Welcome Back for Semester 2

Returning to school this semester we are reminded of the blessings that we have belonging to the Irene McCormack Catholic College community. With the atrocities in many parts of the world, particularly those in Nice, France, Instanbul in Turkey and civic unrest in the USA, we pray for peace and harmony throughout the world and thank God for the opportunities that we have at IMCC.

This term we welcome to the College Mrs Rosanne Barrowclough who will be with us whilst Ms Crystal Blaze is on maternity leave and Ms Kate Murphy who will be with us this term with a combination of Mrs Debbie White’s and Mr Peter Boylen’s classes. Mrs White is on long service leave this term and Mr Boylen is acting Dean of Year 9. We extend our support to Mrs Barrowclough and Ms Murphy, and wish them every success and much enjoyment during their time at the College.

Teachers recommenced on Monday with a staff collaboration from Mater Dei College and Prendiville Catholic College. Each learning area had individual programs for the day organised by the Heads of Learning Area. Topics covered included teaching, learning and assessment; building teacher capacity, the use of IT to enhance learning, implementation of the WA Curriculum and the reflection of Catholic identity across the curriculum. Our Aboriginal Liaison Officers looked at the implementation of the Transforming Lives strategy for improving the education outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Tuesday our staff utilised the new facilities of the Paul Rafter Centre. Led by our expert Performing Arts and Physical Education staff we had the experience of lessons that our students will enjoy in dance, music, badminton and rock climbing.

School Uniform

With the completion of the building, we now have access to the change rooms. All students returned to school this week wearing the winter uniform. We have had many positive comments from staff, parents, visitors to the school and students themselves, about how impressive our students look.

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Whilst most students presented themselves well, our Deans of Year and Care Group Teachers had to remind some students about keeping shirts tucked in, and to have ties and shirt top buttons done up. Students are required to wear their uniform correctly and neatly travelling to and from school, as well as during the school day. We consistently receive feedback from parents and staff about the importance of students wearing the uniform correctly and being neatly groomed. This shows pride in being a member of our excellent school community and for developing a sense of self-discipline, which is very important with making academic progress and many other aspects of life.

Thank you to all parents who are very supportive of the College with the appearance of our students. A special thank you to Mrs Lyn Waite, Manager of the College Uniform Shop, Mrs Leanne O’Connell and all the generous Uniform Shop volunteers who have worked so hard in ensuring that students are fitted for the uniform.

**Marmion Avenue near Lukin Drive Student Crossing Update**

The Traffic Warden State Management Unit has informed us that they are now processing applications and providing training for new traffic wardens. We will be informed when wardens have been appointed for the crossing. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the delay with staff for the student crossing.

**Message from Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director of Catholic Education**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Cardinal Cardinal Rodriguez Meradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 163 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifelink Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child’s first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodriguez Meradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, “To be an educator is to be joyful.”

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tim McDonald
Languages Week

Don’t forget that 26th-29th July is LANGUAGES WEEK! An international menu will be available for all to purchase at Irene’s Café and all Languages students will attend incursions and a special IMCC Language Perfect Competition with iTunes vouchers to be won.

Year 7 French incursion

As part of the French program, Year 7 French students had the opportunity to order and enjoy a French breakfast in the French language.

“J’aimerais un croissant, une profiterole et un jus d’orange s’il-vous-plaît !”

Mademoiselle Cat Harrison
Language Coordinator
On 30th June the Year 8 Specialist Music class enjoyed a workshop with Aboriginal music artist, Mr Jeremy Hunter. Jeremy came to our music class to tell us about his life as a young child and show us some of the interesting instruments that the Aboriginal people use.

At the start of the lesson Jeremy told us about where he lived and what he used to do when he was a child on the weekends. His family went down to the river and spent the whole weekend hunting and gathering food for the week. He told us about the intricate tastes and the amazing ways that they cooked the animals. It was very interesting for the students to hear about some of the things that Jeremy was talking about.

After this, Jeremy showed us three didgeridoos. Jeremy told us how he made two of them and how simple it was, then told us how to play them and showed us that it was very simple! I was lucky enough to be one of three people to play the didgeridoo. It was a great experience and I really enjoyed it, as did the others.

At the very end of the lesson we separated into groups including the three didgeridoo players, three guitarists and a group of mixed percussion and singers. The percussion had clap sticks and other instruments. We were all given sheet music for the song 'I Am Australian' by The Seekers. In no time at all the singers had learned their parts, the didgeridoo players were ready to go and the guitarists, along with the help of Jeremy, had learnt their parts. After a few rehearsals, we achieved a great result which sounded amazing! It was a fun day and we all enjoyed the experience.
One of the Year 7 Music classes was also lucky to enjoy the workshop.

Thank you to Jeremy for the great time, and to Miss Malam and Mrs Brown for organising the workshop.

