



IONA PRESENTATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL MOSMAN PARK

NEWSLETTER

10 MARCH 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students

We are already half way through Term One. Parents are back into the routine of preparing children for school in the mornings – the drop-offs and pick-ups. Children and staff have had time to settle into class routines and the *mechanical* nature of the school year has taken over.

It is always good for our bodies and our spirit to have some time to stop, to think and to reflect, and this week, as a staff, we got the opportunity to do this through our Professional Development Day on Tuesday.

At this time last year, we commenced a process of creating a shared vision for our school and the identification of our core values embedded in this vision. A number of parents shared the two days with us and their contributions to our vision was invaluable. Over 2016, staff explored best practice from around the world to design ways to move the school forward towards this shared vision. All this work (and it was many after school hours) came to fruition on Tuesday, when staff presented their action research to the community which included Sr Kathleen, Head of the Presentation Sister's Congregation.

During the day, teams presented their proposals based on the research they had conducted during the year. The five areas of team engagement (what we value as a staff) were:

- PRESENTATION VALUES**
- PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**
- COLLABORATION IN TEACHING**

STUDENT IN THE CENTRE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

More information of the initiatives will be forthcoming in our newsletters as we disseminate and collate the information from the presentations. I would sincerely like to thank the staff who put much time and effort into this process.

Code of Conduct

All schools have been mandated to have a Code of Conduct that binds the whole school community – staff, parents, visitors and students. The purpose of the code is to describe minimum standards in all behaviour and decision-making to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. A session outlining the code was offered to parents a few weeks ago. Thank you to the parents who attended. The Code can be viewed on our website under the *About Iona* tab.

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments are being taken for siblings and new students wishing to commence Kindergarten at Iona Presentation Primary School in 2018. Families at Iona Presentation Primary with children already enrolled and who have children eligible for Kindergarten in 2018 are required to fill out a Kindergarten Enrolment Application Form. Forms can be obtained from the office or on our website.

St Patrick's Day

Next Friday, we celebrate St Patrick's Day with the College. This day is one of the highlights of our school's liturgical calendar – a day to celebrate with the many Irish



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OUR MISSION

Iona Presentation Primary School, as a loving community, seeks to educate each child within a framework of Catholic values in an atmosphere of trust, openness and truth



NANO NAGLE

The lantern she carried through the darkness in the streets and lanes of Cork became a symbol for the poor of God's love, touching and transforming the harshness of their lives and offering hope. Today that lantern has become the symbol of the mission of the Presentation Sisters around the world.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Forty days alone,
 a wilderness of thoughts,
 tempting and inviting thoughts,
 which could so easily have distracted you
 from your task, your mission, your vision.
 Yet you emerged, stronger and more
 attuned to all that had to be done,
 despite a time constraint
 that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.
 We too live in stressful times.
 Demands are made of our time,
 that leave so little for the important things of life.
 We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our
 lives, by every call to go this way or that,
 to turn stone to bread leap from mountains,
 and do all that would keep us from the truth.
 We listen to the voices of this world,
 and ignore the one who endured all this
 and so much more, and emerged triumphant,
 that we might not have to suffer so.
 Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted
 from our task. Forgive us those times
 when we try to be all things to all men,
 and fail to be anything to anyone.

COMING UP... TERM DATES 2017:

11th March

Sacrament Enrolment

15th March

Indonesian Puppeteers
P & FAGM

16th March

Interschool Swimming Carnival Years 4/5/6

17th March

St Patrick's Day

20th March

School Board Meeting 6pm

21st March

Harmony Day

23rd March

Year 5 Mass
College Open Morning

24th March

Year 5 Assembly
Yr 5 Surf Life Saving

Presentation Sisters at the convent. All students in Years 1-6 will be travelling to the College for Mass and we look forward to celebrating this wonderful day with the staff and students at the College. Please ensure that our child is in full summer uniform, including the straw hat as a professional photo will be taken of the 'sea of hats' across memorial park. Tips for cleaning the hats can be found in this newsletter. Mass starts at 12.00pm and we invite all parents and friends to come along and celebrate with us. More information can be found on our Facebook page and website.



House Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students in Years 4 -6 on your wonderful participation in the swimming carnival today. We were greatly impressed with the students' efforts and passion for their Houses. Thank you to our parents who volunteered

and for those who came along to watch their daughters. A big thank you to Mr Overheu for the work he has put into organising the carnival and to all the staff for assisting him. Moynihan was victorious at the end - well done all.

Presentation Garden

There has been further work completed on our Presentation Garden in the last few weeks. Parents and children may have noticed that the pavers have now been laid, lighting installed and the garden completed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this by buying a paver during our fundraising event in Term 3 last year.



A more significant addition to our garden arrived this week – bronze sculptures of Nano Nagle and two children. The presence of the sculptures is a visible reminder of our history and the charism that underpins our Presentation heritage. We thank the Sisters for their heartfelt and generous gift to our school. As Presentation people, our hope is to continue the journey of Nano in education through living and promoting the Presentation values – hospitality, compassion and social justice throughout our school. Thank you, Sisters.

Amalgamation of Iona College and Iona Primary School

Parents would have received news on Wednesday about the future amalgamation of Iona Presentation College and Iona Presentation Primary School as at January 2018. The College and Primary School have worked very closely over the past few years and this seems a natural progression for us. We look confidently to our future as a K-12 school and the wonderful communities we are about to reunite.



Thoughts for each day during this week of Lent

Friday

Say a prayer for peace – in our community and in the world.

Saturday

Ring or call someone who you have lost contact with.

Sunday

At Mass think of the special blessings in your life.

