roadley
Fraser	Laura Coventry
Gartan	Sarah Karika
McNeil	Tiffany Dixon

Year 12 Leaders

<u>Columba</u>	Service	Sarah Boyd & Lucy Stratton
	Sport	Hannah Steele
	Junior	Eden Saccente
	Cultural	Sophie Bennett
<u>Fraser</u>	Service	Sophie Small
	Sport	Rosie Morgan
	Junior	Sarah Crosse
	Cultural	Laura Dinsdale
<u>Gartan</u>	Service	Rebecca Pointon
	Sport	Alice Anderson
	Junior	Erana Stanbridge
	Cultural	Alice Wilson
<u>McNeil</u>	Service	Jessica Bird
	Sport	Sarah Cowan
	Junior	Emma Spender
	Cultural	Meagan Frankum

Start of the 2012 School Year

Wednesday 18 January

1.00pm-4.00pm Uniform Shop open

Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 January

Any students wishing to discuss option changes should make a time to see or speak to senior staff during these three days. For an appointment, please phone the school office (06 877 8149) or email Mrs Shears (julie.shears@iona.school.nz).

Sunday 29 January (dress uniform)

4.30pm-8.30pm Boarding House open. Year 13 boarders return to school in the evening. If you require dinner at school, please contact the school office by phone (06 877 8149) or email (office@iona.school.nz) before noon on Friday 27 January.

Monday 30 January (dress uniform)

By 8.30am Year 13 Boarders should be in school
From 9.00am Year 13 Boarders meet with Ms McKnight
By 10.30am Year 13 Daygirls and Year 12 Boarders return to school
11.00am Year 13 students meet with Form Teacher
Year 12 Boarders meet with Ms McKnight
By 12.30pm Year 12 Daygirls return to school
1.30pm Year 13 students meet with Principal and Form Teacher for leadership training
Year 12 students meet with Senior Dean and Form Teachers for leadership training
4.30pm-5.00pm Year 12 and 13 Daygirls go home
6.30pm-7.30pm Year 12 and 13 Boarders meet with Ms McKnight

Tuesday 31 January (dress uniform)

8.20am Year 12 and 13 students should be in school
Year 13 participate in Peer Support training throughout the day
Year 12 commence timetable after form business is completed
4.30pm-8.30pm Year 11 Boarders return to school in the evening. If you require dinner at school, please contact the school office by phone (06 877 8149) or email (office@iona.school.nz) before noon on Monday 30 January.

Wednesday 1 February (day uniform)

By 8.20am Year 11 students should be in school
8.25am Chapel for Year 11, 12 and 13 students
Timetable commences after form business and leadership duties finalised

Thursday 2 February (day uniform)

8.25am Timetable begins after form time
2.30pm Full House meetings and Senior House softball
5.00pm-6.00pm BBQ for Year 11, 12 and 13 students by the pool

Friday 3 February (dress uniform)

8.25am Chapel for Year 11, 12 and 13 students
ID Photos for Year 11, 12 and 13 students
Timetable for the rest of the morning
12.45pm Various activities for Year 11, 12 and 13 students
3.20pm School closes for Waitangi Weekend

Monday 6 February (dress uniform)

4.30pm-8.30pm Boarding House open. Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Boarders return to school in the evening. If you require dinner at school, please contact the school office by phone (06 877 8149) or email (office@iona.school.nz) before noon on Friday 3 February.

Tuesday 7 February (dress uniform)

8.25am Form time for Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students
8.55am Timetable commences for Year 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students

9.30am	Year 7 and 9 Boarders arrive at the Fountain Courtyard
9.50am	Year 7 and 9 Daygirls arrive at the Fountain Courtyard
10.00am	Morning tea for Year 7 and 9 students, their parents and staff
10.30am	Welcome and information session in the Chapel for Year 7 and 9 students, their parents and staff
10.45am-11.30am	Year 7 and 9 parents information session and question time
10.45am-12.30pm	Year 7 and 9 students to classes with their Form Teacher
3.30pm	Year 7 and 9 Daygirls go home.

Wednesday 8 February (day uniform)

8.25am	Whole school assembly Timetable for all students
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Thursday 9 February (day uniform)

8.25am	Year 9 Peer Support (with Year 13) and Orientation programmes commence
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Friday 10 February (dress uniform)

ID Photos for Year 7-10 students

At the start of Term 1, all boarders returning to school must travel in and arrive at school in dress uniform. At the beginning of Terms 2, 3 and 4, boarders return to school in the evening prior to the first day of school.

Stationery

All Year 7-9 students will receive their stationery requirements during their first day at school. However, they should bring a pen and/or pencil to school as this may be needed prior to their stationery being issued.

Year 10-13 students have the opportunity of purchasing their stationery from OfficeMax either online or through their retail stores. Please refer to the enclosed brochure for detailed instructions.

During the term, the school's Stationery Shop is open every Tuesday at lunchtime.

School Flowers

Iona has a keen group of mums and grandmums who arrange flowers each week in the reception area and Chapel and also for special events throughout the year. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped arrange flowers at school during 2011.

We are looking for more interested people to join the group. If you are keen to join our team, please phone Ailsa Downey on 834 4614 who will explain what is involved. It's a great chance to have a go and learn a new skill with guidance from more experienced floral artists and some that are still learning.

Term 1 Events

Friday 17 February

Parents and staff are invited to "Drinks and Nibbles" in the Library from 6.00-8.00pm on Friday 17 February, the evening before Swimming Sports.

This is a good opportunity for parents 'new-to-Iona' to meet other 'new-to-Iona' parents, some 'not-so-new' as well as some of our staff. I hope you can be there.

Parents & Friends Cocktail Evening

Saturday 18 - Monday 20 February

Swimming Sports will be held on Saturday 18 February and is followed by an exeat weekend including Monday 20 February. The Boarding House re-opens at 4.30pm on Monday 20 February for boarders returning to school. Normal school classes resume on Tuesday 21 February.

This is the first major event of the school year and is a wonderful occasion, so mark the date on your 2012 calendar now.

Swimming Sports and Exeat

Friday 2 March

Athletic Sports

Sunday 18 March

Founders' Day

Saturday 31 March

Open Day

