



# IONA PRESENTATION

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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

Welcome back to the start of another school term. We hope everyone had a very enjoyable Easter and a relaxing two week holiday. As we commence a new school term, we renew friendships with others we may not have seen over the holidays. This little prayer below reminds us all of what we should be striving to achieve in our relationships with others:

***"Everyone will know you are my friends if you love one another."***

***Let us show our love by making peace and trying to make things better.***

***Let us show our love by caring about the happiness of others and by thanking them for their goodness to us.***

***Let us love one another as we share our friendships, laughter, learning and meals in celebrating together.***

***Help us, Lord, to love one another as Jesus has loved us.***

***Amen***

This term is a very important and significant one in terms of our history. On June 2, we celebrate a liturgy in thanksgiving of the Presentation Sisters who established Iona Presentation School in 1907. The Sisters will 'pass on the lantern' to the Archdiocese, knowing that their legacy of hospitality, compassion and justice will continue through the values that are embedded in the fabric of our school. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will preside over the Mass and Blessing of the Presentation Garden and a morning tea/lunch will follow. All our Iona community, both past and present are invited to celebrate with the Sisters. Please let our office know if you plan to attend for seating and catering purposes.

I would like to thank Sister Catherine, Marisa Perica and the team of teachers who have volunteered to assist in preparing this important event. As a community, we hold the charism of the Sisters deep in our hearts and we are honoured to be able to celebrate their beautiful legacy with them.

Educationally, our students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests will be conducted in Week 3 of the term. We wish all our students well during this snapshot of achievement.

As part of our policy to open up our classrooms, English and Religion workbooks were sent home for parents to view and discuss with their child last Friday. We thank parents for all the positive feedback we have received and look forward to the continued opening up of classrooms to view the wonderful work being achieved.

All students from PP to Year 6 will receive an end of semester report in July. Parents had the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress at the end of last term.

## Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

We extend a warm invitation to all our Mothers and Grandmothers to attend our Mother's Day Mass on Friday 12 May commencing at 9.00am. Following Mass will be a morning tea in Treacey Hall.

If there are fathers who are willing to assist by serving our mothers and grandmothers, you would be most welcome.



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### **Christ Has No Body**

By St Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks

compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

For our Mothers – please RSVP by:

**Friday 5 May** if you are able to attend. Our email address is [admin@ionaps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@ionaps.wa.edu.au)

### **ANZAC Day Service**

The ANZAC Day service held on Thursday was a very solemn and respectful occasion. Thank you to Mrs Marisa Perica and Mrs Susie Kay for preparing the service and for the Year 6 students who respectfully led us. A special thanks to Mr Harry Neesham who spoke to the children about what ANZAC Day means to him. The children were enthralled by both his memories of the Vietnam War and love and respect for our nation.



### **Winter Uniforms**

From next week all students will be required to be in their winter uniforms. It is important that we wear our uniform with pride. The school uniform also includes items such as the hairstyles we wear and the jewellery worn at school. A watch, necklace with a Christian symbol and a pair of sleeper or stud earrings may be worn. Mascara, nail polish or any form of cosmetics is not to be worn by students in uniform.

### **Welcome**

We welcome two new staff members to our community. Miss Siobhan Crabb will be in Year 6A for this term while Mrs Groves takes leave and Mrs Felicity Moullin will be working with our gifted and talented students from Years 3-6. We look forward to the many gifts Miss Crabb and Mrs Moullin bring to our community.

### **Prayers For Our Community**

I ask you keep in your prayers, members of our school community who are unwell at the moment. As a faith community, we can show support for each other through prayer. May the Lord strengthen and heal those who are in need.

