



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 Parents and Friends

I think that it is fair to say, that it is not always easy to get children to school on time – our office around 9.00am is a testament to that! Getting children ready for school can be chaotic in today's world where there seem to be so many more distractions for children then in then, say, 10 years ago.

Research indicates that the best learning happens in the morning when students are at their peak for concentration and engagement. At Iona, we open our classrooms at 8.30am for an 8.50am start. We encourage parents to have children arrive at school at least 10 minutes before the lesson commences. This allows children the opportunity to prepare and settle themselves for the day ahead. Arriving after 8.50am means precious minutes of learning are lost – in fact, a child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your child ready in the mornings without the drama? According to Michael Grose, a leading parent educator, establishing a morning routine and removing distractions such as television and iPads in the morning are a starting point. The morning routine ensues children know what is expected of them and what you will do. This could mean taking them to school even if they have not fully prepared for the day.

We all want the best for our children. Sometimes, we need to take a hard line in their best interest. Good luck and I hopefully won't see too many pyjama clad youngsters arriving at school over the next week.

Nagle Conference

Marisa Perica and I were privileged to attend the National Education Alliance of Australia (NEAA) conference last week. The NEAA works to bring Presentation schools from around Australia together to support each other's work in education. The theme of the conference was *One Step Beyond* and the Keynote Speakers from Australia and around the world, shared with us their inspiring stories of courage and dedication to the mission and vision of Nano Nagle. As Iona Primary moves closer to the transition from the Sisters to the Archdiocese, we look with confidence to the many Presentation schools from around Australia who, banded together by the vision of Nano, promote the charism of the Presentation Sisters through their traditions and values.

Victoria Street Gates

A reminder to parents that the gates near the hall car park, are locked each day from around 9.30am until 2.30pm. All visitors to the school are required to sign in through the front office after 9.00am for even quick visits to the classrooms. This is a safety requirement, as we need to know who is on the school premises at all times in case of an emergency evacuation.

And while on the subject of parking... a reminder to parents about the Buckland Ave drop off and pick up bays. This is a no parking zone between the hours of 8.00am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Parents are requested not to leave their vehicles – even if it is only for a 'quick' visit to the classroom/office. It is both frustrating for other parents (who phone us to complain) and the office (who field the complaints and have to put a call over the PA system). Your vigilance in this matter is most appreciated.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus Christ,
We pray for Your help to do our part
in Your Will,
that Iona Presentation Primary
school may become, a place where
the Gospel is being realized, a place
for growth of students and staff, a
place of community development,
and a place where there is the
integration of culture with faith, and
of faith with living. May Nano
Nagle's lantern and the ethos and
charism of the The Presentation
Sisters always shine brightly in our
school and all that we do and may
we always follow You Jesus as Our
guide. We ask this through You,
Jesus, who lives and reigns with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, One God
forever and ever. Amen.
Our Lady of the Presentation, Pray
for us.
Nano Nagle, Pray for us.*

COMING UP...

TERM DATES 2017:

- 22nd May**
Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat
- 23rd May**
Yr 5 & 6 Music Artist in Residence
- 24th May**
Yr 4 Music Artist in Residence
- 25th May**
Year 2 Mass
Yr 5 Fremantle Prison Excursion
Yr 3 First Reconciliation Mass 6.30pm
- 26th May**
National Sorry Day
Yr 3 Assembly
- 29th May**
- 30th May**
ICAS Science
Yr 5 & 6 Music Artist in Residence
- 31st May**
Yr 4 Music Artist in Residence
- 1st June**
- 2nd June**
Thanksgiving Mass & Garden Blessing for
Presentation Sisters 10.00am (RSVP
required)

Uniforms

Last term, a request was made via the P&F to allow the wearing of sport uniforms on Thursday due to the number of children having to get changed for sport after school. A decision was made to allow this but on the proviso that all students, regardless of whether they play after school sport, wear the sport uniform on Thursday. I have noticed over the past 2 weeks, that there are a handful of students still wearing the winter uniform. I would appreciate all students wearing the sport uniform on Thursday.

