



IONA PRESENTATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL MOSMAN PARK

NEWSLETTER

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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.*

Dear Parent and Carers

It has been a busy two weeks for staff and students since our last newsletter with lots of happenings in and around the school. An active, busy and vibrant school community is a good sign and we are truly blessed!

Last Friday the P & F held the school disco and what an event it was! I'm not entirely sure the children understood that a disco means dancing as they were having a wonderful time chasing each other around in the semi-darkness! A number of brave souls dared to dance and I was impressed by the moves they have perfected already. There was no doubt the 'glow in the dark' items were a hit – I was personally disappointed that the glow rings sold out and I missed out, but it was wonderful to see such a lively trade in these items. Many thanks to Siobhan Cronin, Abbie Durtanovich and the parents who provided support and supervision of students. It was a brilliant evening once again, and one the students thoroughly enjoyed.



It has also been a busy time from a liturgical perspective as we prepare students for the Sacraments. Last Saturday evening, we celebrated First Eucharist with the Year 4 students of the Mosman Park Parish at Corpus Christi Church. The students were very excited and the church was packed. This Saturday we celebrate Confirmation with Year 6's. The Confirmation retreat day was held on Wednesday and it was encouraging for me to hear and see the serious contemplation of the students as they prepare for this Sacrament. I would like to thank the Year 4 & 6 class teachers, Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs du Toit, Miss Favazzi, Mrs Groves and Mrs Kay for their work with the students.

A special thank you also to Sr Catherine who facilitated both retreat days for us. We are truly blessed that she so willingly shares her time with us to enrich the faith journey of our students.

We welcome to staff Mrs Michelle Debuf who replaces Miss Celinski in Year 5. We look forward to Mrs Debuf being part of the Iona community.

Semester One is rapidly coming to an end and no doubt the next two weeks will fly by. Semester One reports go home with students on Monday, June 27 so please ask your child for the envelope when they arrive home that evening. If your child is absent on that day, the report will be held by the teacher until your child's return.

God bless you all

Christine Walsh
Principal



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Mary,
with what sureness
you choose silence,
waiting on God's Word in
heart's stillness
pondering

Lead us
into that silence
where Word meets life,
piercing the mystery
of God-with-us
Emmanuel.

Sr Raphael Conceding (1986)

COMING UP...

18 JUNE

5.30 Confirmation
Mosman Park

20 JUNE

6.00 Board Meeting

21 JUNE

9.00 Winter Sport

22 JUNE

9.00 Year 5 Winter Sport
7.00 P&F Meeting

23 JUNE

9.00 PP Liturgy
9.00 Year 6 Winter Sport

24 JUNE

9.00 Assembly Yr 2

26 JUNE

Semester Reports to be sent
home

30 JUNE

Whole School Mass

1 JULY

END OF TERM 2

Reporting to Parents

Parents appreciate being informed of their child's progress in a realistic and helpful manner. To assist with this, parents at Iona Presentation Primary School are informed of their child's progress in a variety of ways. At the end of Term One, parents were invited to participate in parent teacher meetings. In most cases, the students were also invited to participate as we felt that this was an important step in highlighting strengths of the student as well as areas that require further improvement.

Written student reports are sent home to parents twice a year - at the end of each semester. Students will be receiving their Semester One report on Monday 27 June. These reports are a generic document that have been individualised for each year level. Each of the descriptors listed on the report is specific to the programme of work being taught during the semester.

At the end of 2015, we surveyed parents about a variety of issues including how well informed parents were about their child's progress. Parent response was that the reports were too generic and that they wanted more information on how their child was doing. This semester, we have included comments in each of the major learning areas - Religion, Mathematics and English, as well as a general comment.

We hope that this provides parents with a more information on how their child is achieving in class.

Three Year Old Program

The Three Year Old programme at Iona is an educational programme for Pre-Kindergarten children. The Programme at the school is very much play-based and helps the children develop independence and creativity by offering interesting and fun activities that are developmentally appropriate. The programme follows a format similar to Kindergarten where the children are in the care of a teacher and an educational assistant for the duration of the session, with parent assistance encouraged.

Who May Attend?

The program is offered to children who will have turned **THREE**. Regulations

prevent us from taking children until they have turned three.

Interested parents are asked to contact the office for enrolment forms.

Technology

Curtin Makerspace Day - Scribblebots

On Thursday June 8, the Year 5 classes participated in this year's second "Makerspace in Schools" workshop, run by Curtin University pre-service science teachers and engineering students. They helped the girls design and build dancing "Scribblebots" using paper cups, markers, wires, and small electrical motors. You can see some short videos of the action here: <http://bit.ly/scribblebots2016>.

FIRST LEGO League Robotics Update

Over the past few weeks, there have been some exciting developments down in the Iona robotics lab! We recently installed our robotics competition practice table, which was built by Mr Boley; and the girls were thrilled to take delivery of four new LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robots.

We are now only six weeks away from the start of the 2016 FIRST LEGO League "Animal Allies" season, and our pre-season preparation is about to get very busy indeed! We have completed our programming skills focus, and are just starting to explore mechanical engineering and the engineering design process, working with motors, gears, and levers, and learning how to design competition robots. If you happen to have expertise in this field, we'd love to talk to you!

