



IONA PRESENTATION

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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 Students

We come to the end of another successful term and hasn't the term just flown by! I think that most would agree that it has been an extremely busy term with numerous events planned within the school, most importantly, the preparation and performance of the Year 4 – 6 girls in the senior musical, *The Apostle's Apostle*.

The end of the term is a good opportunity to thank a number of people for their efforts and contributions over the past 10 weeks. It is important to recognise the efforts and dedication of the Iona staff. The teachers and ancillary staff of this school are most professional in their approach to the development of the students within their care.

Parents also, have offered their valuable time this term, helping out in the classrooms, assisting with sporting activities, attending meetings and helping in the organisation of various school celebrations. The list goes on! Thank you to all the class representatives for their on-going support, positive involvement and assistance throughout the term. Parental support has been very much appreciated.

Recently, I attended a talk which emphasised the value of *positive thinking*; a type of 'always look on the bright side of life', rationale. It suggested avoiding, as far as possible, activities that might produce negative vibes. Funnily, enough, newspapers and television news were top of the list of things never to be read or watched because they were full of doomsday messages about wars and robberies and

bashings and plane crashes and road accidents and...

The talk reminded me that on occasions, we need to be reminded to live in the season of spring. Sometimes after a winter that has been difficult with flus and viruses, we might need to take stock of the attitude that we have towards our own life. This doubles in importance when we consider that, as parents and teachers, we are in a position to influence how children might feel about themselves. Unlike the newspaper and television news of today, we can view life with a completely different set of eyes because of the hope that our faith offers.

Teachers and parents have limited chance of influencing the world's major events but we can be powerful in our school and in our home to instil in children some of the great Gospel values: love, respect, kindness, forgiveness, tolerance, sacrifice of self for another, gentleness...the list goes on. The development and presentation of these Christian values will help children become happy, well-balanced and confident human beings, capable of loving and caring for one another, their cultural heritage and their environment. When collectively, our children (and parents) are surrounded by these positive values, it has an overwhelming optimistic effect on how we view the world in which we live. This should be our goal at Iona.

No doubt, both staff and students are looking forward to a well deserved break. We pray that all families stay healthy and safe over the two-week break, and return rejuvenated and revitalised in preparation for Term 4.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Next Wednesday is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. St Vincent de Paul was born in France in 1580 and spent his life loving and serving the poor, especially children. Today, St Vincent de Paul Societies supply food, money and clothing to those in need. The following prayer reflects the life of St Vincent de Paul.

WHEN YOU WERE HUNGRY, we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit among people in all places. We are blessed by the friendships that grew among us and we received so much more than we gave.

WHEN YOU WERE THIRSTY, we were touched by your emptiness and we rediscovered our own deeper thirsts as we listened to yours. We came to realise how much God cares for us in the midst of our weaknesses.

WHEN YOU WERE A STRANGER, we were enriched as you broke down our racial fears and cultural stereotypes to share your life with us. We were blessed when you helped us to move beyond 'us' and 'them' simply to 'WE'.

COMING UP...

9 October

Professional Development for Teachers

PUPIL FREE DAY

10 October

Term 4 starts for students

12 October - 15 October

OptiMINDs finals in Queensland

13 October

9.00 Assembly Year 3

18 October

1.30 Iona Has Talent

19 October

9.00 Year 1 Liturgy

CRAZY SOCK DAY

We take this opportunity to wish Mrs Nydia Verlaque a restful LSL break. We welcome Mr Nikk Wright to Iona and look forward to the gifts he brings to the Year 5 class.

Congratulations

Our Year 6 Opti girls have been invited to compete at the Optiminds National Final to be held in Queensland. Congratulations to



Gidget, Grace, Renee, Maeve, Alice, Scarlett M and Phoebe on a superb performance last Saturday. Thank you to Mrs Felicity Moullin for facilitating the girls in this competition. Well done to all.

Summer Uniform

Next term, all students move back into their summer uniform. Children are permitted to wear their winter uniform up until the end of Week 2 if necessary. Parents are reminded to have all items of school clothing clearly labelled as we constantly have items of school uniform in our lost property.

Student Workbooks

As a part of our Assessment and Reporting Policy which was revised this year, evidence of student achievement will be reported each term through the sending home of workbooks or work samples for parents to discuss with their child. The work will be accompanied by the following:

- a letter from the Principal
- some form of goal setting and/or reflection by the students
- some of the work samples will have rubrics detailing what was being targeted
- a parent feedback section to the student on their child's progress

The learning areas targeted in Term Three are English, Humanities and Social Science (HASS) and a work sample chosen by your

child. The work samples will be sent home on the Friday of Week 10 (22 September). The teachers would appreciate that the work books/samples be returned on the first day of Term 4. If you have any issues that have arisen from examining your child's books, please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher.

Families Leaving

Families with children from Kindergarten to Year 5 who are leaving Iona Presentation Primary at the end of 2017 are kindly asked to inform the office in writing as soon as possible. This allows the school to plan for next year's classes and enrolments. It would be appreciated if the families with boys in Year 3 would also inform us in writing of the intended schools as it facilitates transfers.

Term 4

Staff have a Professional Development Day on Monday 9 October. Students commence Term 4 on Tuesday 10 October and the last day of the term for the students will be Friday 8 December 2016.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break.

Jennifer Anderson
Principal

Indonesian News

Iona Presentation Primary School came together to celebrate *Rasa Sayang Day* on Friday, 8 September 2017. It was a cultural day that instilled our care and compassion for the less privileged. Our second Indonesian assembly started with a slide show of our sister school followed by a popular Indonesian song '*Rasa Sayang*' performed by the students in Year 3 and Year 6. Members of our school's Year 6 ukulele group, the *Ukuladies* accompanied the song on ukulele.

The assembly included a sarong parade. It was great to see all students dressed up in their colourful sarongs for this event and participate in our sarong parade, while we walked around Treacey Hall to traditional Indonesian music.

Year 10 Indonesian language students from the College joined us at recess. They baked traditional Indonesian cakes to sell at our cake stall. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 purchased cakes such as *Kue Pandan* and *Kue*

Dadar Gulung. Our Year 10 friends then joined the Year 2 students to play Indonesian verbal games such as *Bing Bang Bong*.

At lunch, a card stall was held to raise further funds for SD4 Banyuasri. Students bought cards to write messages to the students of our sister school. In addition, *Congkak* game stations were set up on the oval. *Congkak* is a traditional marble and board game played widely in Indonesia. It was great

to see the Year 5 and 6 students assisting the younger students to play this game.

We have successfully raised \$441.10 for SD4 Banyuasri. 'Terima

Kasih' to parents, students and staff for participating in our second Indonesian cultural day and for your generous donations.



One of our students, Bonnie organised a garage sale in Bonnie's home on the weekend following our Indonesian assembly. She was assisted by her 6B classmates, Erin and Riley, raising a total of \$180.00 from the sale. Bonnie will be donating the money raised to SD4 Banyuasri, our Bali sister school. Thank you Bonnie, Erin and Riley for your amazing efforts and initiative in supporting our sister school.



Library News

Reading Hour was a great success. Thank you to all who attended.





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FREE POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

You are invited to attend a Group Triple P - Positive Parenting course. Triple P teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face.

Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child's development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems.

The next FREE 7 week Group is held:

When: Starting 19th October 2017
Location: Joondalup
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.



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