Irene McCormack Day

Today we celebrated our annual Irene McCormack Day focusing on celebrating Irene's life, being members of an excellent Catholic school community and contributing to the Archbishop’s Lifelink Appeal for Catholic welfare agencies to support people in our community.

We commenced the day with Mass, celebrated by Fr Robert Carrillo, followed by a special assembly. We were joined by Irene’s sister Bernadette, brother John and his wife Maureen; Sr Maree Ridler, RSJ and Sr Kathleen Dawe; Mr Chris Erikson, Board Chairperson, and other invited guests.

Mass was followed by an assembly which featured our Junior Dance Group performing a Peruvian Dance that would have been familiar to Irene. The dance was choreographed by Miss Danielle Maher. Also Sr Kathleen Dawe addressed the students about her friendship with Irene and spending time with her only a few days before her death. Sr Kathleen was able to provide students with an account of the strength of Irene’s faith.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

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This year's celebration of Irene McCormack Day is significant for the:

- Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Sr Irene’s death on the 21st May.
- The 150th Anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart order by St Mary MacKillop in Penola, South Australia.
- Preparation of the opening of the new building with Physical and Outdoor Education, and Music and Dance facilities.

At today’s assembly we were pleased to announce programs that will continue to nurture the understanding of our heritage and history.

To help build on Irene McCormack’s legacy:

- The College Christian Service Program will be now known as Irene’s Service Learning.
- The Year 10 Justice Today class is planning, organising and conducting a Sr Irene Pilgrimage, visiting WA locations that were significant in Irene’s life including Kununoppin the town of her birth; Trayning where she lived with her family and attended St Joseph’s Primary School and Catholic Church; Santa Maria College, Applecross, her boarding school; Busselton and Manjimup where she taught before going to Peru and the Sisters of St Joseph convent in South Perth.
- Ms Rose Reilly who created the magnificent mosaic of the Resurrected Irene which was featured in the 2015 Yearbook and the College Strategic Plan document is producing a second version, Resurrected Irene II. The artwork will be constructed as a large architectural kiln-formed glass panel. The intention is to stay true to the original design. The method of fusing the glass components will create a more contemporary look, as it will be featured in the College’s new building.

To recognise Irene’s ordained life as a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, the wonderful support that our College receives from the sisters and to mark the 150th Anniversary of the order, the College has become a member of the Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools.

This is our school's 15th year of operation, and has grown enormously since it started in 2002 in the shopping centre in Hughie Edwards Drive. To help us and those that follow remember our history and recognise the students, staff and families that founded our school, we will name our new building in honour of our Foundation Principal, the Paul Rafter Centre. Mr Rafter and his family will be guests of honour at the opening on 30th June.

After Mass and assembly students celebrated with many activities, including Care Group stalls, to raise funds for LifeLink. We will have a full account of the activities with photos in next week’s The McCormack Messenger.

Mr Paul Rafter
With the first performance next week on Tuesday, 17th May, please make sure you secure your Wonderland Tickets.

Tickets are $15 each with performances held on the following dates and times:
- Tuesday, 17th May 12.00pm
- Wednesday, 18th May 7.00pm
- Thursday, 19th May 7.00pm
- Friday, 20th May 7.00pm

Please purchase your tickets via www.trybooking.com and search for Irene McCormack or Wonderland. If you are not able to purchase online, the College Reception is available to take your bookings.

Miss Kylie Malam  
Head of Performing Arts

**Year 10 Justice Today**

The Justice Today course is open to Year 10 students as a preparation to Religious Education in Years 11 and 12.

This year we have covered the topics of Philosophy and Ethics. Currently the students are preparing for a pilgrimage that retraces the footsteps of Sr Irene McCormack in Western Australia.

This pilgrimage will occur in the second half of Term 3 and will visit the places where Irene lived and worked.

This week the class was fortunate to have a visit from our Principal, Mr Marshall and Mrs Boscarino. They shared photos from Mr Marshall’s recent trip to Trayning where Irene grew up and also photos from the McCormack family album thanks to the generosity of Irene’s sister, Bernadette.

The students are looking forward to completing the details for a memorable trip.

Mr Kevin O’Brien  
Head of Religious Education
Collaborative Project

Irene McCormack Catholic College is involved in the Collaborative Project, an initiative by the Catholic Education Office in Western Australia. This project enables key staff to work with groups of students to foster their learning skills and knowledge development. With the support from Lyn Sharratt, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, our key staff meet regularly to plan, reflect and implement various strategies to best meet student outcomes.

Currently, the College is working with Course 1 students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Our focus is on maintaining student achievement and progress, and to develop key strategies in paragraph writing.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Deputy Principal

Term One in Outdoor Education

Summer is always a great time to spend outdoors. Our College Outdoor Education programs make the use of these fine conditions basing the activities around beach and mountain biking.

The term culminated in the Year 11 ATAR students participating in a three day expedition mountain biking in the Dwellingup and Jarrahdale areas. The Year 10 students put the skills they had learned in class to test on Rottnest Island, spending three days snorkelling and surfing on the island.

This term we have already spent a week in the Cape Range National Park snorkelling and kayaking on the Ningaloo Reef with the Year 12 students.
The Year 9 students are looking forward to the first excursion, surfing at Trigg Beach and challenging themselves on the high ropes course at The Great Escape.

Mr Neil Bright
Head of Physical Education & Outdoor Education

Year 12 Exmouth Expedition
On Saturday 30th April 21 Year 12 Outdoor Education students travelled to Exmouth by bus for a three day Expedition from Monday to Wednesday. Over the three full days, our class kayaked over 35km along the picturesque Ningaloo Coast starting at Yardie Creek and finishing at Ned’s Camp.

We were privileged to camp on beaches right next to the shore line. Along the way, we snorkeled at 6 locations, 4 of them being offshore snorkels where we anchored, tied the kayaks together and jumped in, a kilometer off the shore. The experiences and memories we had cannot be put into words, although ‘soooooo good’ describes how our trip went.

We swam with turtles, sharks, stingrays, and so many species of fish that are not typically found in Perth waters and learnt so much about the environment.

It was an amazing experience and the Year 12 students all thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thank you to Miss Sunderland, Mr Bright, Mr Beissel and Miss Lewy for taking us on this expedition.

Year 12 ATAR Outdoor Education Class

Byron Sherwood to Represent WA in AFL

Year 7 student Byron Sherwood has been selected for the State School Boy 12s AFL Team. The trials were held over the month of April in various places throughout the state by 450 to 500 boys hoping for a place on the squad. There were a total of 5 trials to progress through to a final team of 23 players. This team will represent WA in Queensland in July later this year.

We congratulate Byron on this very impressive achievement and we wish him well for July.

Mrs Michelle Smith
Dean of Year 7

Community News

90th Anniversary of St Joseph’s Catholic Church Trayning.
Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 22nd May at 11.00am. Also recognising the 25th Anniversary of the death of Sr Irene McCormack RSJ on this day.
Lunch will follow at the Kununoppin Community Centre.
RSVP by 14th May to Fr Richard 9685 1243 or Sandra Waters 0429 832 048, gfswaters@bigpond.com

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Mr Robert Marshall
Principal