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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **CONFIRMATION**

A group of more than 30 Year 6 girls (and one boy) were confirmed last Saturday night. The ceremony was beautiful and the girls were very reverent during the Mass. Thank you to the teachers who have prepared them so beautifully - walking through the Year 6 block, I could see all the work that has gone into making the sashes for the girls. Thank you also to staff who came along to celebrate with the girls.

### **FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS**

Our Iona girls did a wonderful job representing Australia in the recent International Competition held in Iowa. The IC results for all places have been announced: Iona finished 24th out of 57 teams. This places them in the top half of the competition - excellent work! Congratulations girls on a fantastic effort!! Congratulations also to our competitor in the MAGIC team – they finished 15th in their division.

Our students also had the opportunity to meet new friends, experience College life in the dormitories and to enjoy learning about the American way first hand. It has been a successful and memorable trip.

A huge thank you to Ms Neesham who works tirelessly with students to prepare them for competitions such as this. Without her selfless giving of time, opportunities like these would not exist, so a sincere thank you Ms. Neesham on behalf of us all!

### **FAREWELL**

At the end of next week we farewell Mrs. Tracey Hodgkinson as she leaves us to take on new challenges. Tracey has worked at Iona since 1997 and we thank her sincerely for her contributions on a number of different fronts. On behalf of all staff, students and the parent community, we thank you for your involvement in our school over the past 18 years. Good luck with the new adventure!

### **P & F DISCO**

Thank you to the organising committee for the wonderful disco enjoyed by all in Treacey Hall last week, the students had a wonderful time! The P & F do a wonderful job for the students and the school. If you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a term, please consider attending a meeting. Your support would be appreciated and it's a great way to hear all the wonderful things they have planned. Attending meetings doesn't commit you in any way, however, it's a wonderful way to show your support for the work that they do.



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## 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 will be sent home with students next Monday, June 29. A reminder that 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.

## WELCOME



Congratulations to the Williams Family on the arrival of their gorgeous daughter Ivy Sienna Bailey Williams. Mum, Dad and her three big brothers are all delighted with the newest addition to their household. Welcome to earth little angel!

## Important Dates

Term 3 2015			
<b>July 21</b>	School Resumes	<b>July 31</b>	Year 4 Excursion
<b>July 22</b>	P & F Mtg 7pm	<b>Aug 3</b>	Musica Viva
<b>July 27</b>	Bishops' Testing Years 3 & 5	<b>Aug 7</b>	Assembly Year 2

As we head into the break to conclude semester 1, I hope our students and Iona families enjoy some well-deserved rest! School resumes for Staff on Monday July 20 and for **students on Tuesday July 21.**

I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

May God bless your week and holidays.

Christine Walsh  
Principal



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## Prayer



Christ our light we believe that you are here among us as you promised you would be when we gather in your name.

With a trust that goes far deeper than our limited capacity to imagine, you have handed over to us responsibility to carry out your works and wishes in our world.

We ask you now to walk beside us on our journey, to fill our minds, memories and imaginations with hope and vision.

Help us to see our lives and work with your church with strong creative clarity so that so we may serve more effectively, all who search for faith and meaning in our world.

Amen

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

On a daily basis, our children benefit from impressive facilities, technology-rich learning environments, staff of the highest calibre and an array of religious, educational, sporting and arts programs.

In just the past few years, we have witnessed the construction of Treacey Hall, the refurbishment of learning areas, an upgrade of the library and ongoing successes for our students in all areas of learning and development.

That is quite a transformation that has been underpinned by the commitment and expertise of our Principal, Christine Walsh, supported by a strong and knowledgeable leadership and teaching team.

So, as Christine prepares to take well-deserved leave from the end of this term, returning for the start of the 2016 school year, we thank her for her tireless dedication to our school. Under her leadership, Iona is more than just a progressive and responsive learning environment. It also a nurturing Catholic community that values the pastoral care needs of our children and our community.

We also thank Jennifer Anderson for taking up the role of Acting Principal in Christine's absence and we welcome Natalia Thompson back to our school community in her role as Assistant Principal. Our school is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and experienced leadership team that relentlessly strives to achieve the best for our children.

We wish Christine a wonderful break and we look forward to supporting Jennifer and Natalia as they continue to lead our school to more wonderful achievements.

*Simon Warden – Chairperson Iona Presentation Primary School Board*



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## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.



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