Welcome back to Term 3.

I hope that you all had the opportunity to celebrate the school holidays with an array of family activities.

I welcome back those students and staff members who attended the College Ski Trip in Thredbo. A great time was had and life-long memories were created. I extend a warm thank you to Miss Karolina Lewy, Mrs Lauren Gillespie, Mr Neil Bright, Mr Peter Boylen and Mr Peter Dymnicki for their committed efforts and time on tour.

The start of the term allows students to reset their goals with a view to enhancing their learning. I hope that students have taken the opportunity to reflect on their Semester One performance during the holidays and have returned with renewed energy to continue to build upon their academic progress.

Making learning their core business is a key to success for students. There are many different distractions for students in today’s modern world, but maintaining a consistent focus on their studies and seeking help from teachers when they discover gaps in their learning are core ingredients for improving performance. I ask that parents and students monitor their own performance via ‘Coneqt S’ and or ‘Coneqt P’. Should parents require more information about ‘Coneqt P’, they may wish to contact the College on (08) 9562 2400.

**Bishops’ Literacy Test**

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) during the week commencing Monday 27th July (Term 3, Week 2). Students enrolled in Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate.

The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment is a large-scale, standardised assessment program. The tests are developed and marked by the Catholic Education of Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the CEWA for students in Year 9. The BRLA provides a “point in time” snapshot of student performance in Religious Education. Students’ knowledge and understanding of the content of the Religious Education curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students’ faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school assessments programs in Religious Education.

### Parish Weekend Mass Times

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**Parent Teacher Interview**
Our upcoming Year 7-12 Parent Teacher Interview Day scheduled for Wednesday 29th July 2015 provides parents with the important opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the progress of their sons and daughters. We strongly encourage parents to attend their allocated appointment time between 1.30pm - 7.30pm to meet with respective teachers, particularly if they have been requested to do so by teaching staff via the Semester One Reports.

**Course Selection**
In the coming weeks, students in Years 7-9 will be distributed with Curriculum Handbooks and Course Selection sheets for the purpose of selecting Non-compulsory Courses in 2016. This is a wonderful time for parents and students to converse about areas of interest or passion that they would like to develop through the many and varied learning opportunities at the College.

Similarly, by now many of the Year 10 students and their parents would have made their interview times with their allocated Course Counsellor to finalise the selection of Year 11 Courses for 2016. In addition, current Year 11 students are expected to complete their Course Selection forms by August 14, 2015.

**Athletics Carnival**
On Friday 31st July 2015, all students at the College will partake in the Athletics Carnival. A compulsory school day, students are encouraged to perform at their best and earn points for their respective Houses. Students may wish to purchase food from the Irene McCormack Parents and Friends Group who will coordinate a sausage sizzle or from the College Canteen where an array of food and drink will be available.

**St George’s Exhibition**
We would like to congratulate Ola Stoppa, Tara Browne and Jade Larkman for their artwork displayed at the St George’s Exhibition at St George’s Cathedral in the City. A reflection of the gifts and talents of these students, the artwork truly captures the spirit of creativity.

**Centres for Excellence in Language Grant**
Irene McCormack Catholic College has been awarded a Catholic Education Office of Western Australia (CEO) Centres for Excellence in Language Grant of $23 000.

This grant is a great boost to the French language program which commenced in Years 7 and 8 this year and will be extended to Year 9 in 2016. Ms Cat Harrison, Languages Coordinator, is developing a program with the aim of offering French as a Year 11 and 12 ATAR Course in the future.

The aim of the grant program is to significantly increase the number of Australian students becoming proficient at learning the languages and understanding the cultures of other nations. This is in line with the Australian Curriculum’s General Capability of Intercultural Understanding. The Catholic Education of WA, through the Centres for Excellence in Languages Grant, is promoting initiatives within schools so that students, staff and the wider school community will see the importance of Languages learning. This is an endeavour to engage and motivate students to continue their Languages studies.

We congratulate and thank Ms Harrison for her excellent work and initiative to achieve this significant honour for our College.
2015 Ski Trip
What an amazing trip! 45 Year 11 students ventured to Thredbo during the school holidays for five full days of skiing. The road leading to the village was lined with snow-topped trees, creating a winter wonderland which made everyone very excited about the days ahead.

With the assistance of lessons, students became more confident with skiing and snowboarding and had many hours to put their newly learnt skills into practice. The ‘Cruiser’ area was popular with students with a range of different runs to cater for students’ different abilities. Those brave enough conquered the Kosciuszko chairlift, which lead to the top of longest run on the mountain, just shy of 5km.

For many students, it was their first time seeing snow and there was plenty of snow on the trip with over one meter falling over the week. This made for a very soft landing for our beginners. It was a great opportunity for students to learn new skills, expose themselves to a different environment and enjoy each other’s company.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the trip, especially the staff who gave up their holidays to join the students – Mr Peter Dymnicki, Mr Peter Boylen, Mr Neil Bright and Mrs Lauren Gillespie. Already looking forward to the next Ski Trip!

Miss Karolina Lewy
Ski Trip Coordinator

Languages Week

Week 2 of this term will be the College’s first LANGUAGES WEEK! To celebrate, the canteen is offering a special international menu on Monday and Tuesday of Week 2, and French students will have an incursion about travelling in France on Tuesday, 28th July period 3 in the Library.

An Education Perfect Competition has been created for French. Year 7 students (and Year 8 French students) are encouraged to participate. There will be prizes for the top three students. First, second and third prizes will be $30, $20 and $10 iTunes vouchers respectively.

