



IONA PRESENTATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL MOSMAN PARK

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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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 Carers

Hasn't the term gone quickly? There have been so many activities and events that the Iona community have participated in, that the days and weeks have just flown by. Thankfully, with the holidays just around the corner, we will be able to recharge our batteries and refresh our minds in preparation for another busy term. The atmosphere around the school has been most positive and we would like to thank all members of our community – staff, parents and students for the wonderful contributions they have all made to this.

Congratulations to all the students for their efforts over the term. As part of our reporting policy, parents were given the opportunity to meet with class teachers this week to discuss their children's progress and learning goals for the rest of the year. We hope that parents have availed themselves of this opportunity; parents are always welcome to make an appointment throughout the year to discuss their children's learning.

We congratulate and thank the staff for their commitment and efforts this term. We especially thank Mrs Rebecca Le Tessier for assisting us by taking the whole school sports program this term in the absence of Peter Overheu. Our Years 4 -6 have had a wonderful swim season, taking equal second place in the Twilight Swimming Carnival. We thank her for stepping in. We welcome back Mr Peter Overheu who will continue with the PE program for the Years 3 to 6.

3 Year Old Program

We had our final audit for our 3 Year Old Program this week. We will have service approval on completion of some minor works. This should be completed during the holidays and we are hopeful of a Week 2 or 3 start next term. We look forward to the arrival of the youngest members of the Iona community and thank all the parents who have been so patient with the process.

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea – Dads Wanted

Our Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea will take place on **Thursday, 5 May**. We would love to have dads to assist with the serving and cleaning up after morning tea. Mass begins at 9.00am and morning tea will be around 10.00am. If you can assist, please let our front office know.

For our mothers (and grandmothers)– please RSVP by the 29 April if you are able to attend. Just visit our website under the New Notices section. Our email address is hyperlinked to the notice.

Winter Uniform

Hard to believe with our balmy weather at the moment, winter uniform is required in Term 2. To assist parents and students with this transition, a two-week change-over period will be permitted. However, all students are required to be in full uniform by the commencement of Week 3.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ella in Year 5 on becoming the State Champion 10/11 year old (under 35 kgs) in karate (Kumite) last weekend. Ella will be representing Iona



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

As we end this term, we consider how we might have changed, grown and become more like Jesus during this time.

Jesus said, 'Everyone will know you are my friends if you love one another.'

Let us show our love by making peace and trying to make things better.

Let us show love by caring about the happiness of others and by thanking them for their goodness to us.

Let us love one another as we share our meals and laugh and celebrate together.

*Help us Lord, to love one another as Jesus has loved us.
Amen*

COMING UP...

25 APRIL
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

26 APRIL
STAFF PD DAY

27 APRIL
Term 2 start

3 MAY
Year 2 Excursion - Early Childhood Museum

5 MAY
9.00 am Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

10 MAY
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Language Conventions & Spelling

11 MAY
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Reading

12 MAY
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Numeracy

Primary School in the Sydney Australian Karate Open on the 15 April. We wish Ella the best of luck in her upcoming competition.

Congratulations to Sophie and Hayley in Year 6 who participated in the Diving WA Schools Challenge. Both girls participated in several events including individual springboard, 5m platform and synchronised diving with partners, with Iona Primary School winning the Primary School division. Well done, girls.

Sacramental Program

Father James and Father Noe would like to inform parents of children receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Mosman Park/Cottesloe Parish that there will be a Holy Communion rehearsal and parent meeting on the 24 May at 6.30pm and a Confirmation rehearsal and parent meeting on the 26 May at 6.30pm at Mosman Park Church. For more information, please contact Father James on 9384 2421 or email: cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au

Official School Hours

Classrooms open from 8.30am
Recess from 10.40am – 11.05am
Lunch time from 12.50pm – 1.30pm
School finishes 3.20pm

Supervision does not commence until 8.10am. All children need to gather in the undercover area until classrooms are open at 8.30am. Parents need to be aware that although there are usually staff on site from 7.45am, we cannot guarantee this.

Please note:

Staff Meetings are held each Monday afternoon from 3.30pm. Staff gather for prayer at 8.15am on a Thursday.

