Happy Easter

I wish all members of the Irene McCormack Catholic College community a very Happy Easter. I encourage you to take time to reflect on the message we learn from Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. A message that for whatever our circumstance is in life, we can renew our focus and outlook, and like Irene McCormack to assist others to seek a brighter future.

As Easter occurs in term time this year, students return to classes next week on Wednesday, 30th March.

Stations of the Cross

On Tuesday, 22nd March the Year 7 students and staff led the College through the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations or “Way of the Cross” is a 15 step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on earth as a man. The 15 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited then the individual moves to the next station until all 15 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are displayed on the College lawn. The images are changed daily indicating how different sections of the community respond to what Jesus experienced on Good Friday.

Thank you to Mr Kevin O’Brien, Head of Religious Education and our Year 7 students for a reverent and reflective portrayal of the Stations of the Cross.

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Open Day

College staff have been busy with preparations for the Open Day on Tuesday, 5th April.

There are still places available on the guided tours at 9.00am and 1.30pm. Bookings are essential. To book please contact 9562 2400 or email admin@imcc.wa.edu.au.

The Open Day presents an excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to experience the College during a School Day.

2017 Year 7 Scholarship & Bursaries

Applications are invited for the Year 7 2017 Scholarship and Bursaries as detailed.

Applications close on Friday, 8th April, 2016.

2016 College Board

At the College Annual General Meeting on Monday, 21st March we had the election of Board Members.

Mrs Michelle Russell was newly elected for her first term of two years on the Board. Mr Chris Erikson and Mr Pat Welch were re-elected for their third term of two years. Mrs Andrea Platts and Mr Wilfredo Hugo are the other elected Board members. Fr Robert Carrillo as Parish Priest; Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Wanneroo who is a seconded member; Mr Andrew Mawby, College Business Manager and Mrs Kim Boscarino as Executive Secretary also have roles on the Board.

We thank all Board Members for their generosity in serving the College, particularly for the overseeing of College finances and Capital Development.
At the meeting appreciation was accorded to retiring Board member Mr Miles Wood for the three years of excellent service he gave to our Board.

Visit by Friends of Sr Irene McCormack

On Tuesday, 15th March we were blessed to receive a visit from Peruvian friends of Sr Irene McCormack, Mr Angel Llanco and Mrs Carmen Albornoz. Angel and Carmen were accompanied by Mr John McCormack (Sr Irene’s brother) and Sr Katrina van Ruth who currently lives in Peru and who acted as interpreter.

It was a wonderful privilege to hear firsthand accounts of Irene’s life and the positive impact she had on all around her, as well as the impact on the political situation in Peru as a result of her assassination.

Blessing of the Roads

As representatives of the school, we attended the City of Wanneroo Blessing of the Roads ceremony with Mr Billingsley. It is an event which promotes the message of road safety whilst recognising the efforts of those who ensure it is maintained.

Road safety affects everyone and crucially, most accidents on the road are avoidable. The message of road safety is important to everyone, as the consequences affect all those around us. Hearing the experiences first hand from those who see the damage caused by motor vehicles truly gave us an insight into the tragedy and sorrow caused by the influence of alcohol and drugs, and negligence behind the wheel.

White crosses were placed by the road in memory of those who have been lost and a severely damaged car was there to remind us all to Drive safe and Arrive safe.

Jeremiah Ayalde, Head Boy and Lauren Axiak, Head Girl
Installation of Children’s Crossings on Marmion Avenue and Connolly Drive

Irene McCormack Catholic College together with Brighton Catholic Primary School and Butler College, have been working closely with the City of Wanneroo to improve pedestrian safety for students walking and cycling to and from school. This collaboration has resulted in the installation of a crossing point on Connolly Drive and the impending installation of a guard controlled crossing point on Marmion Avenue to assist students crossing these busy roads.

Students are encouraged to use the crossing points and not cross Marmion Avenue or Connolly Drive at any other point.

At present the City of Wanneroo is unable to place a traffic warden on the new crossing on Marmion Ave near Lukin Drive due to staff shortages in the area, in particular, and also owing to a Public Sector “freeze” in advertising and hiring. Students need to be vigilant when crossing without a warden.