Monday

Spend time with someone in your family – your brother, sister

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Tuesday

Talk about, then put into action – ‘How can we be more like Jesus?’ at home, at school, in the community.

Wednesday

Make an effort to try and talk to someone you usually avoid.

Thursday

Let someone special in your life know that you really appreciate all that they do.

God bless
Jennifer Anderson
Principal

Liturgy Corner Lent & WA Votes 2017

Movie spoiler alert: If you haven't seen the movie *Lion*, you might like to do so before reading this column.

Some people think that our faith is a private matter, and that going to Mass on Sunday has nothing to do with anything else in our lives, or what happens during the rest of the week. Yet the Church cannot be completely separated from the ‘outside world’. However, that does not mean the Church changes its teachings to suit the secular world. Rather, the Church must be ‘in the world, but not of the world’. Without losing its integrity, it must engage with the world in order to proclaim the Gospel, as Jesus Himself commanded: “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.” As a wise friend said to me, If only everyone had the “theological elasticity” to realise that faith must be a part of our daily living in the world.

So whilst we are undertaking works of prayer, penance (fasting) and almsgiving this Lent, we must also look at how these works can influence our lives, the lives of others and the world for the better. We go to the polls this weekend, and so often in election campaigns politicians can exercise a lot of ‘revenge’ and retribution.

Just as our lives are a witness to Christ, and we try to be life giving to others, so too, must our vote this weekend reflect the Christian values of this country and the Gospel message of Jesus. In this way, we put the weekend Mass into practice into important daily decision-making such as voting at the State election. By putting our faith into action at the polls, our vote will be an example of the Life Giving Word of Jesus in our State Parliament and its decision making.

As you know, I like going to the movies. I recently went to see *Lion*. I thought so much about Lent when I went to see this movie. Through our works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we are focusing on the Lord and our neighbour and finding the Lord in our lives and in each other. This boy, Suroo ended up in Australia through no fault of his own. For twenty five years his mother and sister had no idea what had happened to him. He decided to go back and look for his family. He did, and was reunited with his family. At the end of the movie one of the quotes said: “His mother never gave up on him.” The same is with Jesus. He never gives up on us, and he invites us to return to him this Lent through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The prayer in the newsletter this week so beautifully encapsulates the meaning of Lent. Just as Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness, Suroo (in the movie ‘Lion’) spent twenty-five years in the ‘wilderness’ from his family. Just as Jesus remained focused on his mission, so did Suroo, and so must we.

May we continue our wonderful works during this Lenten season, so that we can give glory to the Lord. In this way too, we will become more “theologically elastic”, to make our Catholic faith a real, living and active part of our daily lives.

God bless,

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Liturgy Co-ordinator

Congratulations



Congratulations to Rebecca Le Tessier (our talented ECE Physical Education Teacher) who has been awarded by UWA, *Little Athletics Coach of the Year*. Well done, Rebecca!

Registration for all 2017 Sacramental Programs at Applecross Parish, St Benedict's Church

All Catholic children who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2017 are requested to register for their respective Sacramental Programs on the weekends of 18/19 March at the Saturday 6pm Mass and on Sunday at the 9.30am Masses.



An Enrolment Ceremony for all children preparing for the Sacraments will be held at these Masses.

Registration forms are available on request by email at the following email address: admin@stbenedicts.net.au or on the website: stbenedicts.net.au.

The completed forms and fees are to be returned at these Masses. Parents may also make enquiries by emailing the Catechist Coordinator at admin@stbenedicts.net.au or phone enquiries may be made to the Parish office on 9364 1120.

Car Park



A respectful request to parents and carers to park within the marked allocated parking bays in the lower car park drive through as it has been noticed that some cars are taking up 2 bays (4WD's especially).

Thank you.

Cleaning Straw Hats:-

Here is a handy washing tip to get your summer straw hat looking its best:-

- 1 Fill up your laundry trough or a large bucket with luke warm water.
- 2 Dissolve 1-2 large scoops of Napisan powder into the water.
- 3 Place straw hat into the trough or bucket, (brim turned down), making sure the water level completely covers the hat.
- 4 Soak for 3 – 4 hours.
- 5 If there are any stubborn stain that has not been remove by the soaking gently scrub with a toothbrush.
- 6 Once soaking is completed, rinse under running water and peg hat on the line to dry or lay hat on a flat surface, making sure the brim is turned down.

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PRESENTATION COLLEGE

Iona Presentation College together with Iona Presentation's Primary School warmly invites you to attend our ...

St Patrick's Day
Mass

Friday 17 March at 12:00pm
Memorial Park, Memorial Park

Please join us for refreshments and entertainment on the College Green from 1.15pm to 2.30pm

PARKING AVAILABILITY:
Lochae Street (near Sports Centre)
Northern end of the Bowling Club
Selomer Street (Northern end of Davis Oval)
Lochae Street (near Davis Oval)
Jaba Dodd Park (Ray View Top)
Behind Memorial Hall

The College will offer a shuttle bus service from 11.15am to 11.45am from John Forrest Reserve (southern end of Palmerston Street) at the intersection of McCulloch St.

Please DO NOT park on Palmerston St. South St at the Memorial Park Bowling Club or at our neighbours verges.



Open Mornings 2017

Thursday 23 March

Tuesday 28 March

Tuesday 5 September

Presentations commence at 9.30 am
in the College Sports Centre
followed by a guided tour
and morning tea.

Bookings can be made at:
www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmorning



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Saturday 1 April – 8:30am to 5pm

Sunday 2 April – 8:30am to 5pm

BARGAINS ALL WEEKEND

Midday Sunday – All books HALF PRICE

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