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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

We come to the end of another busy school year. I take this opportunity to make mention and thank a number of people for their commitment and effort throughout 2015.



This year has, once again, proven to be eventful and productive for all associated with Iona Presentation Primary School. I would sincerely like to thank each staff member – our teacher assistants, office staff, cleaning staff, groundspeople, for their contributions and efforts through 2015.

We thank the parents of the school for their support and efforts throughout the year. It has been amazing to witness the level of interest displayed in the growth of both the children and the school as a whole. This support has been exemplified through the endeavours of the School Board and P&F Association. Both of these parent representative bodies have been wonderful with their efforts, assistance and commitment throughout the school year. We sincerely thank them for what they have accomplished and we look forward to a very productive 2016.

At this time of the year we also say farewell to the families who are leaving Iona Presentation Primary School. We hope that each of you have many happy memories of your time here, the people you have met, the many friends both you and your children have made and the various activities you have been involved in during your time at the school. We pray that your futures are filled with many blessings.

We congratulate our Year 6 graduating class and wish them all the very best as they venture into the world of secondary education. We hope they remain safe and continue to enjoy the many different experiences and learning opportunities presented to them at their respective schools.

We take this opportunity to welcome our new staff members for 2016 – Ms Tundi Beattie and Miss Christiana Bain who will be teaching Indonesian and Miss Georgia Rocchi and Miss Kelly Barron who will be classroom teachers in the junior section of the school. We look forward to sharing the many gifts that they bring to our school.

We welcome back our Principal Ms Christine Walsh. She is much rested and 'champing at the bit' to return to us. We look forward to the challenge that awaits us in 2016 under her wise counsel.

We wish Mrs Natalia Thomson the very best at her new school of St Joseph's Southern Cross and wait in anticipation for her return in 2017. We also wish Mrs Jennifer Gorey, Mrs Nata Randazzo and Mr Peter Overheu a restful Long Service Leave (Peter for Term 1 and Jennifer and Nata for Semester 1). We wish Jennifer a safe journey to Italy where she will undertake further study in the Reggio Emilia approach to Early Childhood education.

Lastly, we wish all staff, students and parents a very safe, happy and holy Christmas. Thank you one and all for your efforts and support throughout the year.

### Term Dates

Have been set for 2016. Please find them attached to this newsletter. The Semester One Planner will be uploaded to the website next week.

### Survey

A key element of the feedback from the strategic planning meetings held earlier this term, was that parents would like to contribute to our planning through ongoing surveys. We would appreciate your responses to our end of year survey. The survey can be accessed through:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XGy4QygJtGDozf-jnld-VZFHO2Ef2ilwTV5GxVDN8EE/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XGy4QygJtGDozf-jnld-VZFHO2Ef2ilwTV5GxVDN8EE/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link)

It will close on Monday 14 December.

### Transition Day

On Wednesday, children in Years K - 6 will be meeting their new teachers for 2016 (unfortunately, newly appointed teachers are unable to attend). The teachers are looking forward to meeting the children in their new classes.

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## End of Year Mass

We will be having a whole school 'End of School Year Mass' on Thursday 10 December at 9.00am. This is a Thanksgiving Mass and a wonderful way to end our 2015 school year. Parents are most welcome to join our student community in prayer and thanksgiving. We would also love to have parents involved in the Mass through reading scripture or universal prayers. If you feel up to the challenge, please email: [admin@ionaps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@ionaps.wa.edu.au) or leave a message for Natalie at our office. She will be in touch.

## GREAT NEWS!



Earlier this term, Mr Graffin, and several Year 5 girls attended the WA tournament of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL), held at Curtin University. Run by FIRST Australia, this tournament is part of a national and international student robotics competition which focuses on high level problem solving, critical thinking, coding, and finding solutions to real world problems, such as natural disasters, and trash.

We are delighted to announce that our upper primary robotics girls have been successful in their application for a [FIRST LEGO League Robotics grant](#). Awarded by FIRST Australia in partnership with Google, the FLL grant includes a LEGO EV3 Mindstorms robot, a practice challenge kit, and free FLL registration -worth about \$1200.