Below are a few tips for parents and students when using the crossing points:

**Motorists and Guard Controlled Children’s Crossings**

When driving around schools, motorists need to be aware of children’s crossing locations. When the orange Children Crossing flags are displayed, the crossing is in operation, and all drivers should be prepared to stop. Here are a few rules to adhere to:

- Look out for the advanced warning Children Crossing signs and flags.
- When you see the warden entering the road, you must prepare to stop your vehicle at the stop line just before the crossing.
- Remain stationary until all pedestrians and the warden are safely on the kerb or median.
- Do not overtake any other vehicle stopped at a Guard Controlled Children’s Crossing.

**Crossing at a Guard Controlled Children’s Crossing**

The following are some simple steps to ensure you and your children use guard controlled children’s crossings safely.

- When approaching a Guard Controlled Children’s Crossing, step back from the edge of the kerb.
- Wait for the attendant to blow the whistle for you to cross.
- Keep your eyes on the traffic and warden whilst crossing.
- If you are on a bike, skateboard or scooter get off the vehicle and wheel/carry it across the road.

Thank you for helping our schools and the City of Wanneroo improve the safety of students around the schools.
Debate Club Round 1

After a great deal of interest in Irene McCormack Catholic College’s Debate Club, our Novice Team this year consists of five enthusiastic Year 7 girls: Jorja Salt, Milly Howlett, Alyssa Jones, Niamh Clarke and Ella Lemson.

The debating competition is a state wide competition run by the Western Australian Debating League (WADL) and includes many other secondary schools, including St Stephen’s Duncraig, Sacred Heart College, Butler College and Wanneroo Senior High. All debates take place on Tuesday evenings at St Stephen’s in Duncraig, with our first debate taking place in Week 7, on 15th March. The motion for Round 1 was “that we should ban coal exports” and Irene McCormack Catholic College was the affirmative team, debating against St Stephen’s. The girls thoroughly researched the issue, diligently prepared their four minute speeches and considered some possible rebuttals for the opposition. Jorja, Alyssa and Milly were our three speakers in Round 1 and they all did a fantastic job. It was a very close debate, but St Stephen’s were awarded the win by a narrow margin of only three points.

It was a great learning experience as the girls came away with many pointers on how to improve their public speaking skills and to structure their speeches. Our next debate is in Week 10, and we will be debating the motion that “Australia should have compulsory military service.” This time we are the negative team, disagreeing with the motion and I wish the team good luck as they make their preparations.

Mrs Simone Albert
Debate Club Coordinator

Sounds at Sunset

In the next few weeks, musicians and dancers will be polishing their performances for the upcoming Sounds at Sunset Concert. The event will be held in the College Undercroft on Thursday, 7th April in Week 10.

The night will consist of multiple music acts including DJ’s, solos, Rock Bands, and Swing, Jazz and Percussion Ensembles and many more. The evening will also feature Dance performances by students in various year groups. Tickets are $2 and can be purchased either from the Music Office. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase on the night, as well as a sausage sizzle.

I hope to see as many people come down and join in on the night’s entertainment and have a great time.

Reagan Whiting
Music Captain
Wonderland

The whole College community was treated to an outstanding preview performance taken from Wonderland at an assembly on Tuesday, 15th April. Students and staff were very impressed with the exceptional talent and professional delivery of one of the Production’s popular numbers entitled Checkmate.

Rehearsals are in full swing in preparation for the Irene McCormack Catholic College Production, Wonderland. Everyone’s dedication has been superb in the build-up of what will be a spectacular and entertaining event.

Teachers and students are currently at the stage of combining all the areas of the Production and their tireless efforts are to be commended. Despite their heavy workloads, the students have attended the regular rehearsals before and after school, under the excellent guidance of Miss Malam, Miss Christie, Miss Brankstone, Miss Harte and Mrs Mc Ginley, who have taken a significant amount of their own time to ensure everyone is adequately prepared.

Each role is as significant as the other and I am proud to say that I’m looking forward to a successful Production, knowing that all our hard work and commitment will reap the rewards on the performance nights. Make sure you secure your Wonderland Tickets, not only come to watch a magnificent display, but to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of every individual involved.

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.

