



# NEWSLETTER

June 12 2015

## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Schools are busy places – some more than others (although, I think if you asked any Principal, they would say that theirs is the busiest school). There are many ‘good things’ happening at our school due to the efforts of so many groups of people. Our teachers and ancillary staff; our School Board and P&F; our parent helpers – all contribute to make this school ‘a good place to be’. It is through the endeavours of many that we are able to provide our students with the best opportunities to achieve success.

In the fortnight since our last newsletter (or blog update) there has been much happening at Iona and it is a pleasure, on behalf of staff and students, to be able to write to parents on some of these happenings.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who belong to the Mosman Parish who received Christ for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday evening. The sacredness and reverence that the girls displayed throughout the Mass was a testimony to the importance parents, teachers and the community place on the Parish Sacramental programs. We look forward to the girls joining the school and Parish communities in receiving the Eucharist at weekend and school Masses.

### FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Ms Walsh, Ms Neesham and our five Iona students (from 2014) have departed for Iowa, USA to compete in the Future Problem Solvers competition. They have arrived, a little sleep deprived but excited about competing on the world stage. Ms Walsh is a prolific ‘tweeter’ on behalf of the school, and to receive up to the minute updates on their progress, please see the latest tweets on the school website or follow @IonaPrimary.



### COMPLIANCE DATA

Each year, schools are required to release data to the community on aspects of school performance. Our data for 2014 has now been posted online on our website. Please visit [ionaps.com](http://ionaps.com) (under the Learning TAB).

### DISCO

Our students are getting ready to ‘boogie and jive’ (am I showing my age?) at the school disco next Friday. Thank you to the P&F for organising the event for our children. Going by last year’s disco, it is going to be the social event of the year.

### TEE SHIRT FUNDRAISER

As part of the P&F fundraising for the next stage of the Adventure Playground, a tee-shirt fundraising initiative has been organised by Georgia in Year 4. Georgia has designed some Iona tee-shirts that she will be screen printing. Tee-shirts can be viewed in the office and will be on show at the disco. Order forms are available from the office. All funds raised go to the P&F.

## SEMESTER REPORTS

Parents appreciate being informed of their child's progress in a realistic and helpful manner. To assist with this, parents at Iona Presentation Primary are informed of their child's progress in a variety of ways. At the end of term one, parents were invited to participate in parent/teacher meetings where areas of strength and development for their child were discussed.

Written student reports are sent home to parents twice a year – at the end of each semester. Students at Iona Presentation Primary will be receiving their first semester reports on Monday 29 June. This year, the reports are formatted differently (all Catholic primary schools are using a new template) but the information contained in the reports is the same as last year - in accordance with Federal government educational initiatives.

For the first time, Pre-Primary students will receive a formal semester report. This is due to Pre- Primary now being the first year of formal compulsive schooling. The Pre-Primary report differs to the Years 1-6 as a grade (A B C D E) is not given but a five point scale (exceptional, exceeded, expected, working towards, and not yet demonstrated) is used. The Pre Primary students will be reported on, in their attainment in the English, Mathematical and Religious Education areas. Fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and personal and social development will also be reported on.

As we travel towards the end of the term, we look forward to all the last few weeks of term bring – the winter sports carnivals, the assemblies, the masses, incursions, the excursions...schools are busy places!

God bless

Jennifer Anderson  
Assistant Principal

## Prayer

**Lord, I may forget you:  
Please don't forget me.**

Lord  
You are the only one  
Who walks with us through all the stages of our life.  
Your Spirit was with us at our birth  
You gave us courage to stand against wrong,  
Talents and gifts to use to help others,  
Hearts to desire to know you,  
Minds to seek to understand you,  
And souls that want to rest in you.  
You have lead us to friends  
Who support us as we travel  
The hills and valleys of life.  
Be with us as we bear witness to your name.

Amen

## Important Dates

### Term 2 2015

<b>16 June</b>	ICAS Spelling	<b>20 June</b>	Confirmation Mosman Parish
<b>18 June</b>	Year 2 Mass	<b>24 June</b>	Winter Sports Year 5
<b>18 June</b>	ICAS Writing	<b>24 June</b>	P&F Meeting
<b>19 June</b>	P & F Disco	<b>25 June</b>	Yr 6 Winter Sport
<b>19 June</b>	Yrs 1-4 Cultural Infusion	<b>26 June</b>	Assembly Year 3

## FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – FRIDAY 12 JUNE



**GOSPEL: John 19:31-37**

*'One of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance and immediately there came out blood and water'.*