Jennifer Anderson  
Principal

## Musical News



Once again, Steve Perica has written a musical especially for the Iona Presentation

Primary School students. This year's production is entitled **The Apostle's Apostle** and essentially focuses on stories about women in the Bible who had courage, strength and faith in Jesus' teachings and who were disciples of Christ. The musical will be performed at St Hilda's Performing Arts Centre in Week 3 Term 3 by every student in years 4, 5 & 6. Our music specialist Rachel Scott has been working with Mr Perica in terms 1 & 2 by teaching students various songs for the musical. This term, the students will also be learning solo parts and choreography now that auditions are finalised. **As all year 4/5/6 students are involved in the school musical, they will be required to attend the three after school sessions below.** Please take note of this advanced warning and **mark in your diaries.** We would very much appreciate your cooperation for these rehearsals as it is vital that all students attend the rehearsals so that they are aware of entries, exits, the stage space and the green room space to ensure that they are well prepared and confident for the event as well as being there for the sound technical requirements. The three important dates are:

### Tech Rehearsal 1

**Tuesday 1st August at St Hilda's PAC 4.30-6.30pm**

### Tech & Dress Rehearsal 2

**Wednesday 2nd August at St Hilda's PAC 4.30-6.30pm**

### Performance Evening

**Friday 4th August St Hilda's PAC 6.30-9.00pm**

We thank you for your full support in this very worthwhile aspect of our wonderful Performing Arts program here at Iona Presentation Primary. Ticket sales will be available soon for this school event and we will keep you posted.

Marisa Perica  
Assistant Principal

## COMING UP...

### **May 9**

**NAPLAN:** Language Conventions/Writing

### **May 10**

**NAPLAN:** Reading

### **May 11**

**NAPLAN:** Numeracy

### **May 12**

9.00am Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

### **May 13**

5.30 Family Mass (Years 4 & 6)

### **May 15**

6.00pm Board Meeting

### **May 18**

9.00 Year 4 Mass



### ***The End of an Era: Part I***

As the Presentation Sisters prepare to transfer ownership and governance of Iona to the Archdiocese of Perth, I thought it would be a good idea to look at the history of Nano Nagle, the Presentation Sisters and our school. So

today's column and the next two will have a "Presentation" focus.

Nano Nagle, was born in Ballygriffin, County Cork, in 1718. She was born into and grew up in an era of Anti-Catholicism in Ireland. Nano attended a 'hedge school', and then went to France to finish off her education. In 1695, it was made unlawful in Ireland to open a Catholic school at home, or for children to be sent overseas to be educated.

Nano set up schools in Ireland at a time when the 'Act of 1695' was still in force. Nano could have ended up in gaol for what she did. However, she kept her eye firmly fixed on the prize- **Jesus!** You see, the practice of the Catholic faith was not an optional extra for Nano. She lived, breathed and slept it. She took to daily prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, for she knew she could not achieve God's work on her own. She needed his help. So it is with us. We can't do it on our own either. God is not going to force himself into our lives though. It is up to us to accept and act upon his invitation. In addition to her teaching duties, Nano visited the sick and elderly after school, bringing them food, medicine, and what I like to call 'pastoral care'. She also opened homes for aged women, and started teaching adults. (You'll understand the link between the prayer I have chosen for the newsletter this week, and the work Nano did.) As I reflect on all of this work Nano did, I am mindful of all the **good the Catholic Church does**. Yes, we are in education, for Christ was a teacher. We are in health care, because Christ was a healer and we are in aged care as well. If the church was not operating these ministries as it does, this country would be broke! Not only that, but it would come to a grinding halt, because there is no way the government could supply all of these ministries on its own. It needs faith based institutions to do the same work alongside it. (Richard Leonard SJ).

As I've mentioned to you before, our faith cannot be separated from the world. We must take our faith and live it in the world. So, I like to have a daily coffee and read the newspaper to see what's going on in the world. During the holidays, I read an interesting article in *The West Australian* titled; "Latest fashion trends are little more than jindow dressing." The author wrote about the latest fashion trends that will last all of five minutes, mainly because they are awful.

As the writer explains, jindows, are jeans with windows. Next year we will be onto something else. What has this article, got to with Nano Nagle? *Everything!* You see, Nano didn't stop believing in Jesus or practicing the Catholic faith when it was 'uncool' to do so, or because she would get the wrong kind of attention from the establishment. No, she went totally against the five minute trends, and stuck to what would endure. That was the 'cool' thing to do. We need to do the same. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, following firmly in his footsteps, and share his message with the world. Yes, we live in a day and age where secular values predominate, but that is even more reason to share God's love with the world, just as Nano did!

To be continued...

Mr Alessio Loiacono  
Liturgy coordinator

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Let's Read More in May!

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money for new books in  
the library.

Top Readers will win  
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Iona Primary  
School Read-a-thon

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