



IONA PRESENTATION

PRIMARY SCHOOL MOSMAN PARK

NEWSLETTER

9 SEPTEMBER 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends

Last weekend we were privileged to witness the canonisation of St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). This remarkable woman was a person of action, who together with her sisters, focused on the homeless in India who were the poorest of the poor. Their ministry was to ensure that each person had the opportunity to be in a home and experience the love and care of another person, even if it was only for a day. Mother Teresa had some very challenging words for us:

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

Mother Teresa's simple life of service touched the hearts of millions of people of many different faiths. May her simple message of action be alive in our school through our spirit and values.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have a very talented community of students at Iona. In the past few weeks we received the following news...

FPS INVITATION

We have been notified that both our teams of Future Problem Solvers have been invited to compete at the National Finals in Melbourne in October. They qualified in the top 10% of teams from around Australia. This is a wonderful result for Ms Neesham who has had teams invited both to National and International finals since 2010. Congratulations to Ms Neesham and the girls – good luck in Melbourne!

OPTI-MIND

Notification has also been received that all three of our teams – Language Arts, Social Science and Science Engineering - have made it through to the State Finals. They will be presenting at Curtin University on Saturday 17 September. Good luck to all the girls involved and well done Ms Neesham.

NAGLE ART PRIZE

Iona Presentation Primary School is proud to be a part of the Nagle Education Alliance of Australia (INC). The Alliance is an organisation of schools committed to the Presentation charism and the legacy of Nano Nagle. We congratulate Greta L in Year 5 who won 2nd Place in the 2016 Nagle Junior Art Prize. A budding artist in our midst. Greta will be presented with her certificate at the first assembly next term.



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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.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

A Prayer for the Birthday of Mary

Dear Lord,
We pray that we will have the same faith and trust as Mary. Help us to know what you want us to do Lord, and give us the courage to follow your will.

Mary answered God's call and became the mother of Jesus. We pray that we will listen to God's call and, like Mary, say 'Yes' to Him.

Jesus was always the centre of Mary's life. May Jesus be as important in our own lives.

Mary's love and faith supported Jesus throughout His life. Bless our own mothers who love and support us in everything we do.

May Mary's life and her reward at the end of her life, guide us and encourage us to be people of faith.

May we follow the example of Mary and all the saints in living lives of faith and trust. Help us to have the faith and commitment of Mary.

Listen to our prayers loving God, so that, like Mary we might find hope and comfort in you.

Amen.

COMING UP...

TERM 3:

11-15 SEPTEMBER
IPSHA Art Show PLC

15 SEPTEMBER
9.00 Year 5 Mass

16 SEPTEMBER
10.00 Golden Girls Mass

17 SEPTEMBER
OPTI-Minds State Finals
Curtin University

18 SEPTEMBER
FPS State Bowl

19 SEPTEMBER
Yr 4 Excursion

INDONESIAN

Our Indonesian teachers, Ms Tundi Beattie and Miss Christiana Bain have been given some fantastic news. The Year 3s won their category of Kompetisi Klip-Klip with their entry of Cicak di Dinding! This is the song the Year 3s sung at assembly and recorded with the assistance of Year 9 students on Sense Indonesia Day.

This is wonderful news for the Iona community and especially the Year 3 students, who have won a special celebration day at the Indonesian Consulate. At the Consulate, the students will have a lesson in angklung (the wind instrument they were playing on stage) and eat wonderful Indonesian food as well as participate in other activities. Congratulations to our Year 3's and enjoy your day at the Consulate.

And the news keeps coming...

OPEN NIGHT

I think you would be 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 displays slowly take 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 level of presentation you have all put into your learning areas. The students were rightfully proud to show off their work to their parents and siblings. The teachers have had many late nights mounting and displaying the work. Well done and thank you.

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Sausage Sizzle and mini-fair which gave a real community 'feel' to the evening. Our P&F must be the hardest working group in WA. We appreciate all you do for the school.

FATHER'S DAY

Last Friday, the children had a wonderful breakfast with their dads to celebrate the gift of fatherhood. We were blessed to have Commissioner James McMahon speak during our breakfast on the Fathering Project and the importance of father's in the lives of their children. Our multi-talented staff showed some great egg and bacon cooking skills (the free-form eggs were the best) and I have it on good authority that it was the best breakfast ever (thank you Year 5's!). Thank you to Mrs Kay for your co-ordination of the event – you are now our official Events Co-ordinator.

DETAILS UP TO DATE FOR OFFICE

Communication is one of the key priorities of our school. We aim to keep our community up to date with information and happenings around the school.

For this to happen, we need to have family details up to date, especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses. If you have changed any details recently, our office personnel would love to take your new details.

FAMILIES LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR

Families with children from Kindergarten to Year 5 who are leaving Iona Presentation Primary at the end of 2016 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.

TEXTBOOK REVIEW

Over the course of this term, the teaching staff has been investigating how to enrich the learning experiences in Mathematics for the children. After research and investigation, it has been decided to invest in a variety of resources to complement the teaching of Mathematical skills and concepts from the West Australian Curriculum rather than be confined by the student textbook. This will give teachers the opportunity to use the best resources available for teaching concepts (and not have to solely use the activities in the textbook). Our review process will be continuing for other textbooks. We will inform parents as decisions are made.

IPSHA ART SHOW

Thank you to Mrs Charles who has been busy arranging our exhibition at the IPSHA Art Show. The students work was outstanding and a tribute to Lynda's talents as an art teacher. Parents are most welcome to drop into the Art Room before and after school to view the great work on show every day.

Best wishes and God bless

Mrs Jennifer Anderson
Principal

Tribute Garden to the Presentation Sisters

We are currently planning a Tribute Garden to the Presentation Sisters. The garden is to recognise the founding and contribution of the Presentation Sisters to our school and will be an area where our students and parents can come and sit, and spend time in reflection.

The area will be paved, have seating, and a special mosaic wall has been commissioned by Mrs Lynda Charles representing the Sisters history at Iona. The names of the Sisters who have worked at the school will be recognised within the garden.

We would like to give families the opportunity to be a part of this beautiful tribute to the Sisters. We are looking to include the names of individuals or families as part of our garden through personalised engraved pavers to be set in the garden.

The purchase of the pavers by families would provide a historical snapshot of our school over this period of transition.

We encourage parents and friends of the primary school to purchase a paver and become part of the history of our school. A form has gone out to all families. If you require another form please access the link below.

<http://www.ionaps.com/tribute-presentation-sisters-presentation-garden/>

We thank all families for their generosity in this venture.

Liturgy Corner

Yesterday, we celebrated the Birthday of Mary, and next Thursday we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. There are only three birthdays that we celebrate in the Church- the birthday of Jesus (Christmas), the birthday of Saint John the Baptist (Jesus' cousin) and the birthday of Mary (Jesus' mother). We don't normally celebrate earthly birthdays in the church. Rather we celebrate the day that the saints died as we are celebrating the day of their birth into heaven.

Yet, there is a purpose to celebrating Mary's birthday, and that is to remind us, that she was obedient to God's will for her, **ALL** throughout her life (from the moment of conception). She trusted in whatever the Lord asked of her, and I'm sure it wasn't easy. So let us be grateful for the example Mary gave us, as we celebrate her birthday. Birthdays are wonderful occasions. We all enjoy being spoiled on our birthdays with gifts, dinners and parties. Our birthday celebrations are a sign that we are important to others and others are important to us. So for Mary on her birthday, let us pray a Hail Mary, for someone who we know needs help and guidance for a difficulty they are experiencing.

Praying for someone experiencing a difficulty, leads beautifully into my paragraph on Our Lady of Sorrows. The same Mary, whose birthday we celebrated yesterday, like us also experienced joy and sorrow in her life. It may seem strange that we have such a feast in the Church, but I think it is something that we can all identify with. At one point in time or another in our life, we have all experienced hardship and sorrow. It may be the death of a loved one, friends who move onto another country, or it may be we didn't get the job promotion we hoped for. It could also be that whatever we have tried to explain to someone has fallen on 'deaf ears.' Whatever our sorrow that we have experienced, let us turn to Mary and pray to her for guidance in those situations which we find difficult. If it is others causing us grief, as I've told you before, pray for them. Prayer changes us first, and then it transforms others.

Every Good Friday, when we hear how Mary, stood at the foot of the cross, weeping, I can't help but think how hard that must have been. You as parents know how hard it is to watch your children 'fall' in life. That is part of the learning and growing process for us. You can't be with your children 24/7, but you are always there when they need you, and to be a guiding and supporting presence in their lives. That is what Mary did. She trusted totally in God's will. She could not stop the crucifixion of her Son Jesus, but she was there with him in his final hours on earth. Just as she stood at the foot of Jesus' cross, she stands with us as we bear different crosses in our lives.

So this week, let us think of those who need our prayers, and support them in that way.

Mr Alessio Loiacono

Liturgy Co-ordinator

PE News

CROSSCOUNTRY

A big congratulations to all the girls who represented Iona at the JIGSSA cross country competition at Perry Lakes yesterday.

We had some outstanding results with Stephanie Berlinger placing 2nd in the yr 4 competition and Isabella Prendiville placing 7th in the yr 6 competition. All the girls ran very well and should be proud of their efforts.

A big thank you to Mrs Le Tessier for all her hard work in coaching the girls over the last 3 months. Mr Boley for giving up his time to drive the bus in the mornings. A special thank you to Mrs Vassileff for her tireless work in organising the wonderful breakfasts on Thursday mornings.

Thank you also to the parent volunteers who assisted with course marshalling on the day.

Well done everyone.
Peter Overheu



IPSHA ART EXHIBITION

The Independent Primary School
Heads of Australia and Presbyterian
Ladies' College present an exhibition
of students' artwork.

OFFICIAL OPENING

Presbyterian Ladies' College

14 McNeil Street, Peppermint Grove

Sunday 11 September

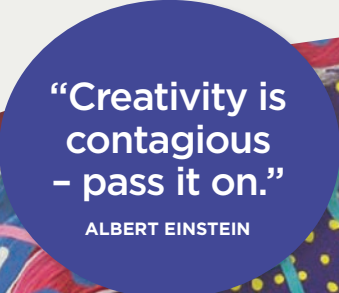
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

PUBLIC VIEWING

Wednesday 14 September
4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

SCHOOLS VIEWING

Monday 12-16 September
12 noon



“Creativity is
contagious
– pass it on.”

ALBERT EINSTEIN