Mothers Day Mass

A beautiful Mother's Day liturgy and morning tea was held last Friday to celebrate the gift of motherhood. It was a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to our mothers and grandmothers who love and nurture us throughout our lives. Thank you to Sr Catherine, Mrs Perica and Mr Loiacono for organising the liturgy and to the staff who provided morning tea for all to enjoy.

NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5's were involved in the NAPLAN testing last week. As a learning community that engages with data from a variety of sources, NAPLAN, assists us, both as a whole system (Catholic Education) and as a school in planning our strategic direction. NAPLAN is only a snapshot of learning on a particular day of the year but we value all the data and the journey to improvement that the data takes us down.

God bless
Jennifer Anderson
Principal

Liturgy Corner

The end of an era: Part II

This week we continue looking at the history of the Presentation Sisters. The Presentation Sisters as we know them today, were officially founded on Christmas Eve 1775, when Nano and three other sisters took vows. They were called the Sisters of Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart. (Nano had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart as I have mentioned to you before.) She founded the first Presentation Convent in Cove Lane on Christmas Day 1775. Nano died from tuberculosis on 26 April 1784. Nano only did her "official work" as a Religious Sister for nine years, but she achieved a lot in that time, and even in the years prior to the establishment of the Presentation Sisters. She wasted no time in doing the work of the Lord.

Establishing a religious congregation is not an easy task. There are all sorts of 'checks and balances' to put into place if you like. Whilst this bureaucracy can be very frustrating at times, it endeavours to keep everyone on the straight and narrow. In 1805, approval was granted to the congregation and the name of the congregation was changed to The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As well as her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Jesus in the Eucharist, Nano also had a love of and devotion to Mary.

If we fast forward some sixty-one years to 1866, the first Presentation Sisters arrived on Australian soil at Richmond, Tasmania. Along the way, they were to establish themselves in Wagga Wagga, Victoria and elsewhere in Australia. In 1891, the Presentation Sisters arrived in Geraldton, and in 1907 they came to Mosman Park. (There were two separate provinces at this time Geraldton and Perth.)

All these women who agreed to come here, I'm sure really had no idea what they were coming to. I don't think it was easy for them, and it would have been a rare day of "smooth sailing" for them. Yet, they accepted to call to spread the Gospel in the land "down under".

As I read the story of Nano and those brave Presentation Sisters who accepted the call to come to this Great Southland, I am reminded of the story of another young entrepreneur, who was born the year before Nano died. When he was fifteen years old, this young man and his family moved from England to the United States of America.

His father formed a partnership and the young man (William) helped these two men. They made soap. Unfortunately, the business failed. The young man liked the business he was in, and was convinced he could become successful. So, he tried it alone, but within one year the business failed from lack of capital, and the business had to close its doors.

Even though he faced setbacks, this young man trusted in God. A friend advised him: Give your heart to Christ. Give God all that belongs to Him. Make an honest soap. Give a full pound... Someone will be the leading soap maker in New York. It may be you!" (<http://christianhub.org/2014/07/william-colgate-the-cheerful-giver/>)

So, the young man trusted in God, and so in 1804, he was employed as an apprentice at a soap company. In 1806 that company closed its doors, but through his contacts he was able to establish himself in the "soap business." While this young man (William) was deeply involved in getting his business established, he did not neglect to acknowledge his God and attend to his spiritual needs. William attributed his success to his commitment to Scriptural principles. As his business grew and became more successful, he instructed his accountants to increase his tithe to the Church. Who was this young man you may be wondering? It was William Colgate. Yes, the toothpaste and myriad of other soap products we use, had humble beginnings, and were successful because the founder trusted in God, dedicated his work to God, and allowed the Lord to bless his work. So too did Nano. The work she began in the eighteenth century continues today, because she loved the Lord, practiced her faith with head and heart as did William Colgate.

So, let us learn a lesson from these two people, to make time for God, through prayer, attending Mass on the weekends, and where we are able assist our brothers and sisters in need. The Lord will bless us for our faithfulness to Him. Next week is the final column in this series, so I'll save the nostalgia for then!

To be continued...