In addition, all Year 7 and 8 French students are welcome to compete at lunchtime in S5 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of Week 2. Students may bring their lunch and laptop.
Canteen Menu Poster Competition

The Languages Week Canteen Menu Poster Competition winner is Georgia Ridley 7GB. Well done Georgia!!! Georgia will receive a prize of a canteen voucher.

Ms Cat Harrison
Language Coordinator

Year 9 Dance Excursion

On the last day of Term 3, 56 Year 9 students travelled to East Butler Primary School to take part in their "iBelong day", a commemoration of NAIDOC and Harmony Day.

The Year 9 students performed a total of six times during the course of the day and also ran cheerleading workshops with small groups of children. During these workshops, the students taught stunts, short movement sequences and tumbles to the younger children.

All students were extremely patient, kind and enthusiastic when teaching the younger students.

2016 Production: Wonderland

Dance auditions for the 2016 Production Wonderland are being held in Weeks 2 and 3 of this term. Students who would like to be involved in the Production (regardless of skill or talent) are encouraged to attend in the Dance Room on Thursday, 30th July at 7.15am.

Audition Process (Dance Room):
Learn the routine: Week 2, Thursday, 30th July, 7.15am – 8.15am
Auditions: Week 3, Wednesday, 5th August, 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Requirements:

Students must:
- Be available Monday mornings from 7.15am – 8.15am and Wednesday afternoons from 3.15pm – 5.00pm every week until May 2016.
- Be willing to sing in a group.
- During the audition, perform the nominated dance as required and sing the song excerpt in a group of three.
- Collect an audition time during the Monday morning time slot.
2015 Dance Performances

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Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Coordinator

Indigenous Science Camp

During the school holidays, Year 10 student, Tyra Hayward, was selected to participate in the Indigenous Science Camp run by the School of Indigenous Studies at UWA. Tyra boarded at UWA from Monday to Friday where she had the opportunity to meet other Indigenous students who have a similar interest in Science and Sport.

The program introduced the students to a variety of science-based subjects, such as Dentistry, Crazy Science, Physics and Sports Science. During this experience, Tyra has proven herself to be a well-rounded young lady and a credit to herself and the College. She has shown enthusiasm and great interest in the variety of pathways for further studies when she leaves the College. We are very proud of Tyra.

Mrs Fiona Monger
10 Golding B Care Teacher

Interhouse Athletics Carnival 2015

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 31st July on the College oval. The Carnival is a compulsory, whole school occasion where students have the opportunity to compete in various track and field events to earn points for their House. It is designed for maximum participation from all students.
There will also be pre-carnival events in the lead up to Carnival day. These include: 1500m, 800m, Javelin and Discus. Students will have had the opportunity to sign up for these events in the first week of term.

These events will take place on:

- **1500m**  Monday 27th July  7:45am start
- **800m**  Tuesday 28th July  7:45am start
- **Javelin & Discus**  Thursday 30th July  8:10am-9:10am

Students who are aiming for Champion boy and girl in their respective age group should be competing in the pre-carnival events.

The Carnival events will consist of 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump, shot put, 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 at approximately 2:30pm.

Students must 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.

Given the construction of the new gymnasium, parents are asked to find parking at the front of the College or along McCormack Boulevard.

Mr Devin Martin  
Head of Sport

**Career Expo at IMCC**

The Career Expo is open to all students in Years 7-12. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend our Career Expo next Wednesday 29th July, 3pm - 7pm. Parents and family are also encouraged to attend, particularly if you are considering a career change.

Parents and students are invited to attend the.....

**IMCC CAREER EXPO**

**When:** Wednesday 29th July, 3pm-7pm.

**Where:** IMCC Library

**Why:** Come and speak to representatives from the universities, training organisations and industry about occupations, subject selection, post school pathways, apprenticeships or a change in career direction.

Please refer to the July Vocational Education Newsletter for details of all the other career events taking place in the next few weeks.

Ms Chris Tonkin  
Career Counsellor
St Andrew’s Parish News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
A Journey in Faith

Are you considering becoming a Catholic or do you know of someone who wishes to join the Catholic Church?
Are you baptised and would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation?
Or you just want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
For further information please contact Fr. Robert or Rainer: 9407 7512 or Gail Finch: 0417723048 or gfinch2011@hotmail.com

Entertainment Book
The Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership is available for $65. It is packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers which can be used up until 1st June 2016.

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Thank you for your support!

Community News

Seasons For Growth. An Adult grief and loss programme to help people cope with death, separation, divorce, any loss in our lives. Commencing 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th August 7.00pm - 9.30pm for four Wednesdays at Mater Dei College, Edgewater. Enquiries Sr Margaret Kane rsj 94403914 email margk2@bigpond.net.au

City of Wanneroo Lego Workshops 4-12 Year Olds only.
Sunday, 2nd August, 10.30am & 11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm at Wanneroo Library.
Prior bookings essential. Contact 9405 5920

Water Corporation Snap a Waterwise Photo Competition.
Can you express your thoughts through the eye of a lens? Students are invited to take a photo that depicts the importance of water and its impact on our future.
Open to all Western Australian schools Years K-12. Entries must be received by 5pm, Friday 25th September 2015.

Headspace Osborne Park, Free Parent Workshop ‘Tuning In To Teens’.
A six session parenting program for parents of teens aged 10-16 years.
August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st and 8th.
Registrations essential. Contact Tiffany Dowling 92075301.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Acting Principal