At this stage, we plan to take at least one team of Year 6 girls to the FLL 2016 competition. More details on this exciting opportunity will be released at the start of the 2016 school year. Stay tuned!

Merry Christmas to all

Jennifer Anderson  
Principal (Acting)

## Prayer

This Advent, we once again prepare for Christmas. While we look forward to remembering and celebrating the birth of Jesus, we also take time to prepare our hearts and minds as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child. Just as we look forward to the end of the school year, we also look towards Christ's coming with excitement and with joy.



## A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus  
That we may share in the song of the angels,  
The gladness of the shepherds  
And worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
And open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
And good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings  
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children  
And Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
With grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven  
For Jesus' sake. Amen

*(Robert Louis Stevenson 1887)*

## Dates for 2016

### School Term Dates 2016

<b>Start of School Year:</b>	<b>Monday 1 February 2016</b>
<b>End of School Year:</b>	<b>Friday 9 December 2016</b>
<b>Term 1 Holiday Break:</b>	<b>Monday 11 April – Wed 27 April</b>
<b>Term 2 Holiday Break:</b>	<b>Monday 4 July – Tues 19 July</b>
<b>Term 3 Holiday Break:</b>	<b>Monday 26 Sept – Monday 10 Oct</b>



### Dates to Look Forward to in 2016

#### Parent Information Night

This will be on **Wednesday 3 February** at 6.00pm. It will begin in Treacey Hall with a warm welcome to parents and the unveiling of our strategic directions for the next 3 years.

#### Laptop Information Session for Parents.

A session to assist parents in setting up procedures to monitor and control their daughter's use of the laptop. This session will familiarise parents with the MacBook Air, the software installed and features available. The session will be open to all parents who would like to attend. Please diarise **Wednesday 17 February** (we will run a 3.30 and 5.30pm session). You will need to bring along your daughter's laptop to the session.

#### P&F Sundowner – Waterslide Day – Friday Feb 12

The very popular, water slide event will again happen in 2016. Families are invited to come along and enjoy an evening on the oval. More information from the P&F to come.

## Parish News

### Christmas Mass Times for Mosman Park Parish

<b>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE</b>	Thursday 17 Dec	6.30pm	Mosman Park
<b>CHRISTMAS MASSES</b>	Thursday 24 Dec	5.30pm	Cottesloe
	Thursday 24 Dec	6.00 pm	Mosman Park (Mass and Carols)
	Thursday 24 Dec	6.30 pm	Cottesloe (Spanish Mass)
	Thursday 24 Dec	11.30 pm	Cottesloe (Midnight Mass)
	Friday 25 Dec	8.30am	Mosman Park
	Friday 25 Dec	10.00am	Cottesloe





# CALENDAR DATES 2016

## TERM ONE 2016

Thursday 28 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development (set by CEO)
Friday 29 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development (set by CEO)
Friday 29 January onwards	Admin Office open
Monday 1 February	Start of Term 1 for students
Tuesday 2 February	Kindergarten commences
Monday 7 March	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
Tuesday 8 March	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development</b>
Wednesday 9 March	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development</b>
Friday 25 March	Public Holiday (Good Friday )
Monday 28 March	Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 29 March	Public Holiday (Easter Tuesday)
Friday 8 April	End of Term 1

## TERM TWO 2016

Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 26 April	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development</b>
Wednesday 27 April	Start of Term 2 for students
Monday 6 June	Public Holiday (WA Day)
Friday 1 July	End of Term 2

## TERM THREE 2016

Monday 18 July	<b>Pupil Free Day - Professional Development</b>
Tuesday 19 July	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 21 September	End of Term 3 for students
Thursday 22 September	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development</b>
Friday 23 September	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

## TERM FOUR 2016

Monday 10 October	Start of Term 4
Friday 9 December	End of Term 4 for students
Monday 12 – Friday 16 December	Staff Days

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016

Monday April 11 until Wednesday April 27 2016
Monday July 4 until Tuesday July 19 2016
Monday September 26 until Monday October 10 2016