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Liturgy coordinator

References:

The Nano Nagle Story- neaa.edu.au

William Colgate, the Cheerful Giver

<http://christianhub.org/2014/07/william-colgate-the-cheerful-giver/>

THE APOSTLE'S APOSTLE

Only 9 school weeks to go before the year 4,5, & 6 students star in the musical - **The Apostle's Apostle!** Book tickets now to go and see your child perform in the **world premiere** of this musical production. **The Apostle's Apostle** is a biblical compilation that highlights the role of women in the early church.

What are the students saying?

"We love the music and dancing, it is contemporary and upbeat! "

"We've learned so much about women in the Bible"

"There is something for everyone"

"It's lots of fun, interesting, jazzy and enjoyable"

"The musical incorporates everybody in all the classes - we love it!"

DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK TICKETS NOW.

Click on the link to purchase your tickets. **\$18 per ticket.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/QCMP>

LOCATION

St Hilda's Performing Arts Centre 26 Bay View Terrace,
Mosman Park WA 6012

REMINDER: For this musical production to be successful ALL year 4/5/6 students will need to attend the following rehearsals and performance evening.

Tech Rehearsal 1

Tuesday 1st August at St Hilda's PAC 4.30-6.30pm

Tech & Dress Rehearsal 2

Wednesday 2nd August at St Hilda's PAC 4.30-6.30pm

Performance Evening

Friday 4th August St Hilda's PAC 6.30-9.00pm

Costume Assistance

Thank you to those parents assisting with the costumes, as parent meetings have begun this week with classroom teachers, Mrs Scott and parents. Everyone's help is very much appreciated. Please get in touch with your child's class representative, Mrs Scott or Mrs Perica to offer assistance. Even if you can spare an hour here or there or sew/cut from home - it all helps!

Congratulations



against adults and some ex-Olympians!" Olivia 6C

Congratulations Olivia K 6C on winning two 1st place medals in the Modern Pentathlon State Championship event on May 6th. The day involved swimming, fencing, running and shooting. "I feel very good, happy and proud of my achievements because I competed

WAAPA Winter School 2017

These July school holidays WAAPA is offering exciting programs for students in years 4 to 12. The Winter School includes classes in acting, drama, dance, screen acting and music theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Winter School Holiday Programs](http://www.waapa.edu.au/Winter-School-Holiday-Programs) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

Music News

Iona Presentation Primary is beginning a band!



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Julia Touissant-Jackson will be the director of the Iona Presentation Primary Wind Ensemble starting in term 3. Mrs Touissant-Jackson, is a highly qualified teacher and musician. She has a great passion for ensemble playing and direction. Currently she is a brass tutor at the primary school and the College.

Some students this week have been specially invited to be members of this beginner band program. If your child has played the following instruments for at least 6 months and can play an octave on their brass/woodwind instrument please express your interest to Mrs Perica for more information. Instruments needed are: flute, saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, tuba, and trombone.

Biggest Morning Tea Friday 26th May



Gather. Share. Give
Come along and support Australia's Biggest Morning Tea after the Year 3 Assembly on Friday 26th May in Treacey Hall. The year 3 classes are hosting.

Seasons for Growth Vacancies



There are still vacancies for the **Seasons for Growth Program**. We encourage you to consider enrolling your child in the program as it is a very worthwhile program for those changes that occur in families such as death, separation, divorce or related circumstances. The education program focuses on assisting young people to manage changes effectively. Sr Catherine(*pvbm*) is trained to facilitate the program. Please read the attached information to this Newsletter and if you are interested, ***please complete the form and return to the school's administration office by Tuesday May 23rd.***



Dear Parents/Carers,

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Iona Presentation Primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

The Seasons for Growth Program runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

Seasons for Growth will commence in Term Two during the month of **May** and will be facilitated by Sister Catherine Warner PBVM, who has received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to the school by **this term**. **Books and resources need to be ordered so please register your child as soon as possible. There is a cost of \$20 to cover the cost of the resource book that each child needs.**

Iona Presentation Primary School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Yours sincerely,

Sr Catherine Warner

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL

I give consent for my son/daughter to attend the Seasons for Growth Program. I have discussed this with him/her.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Child's Signature

Child's Name: _____