Kaleb Erikson
Year 8

**Parent Student Teacher Interviews & Parent Teacher Online**

The Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 27th July in the Paul Rafter Centre from 1.30pm-7.30pm for Year 7-12 students. The Career Expo will also take place on the same night from 1.30pm-5.30pm in the Paul Rafter Centre.

Students will have normal classes until 12.55pm and then can return home at the start of lunch. If your son or daughter needs to remain at school in the afternoon, then the D1 classroom will be provided for students to do some quiet work.

Mr Andrew Donaldson
Dean of Year 8

**Year 11 Question and Answer Forum**

We have a wonderful opportunity for Year 11 parents to attend a Question and Answer Forum on Monday, 1st August. Students in Year 11 are selecting courses for 2017 Year 12. This forum is an excellent way to help with this process. This type of event is the first to be held at the College and we look forward with great anticipation to a successful evening.

Students in Year 11 have received a letter with all necessary details.

Mrs Gillian Pearce
Dean of Year 11

**Playgroup Invitation**

Our Year 10 Caring For Children (Childcare) class has been working hard this semester creating Activity Boards and Babysitting kits for toddlers.

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and toddlers to join us for a small playgroup and afternoon tea on 2nd August, 2016 to enable our students to put into practice knowledge gained during the course in a practical environment. We would love to have approximately 20 toddlers and parents join us. Families or friends of families at the College are welcome to join us.
Please RSVP your attendance to Mrs Karen Lafitte to lafitte.karen@imcc.wa.edu.au by the 20th July, 2016. We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs Karen Lafitte
Home Economics Teacher

Senior Girls Soccer win CAS grand final

The Senior Girls CAS Soccer Team finished second in their group and travelled to St Marks for the grand final. Both schools had very strong teams on the pitch and the game was an even and closely fought match.

The game was so tight that the first goal wasn’t scored until the last minute of the first half. It was IMCC that took the lead when Sophia Neal opened the scoring, making it 1-0 to IMCC at half time.

The second half was just as tight, especially when St Marks equalised in the 12th minute. This made for a tense finish and with the CAS grand final rules, a draw would have been a win to the home team (St Marks). The girls lifted their intensity, holding off the fast, strong St Marks’ strikers while creating several chances of their own. With five minutes to go, Dee Hayes scored the winning goal and the Senior Girls won the CAS Soccer grand final 2-1.

The Senior Girls qualify for the SSWA knockout competition for the top 32 teams in the state. They have drawn against Morley SHS who have been a powerhouse in WA soccer for many years. Hopefully the girls take the confidence from this grand final win into the SSWA competition and have a strong performance against Morley SHS.

Congratulations girls and good luck.

Mr Damian Stefanoff
Soccer Academy Coordinator
The Interhouse Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 29\textsuperscript{th} July on the College oval. The Carnival is a whole school event where students have the opportunity to compete in various track and field events to earn points for their houses. The Carnival is designed for maximum participation from all students therefore it is expected that everyone participates.

The Carnival events consist of 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump, shot put, discus, high jump and relays with tug-o-war and sack races being the novelty events. The first event will commence at 9.30am and the relays will conclude the afternoon at approximately 2.30pm.

Students are to wear full College PE uniform with house shirt on the day. It is important that correct footwear is worn and that students have appropriate weather protection.

The canteen will be available at allocated times for the students and there will be a coffee van available throughout the day.

The top achieving students in events will be selected to represent the College at the ACC Athletics Carnival held in Week 9.

**Pre-Carnival Events**

Pre-carnival events will be held in the lead up to Carnival day. The events for the pre-carnival will be the 1500m, 800m and discus. Selected students have been invited to compete in these events based on their results from last year and also their attempts in Physical Education classes. Students who have not been selected but are still willing to participate are welcome to attend.

- 1500m Tuesday, 26\textsuperscript{th} July 7.30am start
- Discus Wednesday, 27\textsuperscript{th} July 7.30am start
- 800m Thursday, 28\textsuperscript{th} July 7.30am start

Students who are aiming for Champion Boy and Girl for their age group should be competing in the pre-carnival events.
Looking forward to a busy Athletics week!

Mrs Karolina Lewy
Head of Sport

Soccer Fixtures for Term 3

Three IMCC soccer teams have qualified for the SSWA knockout competition, for the top 32 teams in the state in each division.

The first round fixtures are as follows:
Junior Girls (Years 8 & 9) – Monday, August 1st at home against Mercy College ‘B’ Team.
Senior Girls (Years 10-12) – Tuesday, July 26th AWAY at Morley SHS.
Intermediate Boys (Year 10) – Thursday, July 28th at home against Balga SHS. (unconfirmed at this point).

All games have a 4.00pm kick-off with 30 minute halves. If the game is tied, it will go to extra time and penalty shoot outs if required. Parents are encouraged to come along and support their children.

Good luck to all students involved in this elite competition.

Mr Damian Stefanoff
Soccer Academy Coordinator

Community News