2016 Kimberley Immersion

One of our dreams for our Irene McCormack Catholic College community has been to provide rich learning experiences for students to develop a relationship with Aboriginal people in the spirit of reconciliation. In this spirit, our College has been building a relationship with Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre in Billiluna, situated on the edge of the Tanami Desert approximately 180 kilometres south of Halls Creek. The school serves approximately 50 students from Kindergarten to Year 10. In 2015 seven staff visited the community in preparation for planning a student immersion experience. This year, seven students and three staff made the journey, flying to Broome before venturing east out to Halls Creek, The Bungle Bungles, Billiluna and Balgo.

The focus of the Immersion centred around spending time with the Billiluna community and the Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre. Features of the immersion for students included their:

- Experience living in a remote desert community, learning of the challenges and the joys of how Aboriginal people live and are educated.
- Participation in learning experiences with students, particularly reading, writing, storytelling, sport and home economics.
- Listening to and conversing with community elders and artists, through story and art, about their way of life, joys, hardships and challenges of their people, past and present.
- Travel and experience the vastness of the Kimberley region including river crossings, isolated road houses, boab bushlands and rugged deserts.
- Visiting locations such as the Bungle Bungles, Wolfe Creek Crater at sunset and Broome.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

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This was a rare opportunity for students to have a life changing experience in a unique Australian community. It was a genuine experience of Irene McCormack’s spirit as the group learnt about and served others who do not have the opportunities, comforts and convenience that metropolitan Perth provides.

The group of ten included Leah Ayres, Alicia Hanlon, Miranda Haselden-Wood, Anthea Humble, Ben Johnson, Zoe McLean, Jac Middlemiss as well as Ms Janice Bell, Mr Edward Bryant and Mr John Swindells. In the 9-day journey the group travelled 3352km by air and drove over 2500km. This we hope is just the beginning of an ongoing relationship between our College and the Billiluna community.

Below are some reflections on the experience.

"The trip was one of the best experiences that I've had through the school. I was put into so many roles whilst I was there including a tourist, an older sister and a teacher. It truly was amazing! I thank everyone involved at school and my home for making possible this incredible opportunity". ~ Miranda Haselden-Wood
“Students and staff on our tour group and all the children of Billiluna school are all outstanding people. I can’t quite believe our Immersion and joining of worlds is over. We truly immersed in the Kimberley and the world of Billiluna. A most memorable and enjoyable week was had by all”. ~ Edward Bryant

“Thank you for taking us on that amazing and life changing trip, it was one of the best experiences I’ve had and I am so privileged to have experienced it, especially with the amazing group of people we went with! I’m excited for next year”. ~ Alicia Hanlon

Thank you to Mr John Swindells for the outstanding organisation of the study tour, and to Ms Janice Bell and Mr Edward Bryant for their excellent support. Congratulations to all students for being great ambassadors for us in the Kimberley.

**Inter School Chess**

On Wednesday, 22nd June six Irene McCormack students, Juan Marcelo, Devan Stokes, Alfie Norman, Jacob Hanigan, Alex Hardy and William Higo set off for Chess Association of Western Australia’s final round of the North Metropolitan Chess League against Ocean Reef Senior High School.

Our students overcame some worthy opponents to win the Division. Both House and Interschool Chess have been welcome additions to the extracurricular activities students may participate in at the College. Thank you to Juan Marcelo for participating in all three interschool Chess events held this year.

These events are made so much easier to organise when there are people ready, willing and able to participate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Lauren Ierace who transported a number of students. This allowed for a larger number of team participants. Thanks also to Miss Julie Lawson and Mr John Swindells who have both supported the students and me in their Chess endeavours.

Mr Edward Bryant  
Head of Library

**Year 12 ATAR Physics Course**

The senior students currently undertaking Physics were kept very busy this week on their latest assignment. Over a two-day period, they worked with lasers to determine the wavelength of red light. They also used a microwave kit to identify the wavelength of these short wavelength, electromagnetic radio waves.
The students used transparent media to investigate the refraction of visible light and determine the refractive index of a Perspex block, in order to calculate the speed at which light travels in this medium. The intensive range of activities gave the students access to equipment they normally would not have an opportunity to use. All the students responded well to the requirements of the penultimate assessment for this semester.

Mr Tony Summers  
Science Teacher

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

The Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will held on Wednesday, 27th July in the Paul Rafter Centre at the College commencing from 1.30pm through to 7.30pm for Years 7-12 students next term.

The Career Expo will take place on the same night from 1.30-5.30pm in the Paul Rafter Centre.

Students will have normal classes at the College until 12.55 pm and then can return home at the start of lunch. If your son or daughter needs to remain at school in the afternoon, the D1 classroom will be provided for students to do some quiet work. Access to PTO (Parent Teacher Online) for booking interviews will be available from Friday, 1st July. An instruction guide has been sent to parents and guardians via SEQTA to assist them to log on to PTO.
Your child’s current results for individual assessments are available on SErTA. Reports will be sent home during the last week of Term 2. If your son or daughter has an Interview requested on PTO then please select a time for the interview. It is an expectation that your son or daughter attends the interview if a booking is made. Students attending the interviews are expected to be in College uniform.

To access the bookings, go to: https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=bc9at

From Friday, 1st July, you will be able to press the Icon "Get Pin" by entering your email address. A logon and pin will then be sent to your email address.

If you are having any difficulties, please contact our IT Network Office at the College on 9562 2400.

Mr Andrew Donaldson
Dean of Year 8

Dance

July School Holidays Dance Workshop

For students involved in the Years 9, 10 or 11 Dance programs at the College this workshop is a fantastic opportunity to increase dance skills, especially if students are studying ATAR Dance or plan to study ATAR Dance in 2017. The workshop is running between the 4th and 8th July at a cost of $250 for the week. Please register at www.trybooking.com/KCDU.

The workshop focuses on contemporary dance sequences and teaching students to choreograph their own movement. The senior program includes a focus on increasing improvisation skills for creative development and will also assist with individual choreographic tasking, exam and audition practice.

Hurricanes: The IMCC Cheerleading Team Excursion to Fit2Cheer

On Monday, 20th June, the Hurricanes Cheerleading Team travelled to Fit to Cheer Gym in Lansdale to practice their competition routine on a sprung floor, similar to the floor that will be used at this Sunday’s Rock ‘n’ Cheer Competition. Everyone trained really hard and pushed themselves to their absolute limits during the training.

Thank you to Miss Harte, Miss Ierace and our amazing, hard working coach, Meg Rudman for organising this excursion to prepare everyone for Sunday’s competition.

Alysse Harris
Year 8, Hurricanes Team Member
Competition Information

The Hurricanes will be competing next weekend in their first Cheer competition of 2016. The team will be attending Cheer Unlimited Australia’s ‘Rock ‘n’ Cheer’ Competition and will compete against other schools with their Level 2 routine, choreographed by Cheer Aesthetics Coach, Meg Rudman.

*When*: Sunday, 26th June  
*Where*: HBF Arena (Joondalup)  
*Times*: Twisters at 10.00am, Hurricanes at 12.40pm *(Times are only approximate)*

Tickets may be purchased at the door or through ticketmaster:  

- Adults $20
- Concession $15
- Junior (5-12) $10
- Under 5 Free

2016 Cheer dates

- June 25th-26th: Competition: Rock ‘n’ Cheer
- September 17th-18th: Competition: Spring State Titles
- September 20th: Dance Night
- November: Stars ‘n’ Stripes Competition

**Miss Sinead Harte**  
**Dance Coordinator**

Year 9 Outdoor Education

The Autumn term has seen Year 9 OED students learning mountain biking skills. They have developed technical skills, safety, maintenance and interpersonal skills. The students will put their newly acquired skills into practice in Term 4 when they take part in the Year 9 Camino Camp.

Next term will see students take part in archery lessons, learn navigation skills and continued to develop valuable communication, leadership and problem solving skills.
Physical Education

Term 2 has seen the students from Years 7-9 learning and practising athletics events. Student will soon put their skill acquisitions into competition next term when they take part in the Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

Next semester students will be making full use of the new Paul Rafter Centre, developing skills in volleyball and badminton. Students are reminded that they will need to come to lessons prepared with their sports uniform, non-marking sports shoes and water bottles. Please no casual sneakers or high tops.

Mr Neil Bright
Head of Physical Education & Outdoor Education

Rugby State School Boys

Year 11 students Tiago Valentim and Victor Harris have been named in the Western Force School Boys team. The National Championships will be held at St Ignatius College in Sydney from July 3rd-9th.

Congratulations to both boys on their selection and we wish them a successful championships.

Mr Devin Martin
Head of Sport

Uniform Shop

Orders for 2017 stock are now being processed. If you have any concerns regarding the sizing of any uniform item or require a special order to be made, please contact the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to ensure orders are received in time. Special orders require 8-9 weeks to be completed.

All students are required to wear full winter uniform on Day 1 of Term 3. Please purchase any required items before the end of term. The Uniform Shop will not be open during the July school holidays.

Scarves, tights and track pants are available for the winter months. Shower jackets are available for travelling to and from school. Track jackets from size 14Y to medium are currently not available.
Sport socks are now in stock. Cheer leading shirts are now available for purchase. There are limited sizes of the girls AFL Academy playing shirts available. Please visit the Uniform Shop to collect orders.

Good quality track pants in child’s size 8 youth and 10 youth (without the school logo) are for sale at a bargain $20 each.

The last trading day of Term 2 is Thursday, 30th June from 8.00am-11.00am. The Uniform Shop will reopen on Thursday, 21st of July at 8.00am-11.00am.

**Shop Trading Hours**
Tuesday  Noon-4.00pm  
Thursday  8.00am-11.00am

On Tuesdays the Uniform Shop is open during lunch and on Thursdays during recess, enabling students to make purchases themselves.

Mrs Lyn Waite  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

**Community News**

Seasons For Growth. An adult grief and loss program to help people cope with death, separation, divorce, any loss. Wednesday 20th & 27th July, and 3rd & 10th August at Mater Dei College, 7.00-9.30pm. Only six participants in each program. Contact Sr Margaret Kane rsj as soon as possible 9440 3914 email margk2@bigpond.net.au

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Mr Robert Marshall  
Principal