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about our LEGO robotics program, please follow our blog at <http://blogs.ionaps.com/robotics>, or email me at graffin.michael@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Michael Graffin

Mathletics

Mathletics switches kids on to maths. It's engaging, supportive and targeted to the Australian Curriculum. Over 4.6 million students in over 20 000 schools across the world love learning with mathletics. It's no secret why. This table shows the incredible effort of students this year. Wow! The total points relates to number of questions answers. Viviana has completed a whopping 145 345 questions! Extraordinary!

| Top students | Total points |
|--------------|--------------|
| Viviana | 143030 |
| Tara K | 59780 |
| Sydney | 54030 |
| Anteja | 47880 |
| Isabella | 53480 |
| Tara P | 48380 |
| Eliza | 40740 |
| Lily R | 35570 |
| Maeve | 35760 |
| Nellie | 30620 |

Musica Viva

Each year, we engage Musica Viva to come to our school to perform and teach us about different styles of music. This year, we were extremely fortunate to have Adam Hall and the Velvet Players come along to teach us a little about brass bands.

It was an opportunity for the students to participate and play along with a recognised band. We thank Mr Perica for stepping into Mrs Perica's very big shoes and assisting the ukulele players to 'jam' with the band. It was a wonderful experience for all.



West Books Competition

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been busy writing books for the West Books Short Story Competition. A fantastic effort, girls. Good luck!



Extraordinary Jubilee: The Year of Mercy (Part I)

We are now half way through the Jubilee Year of Mercy (which began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December last year), and so I thought I would take a break from my regular column and from time to time between now and the end of this Jubilee Year (Feast of Christ the King- 20 November) I will write about the Year of Mercy. Two aspects the Church is inviting us to focus on during this Jubilee Year are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. (They will provide me with plenty of material for another newsletter or two). However for today, I am going to explain what a Jubilee is, and its scriptural origins, because it has its origins in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament every seventh day was the Sabbath Day. The following was to be observed on the Sabbath:

- ☐ It was a day of rest sacred to the Lord.
- ☐ No work was to be done.
- ☐ Activities were restricted.

From the seventh day being a Sabbath in the Old Testament, you can see how in the New Testament, Sunday came to be our sacred or Sabbath day. One way we do this, is by attending Mass on the weekends.

¥ Every seventh year was a Sabbatical Year.

- ☐ Farming was suspended.
- ☐ Slaves were set free.
- ☐ Debts were cancelled.

You can see from this Sabbatical Year in the Old Testament where we get the idea of going on a sabbatical or study leave. Our 'normal work' is suspended to devote our full and undivided attention to our program of study.

In the Old Testament every fiftieth (7 x 7 + 1) year was a Year of Jubilee. During this Jubilee time the following occurred:

- ☐ farming was suspended.
- ☐ slaves were set free.
- ☐ debts were cancelled.
- ☐ people returned to their family and ancestral home.
- ☐ people were able to redeem their ancestral land.

¥ The intention was to restore justice and equality to the people of Israel.

In the Catholic Church, Jubilee Years are times of prayer, penance, grace and forgiveness. The first Year of Jubilee was celebrated by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Ordinary

Years now occur every 25 years. The last Ordinary Jubilee was the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, marking two millennia since the birth of Jesus. As such, you may recall, this was called The Great Jubilee, and every parish had a Holy Door as part of the Great Jubilee celebrations.

Extraordinary Jubilee Years can be proclaimed by the Pope at any time. This Year of Mercy is an extraordinary Jubilee because it is not occurring every 25 years and it also has a special focus, mercy. This Year of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis on 13 March 2015. The Bull of Indiction is called *Misericordiae Vultus* (MV), which means **The Face of Mercy**. This is the document the Pope has used to explain the year of Mercy. So as you can see that Jubilees are found in Scripture and that particular activities took place during that time. Pilgrimage is also an activity for Jubilee Year, and one way of doing that is to visit one of the Church's with a Holy Door, walk through the Holy Door and recite the Year of Mercy Prayer.

Reference: Chris de Silva: Centre for Liturgy

School Building Fund

The end of the financial year is two weeks away. At this time of year, companies, businesses and individuals may seek to make tax-deductible donations. The Iona Primary School Building Fund covers the ongoing maintenance obligations of existing school buildings and is always in need of contributions (particularly for the Early Childhood buildings). Any funds raised through this appeal will be spent in accordance with the ATO ruling governing such funds.

To ensure the tax-deductibility of donations, all money received will be held in a Trust Fund maintained *exclusively to assist with the acquisition, construction, renovation and/or maintenance of land, buildings and fixtures used by the School for educational instruction and/or training.*

We are seeking voluntary donations of \$100 or any other amount (large or small) you feel you could contribute. Contributions are **voluntary, confidential and tax-deductible.**

If paying by cheque please make payable to **Iona Primary School Building Fund**. Direct payments can be made to:
BSB 086006
A/c 94-733-7482

Cheques/cash can be delivered to the office. All tax-deductible receipts will be mailed out. If there are any questions, please see Suzana in the office. Donations must be received by 30 June, 2016.



CHRISTINE
WALSH

A Mass Of Thanksgiving

THURSDAY 30 JUNE

We would like to invite members of our Iona community to celebrate a special mass of Thanksgiving for our principal, Ms Walsh who will be leaving Iona at the end of the term.

Mass will commence at 9.00am followed by morning tea.