Ryan Collinson
Music Captain
Dance
Professional Dance Artist, Daisy Sanders (WAAPA Graduate) Visit

On Monday, 21st March and Tuesday, 22nd March, , Perth based professional dance artists Miss Daisy Sanders, Mr Dominique Mall and Miss Tanya Brown visited our College to lead two dance workshops with the Year 10 and 11 Dance Class.

Miss Sanders, a WAAPA Dance Graduate, is developing a dance theatre work called ‘Choice Velocity’ (sponsored by Drug Aware), which explored the idea that the ‘human race is a non-stop race.’ Daisy is in her first development of the work which will hopefully be extended on and performed for audiences in the future.

Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Teacher

Library News

On Thursday, 17th March Irene McCormack Catholic College Chess Team commenced the Inter School Chess competition, pitting their moves against Ocean Reef Senior High School.

The students in the Chess Team are Juan Marcelo, Taylor Ellis, Ryan Delaney and Zane Westaway, with Devan Stokes supporting the team. The matches began with Juan defeating his opponent in a very efficient manner giving our team an early lead. A very intense battle followed between Taylor, Ryan, Zane and their opponents.
The second and third matches were evenly split leading to the showdown between Taylor and her opponent. Taylor had the upper hand and forced a stalemate. With the game tied IMCC overcame strong opposition to win 2½ to 1½.

The Inter House Chess Tournament concluded this week with Devan Stokes defeating Jay Hudson in a tight battle ending when Devan was able to corner the King. It was a very enjoyable tournament played with great sportsmanship and we look forward to the House Chess in Term 2.

The Western Australian Young Reader’s Book Awards begins late this term. Books chosen by students for students, details will follow. Every student will have the opportunity to participate.

Mr Edward Bryant  
Head of Library

College Photos

The College Photos for Years 7 to 12 students will take place at the College on Friday, 6th May in Term 2 by Fotoworks. Care Group photos will be taken in the Library and individual photos will be taken in the Drama Room.

Students are reminded to wear their full winter uniform with blazer and tights for girls. Please ensure that both uniform and hair are neat and tidy as per the College Uniform Policy on Page 10 of the Student Planner.

There will be no practical Physical Education lessons on this day. The student photo schedule will be advertised near the date.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College if you have any queries.

Mr Andrew Donaldson  
Dean of Year 8

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority is an independent statutory authority that is responsible to the Western Australian Minister for Education. Often referred to in discussions with parents, the Authority is responsible for:

- Setting standards of student achievement and for the assessment and certification of student achievement according to those standards.
- Developing an outline of curriculum and assessment in schools that, taking account of the needs of students, sets out the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to acquire and guidelines for the assessment of student achievement.
- Developing and accrediting courses for schools.
- Maintaining a database of information relating to:
  - The participation by students during their school years in education, training or employment as provided by the School Education Act.
  - The achievement of students during those years.
  - Records of assessment in respect to students.

Parents are invited to visit the website http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/ to further explore information about courses in Years 7-12.

Should you have any questions, kindly contact Ms Bonfiglio, Deputy Principal.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio  
Deputy Principal
The College Swim Team has been training hard since the beginning of the term in the lead up to the ACC Swimming ‘E’ Division Carnival which was held on Thursday, 17th March at the HBF Arena in Mt Claremont. Our team was coached by former student and national swimmer, Miss Chante Du Randt, who did a fantastic job in preparing our students for the Carnival.

IMCC finished in 2nd place overall, only 17 points behind 1st place, which is a tremendous effort. We were led proudly by our Swim Captains Aidan Lemson and Kaitlyn Gorham throughout the day. We also had several outstanding performances on the day with the following students winning Champion Boy/Girl for their age group:
Year 7 Boys Champion – Riley Loller.
Year 9 Girls Champion – Tatiana Valentim.
Year 10 Boys Champion – Brodie Loller.

All individual results and overall aggregate points be found at http://www.accsport.asn.au/system/files/sportstrak/swimming/2016/swime/page1.htm

Congratulations to all our swimmers on a great effort at training and also at the Carnival.

