



# IONA PRESENTATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL MOSMAN PARK

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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

A growing body of research shows that building effective partnerships between parents, families and schools to support children's learning leads to better learning outcomes. The whole school community benefits when parental engagement is an integral part of school planning and improvement processes.

In an article titled *Parental Involvement and Engagement*, the P&F Association examine the difference between parents who are *involved* in their child's learning and parents who are *engaged*.

Parental involvement generally means being present in the school through helping in classrooms, actively contributing to the P&F, volunteering in the canteen...just to name a few.

Parental involvement in their child's school makes a difference to:

- The wellbeing of the child
- The child's attitude toward school
- The social capital of the broader community

Engagement in a child's education can happen without being at school. It is a change of mindset from 'consumer' to 'partner'. Being engaged makes a positive difference to a child's readiness for school, learning outcomes and academic results, motivation to do their best and social and relational skills.

Some ways to engage in your child's learning are:

- Forming good relationships with teachers and staff and creating a positive view of them and the school with your child
- Helping your child to understand the benefit of working together with the school – a three-way engagement; school, child, parents – from early years right through to Year 12
- Supporting your child at home and encouraging them to share what they are doing at school
- Being in open communication with the school and teachers so you understand the

learning happening both around the school and in the classroom so you can talk to the child about it

Our Open Night and student workbooks (going home at the end of this term) are opportunities for parents to 'engage' in their child's learning. We hope that parents have taken this opportunity to learn a little more about what is happening inside our classrooms – and discuss it with their child. Our teachers encourage parents to be a part of their learning communities – please feel free to discuss the learning happening in your child's classroom with the teacher.

## Open Night

I think it would hard pressed to find any parent/grandparent who wasn't astounded by the beautiful work on display at Open Night, yesterday evening. I have been watching the classrooms slowly taking form over the past few weeks and to see it come to fruition has been magical. Congratulations to the class and specialist teachers for the high level of presentation throughout the classrooms.

Special thank you to Mrs Martino for organising the Book Fair and to all the parents who bought books to support this event. It was a great opportunity for children to continue developing a love of reading through book ownership.

Thank you also to the P&F who provided families with an easy meal option through the sausage sizzle. We appreciate the great work that they do.

Lastly, thank you to our parents and grandparents for showing such interest in your child's education. We are blessed to be on the same journey with parents, working towards successful learning outcomes for our children.

## 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:



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Today we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Early Christian writers tell us that Mary was the daughter of Joachim and Anna, a devout couple who trusted implicitly in God. Tradition tells us that Mary was chosen by God to be the human mother of His son. Our prayer today, is to Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother.*

Mary, you gave us Jesus.  
You were His mother on earth  
and you are our Mother in Heaven.  
When we think of you,  
we think of a woman of great faith  
and gentle, motherly love.  
We believe that you are always there for  
us  
and that you love us with a great love.  
Mary, we ask you to bless our Iona  
community with your peace.

Amen

## COMING UP...

### 11 September

Photo Day - Pre Kindy

### 12 September

Photo Day - see schedule emailed out

### 13 September

1.30 Paul Litherland - Cyberbullying talk Yrs 4-6

Cake Stall PP

### 13 September

Photo Day  
9.00 Year 3 Mass  
3.30 Junior Instrumental Concert  
4.45 Senior instrumental Concert

### 15 September

11.00 Golden Girls Mass - Senior Choir

### 16 September

State Opti-Mind finals - Yr 6 Social Science Team Curtin University

- 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.

### Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the birthday of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In the Catholic calendar, this is actually something quite unique. We do not usually celebrate the birthdays of saints, rather we celebrate the day they died as that is the day they are born into the joys of Heaven. But the birthday of Mary, our Mother, is an exception. We celebrate her birthday because she came into this world full of grace and because she was to be the mother of Jesus. Mary grew up loving God. As the mother of Jesus, she was at his side when he was a child, she found him when he was lost in the temple, she was with him when he was crucified on the cross and she was in the upper room when he rose from the dead at Easter. We pray to Mary on this special day, that she ask God's blessing on our Iona community.

### School Photos

A reminder to parents that next **Tuesday, 12 September and Thursday 14 September** are photo days. Information regarding ordering and payment of photos has been sent out by email this week. Family photos will be taken from 8.00am to 8.45am on both days. It is the parents or older sibling's responsibility to take children to the photographer at these times. The Pre-Kindy children will have their photos taken on **Monday 11 September**.

Please ensure your child is in **full winter uniform** on the scheduled days (this includes correct colour hair ties etc for girls). Sports uniform will be required if your child belongs to any of the sporting teams (including swimming squad).

### Paul Litherland

In November last year, the P & F arranged for Paul Litherland to speak at a parent information evening on Online Safety. Paul is an educator who had worked for a number of years in the Technology Crime Investigation Unit, tracking online predators and working with families of children who had been groomed online. His presentation was eye opening for staff and

parents, particularly his information of the dangers in social media.

As a result of the success of that evening, Paul has been invited back to Iona to speak to our Year 4-6 children about on-line safety. We would like to thank the P & F for organising this presentation for our students – cyber-safety is incredibly important for our children to understand – both for school and for home.

### Nut Friendly School

As in any community there are children who have allergic reactions to nut products and in order to protect these children as best we can, we are seeking parent's support, by urging parents not to send children to school with nut products in their lunch boxes.

We are also aware that there are children within the school that have allergies to other foods, and we ask parents to ensure that they educate their children as to the type of foods they can and cannot eat, discuss the matter with the class teachers and ensure that the school administration have all the necessary details (e.g. Emergency Action Plans)

### Absentee Notes

Parents, please note that an SMS or phone message is not a substitute for a signed note when reporting absences. A note to the teacher or an email with the following details is acceptable:

- ¥ the name of the student
- ¥ the class/roll group of the student
- ¥ the reason for the absence
- ¥ the full name of the parent/guardian at the end of the email.

### Congratulations

To the our Year 6 FPS girls, Eleanor, Greta L, Ava and Ria who have been selected to attend the Australian Finals of Future Problem Solvers in Sydney in October. A great team effort from everyone.

We also have a team going through to the State finals of Opti-minds. Congratulations to Gidget, Renee, Alice, Scarlett M, Grace, Maeve and Phoebe who will be competing at Curtin University on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to represent Western Australia at the Nationals to be held in Queensland in October. Best of luck to you all.

### Homework Club

Due to a Staff In-service on **Tuesday 19 September, the Homework Club will be cancelled** on that day. Thank you to the many staff, parents and college students who support this initiative by volunteering to assist each week. We look forward to continuing the service in Term 4.

### P&F News

Join the "I OWN A P and F" Facebook page by emailing us on [ionapandf@gmail.com](mailto:ionapandf@gmail.com) and we will add you using your email address.

### Performing Arts News

Congratulations to the **Senior Choir** who received an **Outstanding Certificate** in this years Catholic Performing Arts Festival - a great achievement for Mrs Rachel Scott and the Year 5 and 6 girls.

Congratulations also to the **Year 3** Iona students who received and award of **Excellence** for their rendition of Mulga Bill. Well done to all our students and teachers.

A great weekend to all.

Jennifer Anderson  
Principal

## *Library News*

# Australian Reading Hour

Iona Primary School Library will be participating  
in the Reading Hour on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Children are invited to read any book of their choice and  
will receive a small bag of popcorn to enjoy during the  
hour

All children **MUST** be booked in with Try Booking.  
If there are any queries, please contact Mrs Martino in  
the Library.

Hope to see you there!