Supervision After School

We welcome children using the play equipment before and after school. We do, though, require that parents actively supervise their children at these times. The embankment is off limits to the children and we would appreciate parents directing their children away from this area. We would also appreciate parents being aware of litter that may be left behind after school. There is a bin near the toilets for your convenience.

We wish all our community a restful two week break and look forward to all our students returning on Wednesday 27 April.

Enjoy your break and may God bless and keep your families safe.

Jennifer Anderson
Assistant Principal

Makerspace

On April 7th, the Year 5 classes participated in a Makerspace in Schools workshop facilitated by Curtin University.

The girls worked with an amazing group of Curtin pre-service teachers and engineering students to build an electrical circuit, which they used to light up an origami flower. This workshop was part of an ongoing academic research project exploring ways to encourage girls' interest in Science and Engineering.



"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."

The title of this week's column comes from the Gospel verse for each day of the Easter octave last week. If there is one thing we Catholics are good at, it is celebrating and having a party. Easter is a fifty day party which will end on Pentecost Sunday. Indeed, we so have much to rejoice and be glad about, for Jesus has risen from the dead and given us the promise of New Life. This is why the colour of the Easter Season is white or gold. We have moved from the penitential colour of violet or purple during the Season of Lent to these colours of joy.

During these weeks of Easter, all the scripture readings are taken from the New Testament. So we will hear the readings from the Acts of the Apostles, which will tell us about their trials and tribulations, their joys and sorrows as they went about their important task of proclaiming the Good News of the Risen Christ to believers and non-believers alike.

The Gospel stories during the first couple of Sunday's of Easter tell us of Jesus' appearances to his disciples after his resurrection. Last Sunday we heard about how the disciples locked themselves up in a room, because they were scared of the Jews. A couple of weeks ago, I heard in a homily that Jesus didn't choose his apostles on intelligence, looks or possessing an elite status. Rather he chose his apostles based on their heart. Well, he didn't choose them on the basis of not being scared either, because that's exactly what they were! Only one apostle stood by his cross, John. The rest of them denied knowing Jesus, ran away, hid or just went into a complete shut down mode. It was like they were doing an evacuation drill. When the going got tough, the tough didn't get going. They were inactive.

Sometimes we experience the same things as the chosen twelve did. Not only do we share the same experiences, but we also copy their frightened ways. Confrontation can be difficult, just as correcting people can be. Sometimes we like to keep secrets, but people find out what we didn't want them to know anyway. Sometimes it seems easier to run away from certain situations. Only for us to find however, the problem hasn't gone away or it has got worse.

Jesus rose to New Life to give us the opportunity to start again each day and for us to experience each day as 'new life' in him, and to let go of the things that were a disaster yesterday, but instead build on the goodness that we experienced.

In the last column, I mentioned about pancakes being a sign of joy to me, and I definitely had my delicious pancakes breakfast during the Easter week. Pancakes and Easter just seem to go hand in hand to me. Jesus is risen, and I'm going to celebrate that for the next fifty days, for he wants us to rejoice and be happy in him. Each and every Easter Day has indeed been made by the Lord, and so it is right that we rejoice and are glad! Our Easter liturgy is full of signs of joy. In addition to the gold or white vestments, the paschal candle is lit, and Alleluia has returned to our liturgy.

Make Easter a special time of rejoicing and celebration in your homes, so that you are a visible sign of the Risen Christ to any visitors who come to your home. Use a gold or white table cloth for the dinner table. Use special crockery and plates, and light a candle at your meal times that can be your 'paschal candle' for your home. Our meals at home are an extension of the sacred meal we share in the Eucharist. Don't be frightened like the Apostles were. Instead wear your faith and your happiness in it on your sleeve and let everyone know about it, because Jesus has risen and he wants you and me to be happy and share in the joy of his resurrection. Let Alleluia be the song the world hears from your lips, and let this time be a time of great feasting!

Alessio Loiacono
Liturgy Co-ordinator

ANZAC Day Liturgy

Thank you to all the parents who attended our ANZAC Day liturgy this morning. Special thanks to Mr Loiacono and Mrs Perica who organised the liturgy and prepared the students. It was a very prayerful ceremony.