Year 7 Lightning Carnival

Our Year 7 students will be participating in a one-day Lightning Carnival event to be held on Friday, 1st April. The Lightning Carnival is a non-competitive sporting day where students participate in a round-robin fixture in a sport of their choice. The students are in the process of nominating which sport that they would like to participate in on the day and I am sure that the students will represent the College with pride, and also a sense of enthusiasm and excitement.

The venues for the sports on offer are:
Soccer – Irene McCormack Catholic College.
Volleyball – St Mark's Anglican College.
Basketball – Peter Moyes Anglican College.
Cricket – Kingsway Cricket Oval.
Touch Rugby – HBF Arena Rugby Oval*

*NB – This venue has changed to the HBF Arena which is different to what was stated on the original information letter which all Year 7 students received.

We hope our Year 7 students have a fun-filled day and wish them the best of luck.
Inter House Cross Country Carnival

The Inter House Cross Country Carnival is a self-nominated event where students compete in a 4km running race at Lake Joondalup. This year’s Carnival will be held on Thursday, 31st March for our Year 7-11 students. Year 12 students will compete in a one off Carnival early next term due to the Year 12 Retreat being in Week 9.

We look forward to seeing many students sign up for the race in what will be a tight tussle for valuable House points.

Mr Devin Martin
Head of Sport

Career Events

School Holiday Tech Events for Kids (8-15 years old)
TechCamps4Kids http://www.techcamps4kids.com/ and BuddyVerse https://buddyverse.com/camps offer day events, usually 9.30-4.00pm, held in various locations around Perth. From Minecraft to Game Design, including events just for girls. Awesome Project-Based mobile technology camps allowing students to explore their passions. For more information go to the website TechCamps4Kids. For a discount type in Easter40 to receive $40 off any TechCamps4Kids program (does not include Buddyverse Minecraft Camps).

Technology Students (Years 9-12)
Register now for the Big Day In @ Perth Town Hall www.thebigdayin.com.au. Tickets sell out early each year to this popular event on Wednesday, 15th June. Contact kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au or 02 8296 4444.

Last chance to register for ‘A Day in the Life of a University Student’
Year 11 and 12 students can test run being a university student for a day at Murdoch University on 21st April. For more details and to register, visit: http://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au/event/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-murdoch-university-student/

Edith Cowan University Campus Tours
Campus tours are an opportunity to visit the grounds and campus. Tours during the break are open to the general public and students.
Joondalup - Wednesday, 13th April 11.00am-12.00pm.
Mount Lawley - Tuesday, 19th April 11.00am-2.00pm.
Register for these events at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=Trk%2fGgvjOVeMxzqAoK FYQA%3d%3d

Ms Chris Tonkin
Career Counsellor

Uniform Shop

The College blazers have arrived. Blazers are compulsory for all students in Terms 2 and 3. Winter uniform is to be worn at the start of Term 2 for all students. Please collect blazers and purchase winter uniform items before the end of term.

Winter uniform consists of:
Boys - trousers, plain black school belt, tie, dark grey socks and summer white short-sleeved shirt.
Girls - skirt, white short-sleeved shirt, tie and summer socks or tights.

Girls must wear tights with the winter uniform on all formal occasions.
You may purchase jumpers, scarves, tights or a shower jacket from the Uniform Shop. Only jumpers (not sport jackets) may be worn with the winter uniform if cold. Tights are $9 and scarves are $15.

The Uniform Shop will be open late on the following nights for blazer collection and for winter items:

**Extended Trading (in addition to our normal trading hours)**
- Thursday, 31st March 2.00pm to 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 5th April 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Thursday, 7th April 11.00am to 1.30pm (last day of trading for the term)

**Term trading hours are:**
- Tuesday  noon-4.00pm
- Thursday  8.00am-11.00am

**Holiday Trading**
- Tuesday, 19th April  8.30-3.30pm
- Thursday, 21st April 8.30-3.30pm

Please note the Uniform Shop will not be open on Easter Tuesday, 29th March.

**Mrs Lyn Waite**
**Uniform Shop Coordinator**

**Community News**

Hillarys Yacht Club School Holiday Programs April 2016. Starting Sailing, Tackers Sailing and Junior Fishing Clinic. For further information contact Mel on 9246 2833, www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au or development@hillarysyachtclub.com.au

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal