Happy Christmas

With the 2015 school year drawing to end, I pay gratitude to all members of the College Board, staff, our students, parents and family members for your excellent contribution to the College.

We farewell and thank our staff who leave us: Mr Liam Rafferty who is retiring, Mr John Power, Mrs Fiona Monger, Mrs Jane Cox, Mr Julian Gugenheim and Ms Nancy Lo Biundo. We extend our best wishes to Mrs Lauren Gillespie and Mrs Felicity Kennedy who commence Maternity Leave, and Ms Amanda Keats and Mrs Vicki Wagenaar who will be enjoying Long Service Leave in Term 1. Thank you for your excellent and generous contribution to building the school to the high standard we have today.

The excellent 2015 College Yearbook has been distributed to families in the last week. We have received many compliments about the publication and also the quality of the weekly newsletters this year. This is due to the excellent work of Mrs Rosalie Richardson, our Marketing Officer and the contributions of many staff.

I wish all members of the Irene McCormack Catholic College the peace, harmony and joy this Christmas that Jesus’ birth provided and that the New Year gives hope for good health and prosperity. I extend my best wishes also for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

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<td>Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Carrillo</td>
<td>Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil) at Yanchep Community Centre.</td>
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<td>Tel: 9407 7512</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:standrewsclarkson@gmail.com">standrewsclarkson@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.30pm.</td>
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Last week the 2016 Prefects attended a Prefect Camp at Swanleigh Conference Centre in Middle Swan. The objective of the Camp was to provide an opportunity for the Prefects to bond as a group, understand the role of a leader, develop skills for leadership and provide an opportunity for the Prefects to plan for 2016. The enthusiasm displayed by the group was outstanding and for the two days there was a sense of ‘team’, which will prove to be extremely valuable for the coming year.

We were fortunate to have Grip Leadership (an independent organisation who train and develop leaders with a focus on school students and the educational sector) who led the camp with expertise and with a wealth of experience. Their feedback regarding the ten Prefects was very rewarding and the College should feel very proud of the new leaders of the College:

- Jeremiah Ayalde – Head Boy
- Lauren Axiak – Head Girl
- Keiran Batavia
- Olivia McManus
- Jake Hazzard
- Tyler Walsh
- Zoe Gray
- Harrison Hill
- Kenrick Lakatani
- Georgia Tabram

Peer Support Training

On Monday 7th December the new Peer Support leaders for 2016 attended a training day in preparation for their new roles for the coming year. The new group leaders were presented with material which helped them understand the concept of mentoring, prepared them to be mentors and to build a bank of ideas that they could incorporate into their sessions when mentoring Year 7 students.
The Peer Support Leaders will support the incoming Year 7 students on Monday, 1st February during periods 1 and 2. It is hoped that the transition into Year 7 will be made much easier by the presence of the Peer Support Leaders who will be available to answer questions, demonstrate good use of the College Planner and use of locks and lockers.

Mrs Gillian Pearce  
Dean of Year 11

Barbershop Performance

On Sunday, 6th December the Irene McCormack Barbershop performed at Our Lady of the Mission’s Parish Community Carols. The annual event brings together Parish and community members to celebrate the start of Advent.

It was an excellent opportunity to broaden the Barbershop’s community involvement, and to see other schools and community groups perform. The night was a joyous occasion filled with Christmas spirit and the Barbershop should be highly commended for their beautiful rendition of a “Swingin’ Christmas”.


I would like to extend my thanks to the Barbershop students, Miss Malam, Sean Butler and parents who attended the concert.

Miss Francesca Christie  
Music and Drama Teacher

2015 Dance in Summary

This year Miss Harte has made 2015 an incredible experience for all dancers involved in dance teams and classes. We have been offered auditions into the IMCC Hurricanes Cheer Team for 2015 and 2016, the 2016 Production cast for ‘Wonderland’ and showcased our accomplishments at the 2015 IMCC Dance Night with over 300 people in the audience. The 2015 IMCC Hurricanes were a huge highlight in Dance this year achieving second place in the Stars and Stripes Competition at HBF Arena, Mt Claremont.

In 2016 Junior and Senior Dance Teams will be entered into Catholic Performing Arts Festival, together with a Liturgical piece performed by the 2016 Year 11 Dance students. The IMCC Hurricanes will represent the College in an extra two competitions.

On behalf of all Dance students for 2015 I would like to thank Miss Harte for her commitment and dedication in building such an incredible Dance Program at Irene McCormack Catholic College, together with Miss Bakker and Miss Maher for running dance teams and Meg Rudman for coaching cheer during 2015.

Emilee Erikson  
Year 10 Dance Student
YSpeak City of Wanneroo Youth Forum

The City of Wanneroo YSpeak Youth Forum was held at the Council Chambers on 9th December. Three Year Nine students represented the College in having their say in the future of youth services in the City of Wanneroo.

At the forum, students participated in a number of workshops voicing their opinions on ways to improve connections, communication, services, transport, safety and well-being in the future.

The City of Wanneroo is the fastest growing local area in Western Australia with 40% of residents under the age of 25. By having youth input, the City will be able to better serve the needs of its residents.

Thanks to Josie Kallane, Gavin Pikes and Gwyneth Roman who were excellent representatives for the College.

Mrs Adele Baker
Head of Society & Environment

French

In Week 8, I had the pleasure to meet some of our students' younger siblings at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School. I embraced the opportunity to promote the study of French to both Year 4 classes who warmly welcomed me in French! I was impressed with all the students there; they had impeccable behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement in finding out more about France and the language.

Students learned about the Christmas traditions in France and made Christmas cards in the French language to wish their families un Joyeux Noël. I would like to thank the Principal, Mr Sam Fontaine, and Miss Sebastian for this wonderful experience.

Mademoiselle Harrison
Languages Coordinator
Uniform Shop

We would like to thank all volunteers for their help in the Uniform Shop this year. The Uniform Shop could not run as smoothly without your help.

If anyone would like to help in the Uniform Shop, we would be most grateful. We are still desperate for helpers in the Uniform Shop during the holidays and the Summer term. It’s a great way to meet other parents. If you are able to help, please call the Uniform Shop on 95622430 or email me on waite.lyn@imcc.wa.edu.au. No experience is necessary.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the shop during the holidays and during the term next year. Any help will be appreciated and no experience is necessary. If you are able to help, please contact the Uniform Shop on 9562 2430 or email waite.lyn@imcc.wa.edu.au.

We still have stock of our older styles of sport shorts, sport pants and track jackets at discounted prices.

Trading Hours for Term 1
Tuesday noon-4.00pm
Thursday 8.00am-11.00am

Holiday Trading Hours
Thursday 21st January 8.30am-3.00pm
Thursday 28th January 8.30am-3.00pm

We will re-open for Term 1 2016 on Tuesday, 2nd February from 8.00am to 10.00am and then from noon to 4.00pm.

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Parent Group

The Parent Group is a dynamic gathering of parents who work with staff to meet the needs of students at the College.

This year, the group has not only been involved in various fundraising ventures, but it has also provided support at the recent Parent Information Evenings.

The opportunity to gather as part of a community to support the great work being done at Irene McCormack Catholic College is a great credit to the Parent Group membership. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to register your name, kindly contact the Deputy Principal, Ms Nancy Bonfiglio at the College.
Parent Group Christmas Raffle Results

Congratulations to the following Christmas Hamper winners:

Year 7 - Holly Fincke 7EB
Year 8 - William Higo 8MB
Year 9 - Joel Hoare 9EB
Year 10 - Mrs Gillian Pearce

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Deputy Principal

St Andrew’s Parish News

St Andrew’s Catholic Church Clarkson presents Carols in the Church.
Saturday, 19th December 2015 7.00pm-8.00pm (after the 6.00pm Vigil Mass).
Led by St Andrew’s Parish Music Ministry.
For further enquiries, please call Helen Smith 0432 551 428.
Community News

Free Christmas Day Lunch organised by the Combined Churches of the City of Wanneroo and serviced by volunteers. Held at Wanneroo Showgrounds for members of the community who will be on their own on Christmas Day.

Wanneroo City The Roos - Free Girls’ Soccer Clinics for 12-16 year olds
On Sundays 13th-20th December 10-11.30am
The Clubrooms (Off Players Place), Kingsway Sporting Complex, Madeley
For more information contact Dave Scragg 0425 933 664, dave_scragg@bigpond.com

Hillarys Yacht Club Start Sailing School Holiday Program
December 2015 to January 2016.
Hillarys Yacht Club Junior Fishing Clinic January 2016
Tuesday 12th-14th January.
For more information contact Mel 9246 2833, development@hillarysyachtclub.com.au, www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au

Quinns Districts Netball Club
2016 Registration Saturday, 6th February and 13th February 1.00-3.00pm
Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks.
Registration enquiries registrar@quinnsnetballclub.net, 0450 741 885, www.quinnsnetballclub.net

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal