Helen Keller – author, political activist and lecturer was the first deaf blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was often quoted as saying “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”. The teamwork between parents, students and teachers is a pillar of strength at Irene McCormack Catholic College.

Parent Teacher Interview
It was wonderful to meet so many parents who took the opportunity to speak to their children’s teachers at the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Working in partnership with parents to achieve the best education outcomes for their children is a privilege and a commitment that we as staff embrace at the College. I thank Mr John Power who coordinated the event.

Career Expo
The Career Expo was a resounding success. Parents and students were able to discuss career pathways and options with representatives from all of the universities, a range of Training Providers, Industry organisations and the Defence Force. In particular, Year 7, 8 and 9 students were able to explore occupations and what university, training and apprenticeships are all about, whilst Year 10 and 11 students were able to ask specific questions and get information on courses, backup options and alternate entry to university. Year 12 students were able to confirm their Post School Pathway by prioritising their six course options for their university TISC application or four course TAFE application.

A warm ‘thank you’ is extended to Ms Chris Tonkin with the support of Mrs Erin Gallen who organised an exceptional Career Expo, and to the relevant representatives from the universities and the various Training Providers and organisations who offered welcomed advice and guidance.

Catholic Performing Arts
The Catholic Performing Arts Festival (CPAF) is an annual event highlighting the creative and performance talents of thousands of Western Australian Catholic School students. Its purpose is ‘to help the students of Catholic Schools and Colleges experience the spirit and tradition of the performing arts, and aims to provide students with specific performance platforms where they have the unique opportunity to give of their very best and perform to public audience.’

Irene McCormack Catholic College has many individuals and groups performing at the Festival this year. We have a committed team of staff and students who have engaged in extensive preparation.

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Congratulations to the following individuals for their performances:

**Flute Ensemble:** Jasmine Back, Harrison Cook, Miranda Haselden-Wood, Diron Lau, Lydia Temple, Tea Truran.

**Vocal Solos:** Naomi Capon, Finan Ghebrehiwot, Firuz Ghebrehiwot, Bianca Gimondo, Harrison Hill, Sian Hodgins, Callie Hughes, Anthea Humble, Elizabeth Rowston, Leah Stewart, Stephanie Stockbauer, Shannon Thompson.

**Drama Groups:** Anissa Abdennebi, Jaz Baker, Jordy Cook, Sera Hanigan, Ewen McCabe, Logan Mackay, Bridget Mueni, Jessica Wilkinson.

**Athletics Carnival notification and calendar**
Due to predicted inclement weather, the Athletics Carnival has now been moved to Friday, 14th August 2015. In addition, there have been some minor changes made to the College Calendar for this term. These can be viewed on the College Website under ‘News and Events’.

**Ordination of Deacon Jeffey**
This weekend sees the ordination of eight Deacons, one of whom is our very own Deacon Jeffey L Casabuena from St Andrew’s Parish in Clarkson. This will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Victoria Square on Saturday, 1st August 2015. On Sunday, 2nd August 2015 at 9.00am, Fr Deacon Jeffey will say mass at St Andrew’s Church, Clarkson at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Census 7 August 2015**
The Australian Government Department of Education (AGDOE) Census will be conducted on Friday 7 August 2015. The Census provides data for annual school funding calculations under the Australian Education Act 2013 (the Act) and fulfils an important Departmental responsibility to collect student and staff data from all non-government schools, for both funded and non-funded students, for annual national and international reporting purposes.

**Gymnasium**
Groundwork for the Gymnasium, including preliminary plumbing and electrical work, is now close to completion. Construction of the steelwork is expected to commence in August.

**Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research**
On Monday, 27th July the Year 11 ATAR Human Biology students visited the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. The purpose of the excursion was to allow the students to see the practical applications of the course content in the area of medical research and its importance in finding possible treatments for a range of diseases such as cancer, and eye and blood disorders.

The day was divided into two sessions. The first session was to investigate the multi-potency of stem cells located in the bone marrow and to see how these cells become specialised for their function in the human body. Students also discussed the benefits of these cells in the body, the ethical considerations of using such cells and how current research is helping to produce new therapies for medical treatment.
In the second session, the students were invited into a laboratory where they worked closely with four of Perth’s most enthusiastic and highly qualified research scientists to extract stem cells from samples donated to the Institute. The students were fortunate to be able to use laboratory techniques and equipment.

It was an enjoyable day and the students represented the College exceptionally. A big thank you to Mr Julian Gugenheim and Miss Natalie Kirtin for the organisation and support on the day.

Mrs Nicole Pearce
Year 11 Human Biology Teacher

Languages Week

Our first Languages Week was a great success! Staff enjoyed a French morning tea while Year 8 French students had a profiterole before starting the Language Perfect Competition. Year 7 French students competed in class while listening to French radio.

Well done to the Year 8 French class who, on Wednesday, had already reached a score of over 1000 points! Bravo!! The top three winners will be announced in next week’s Newsletter.

Ms Cat Harrison
Language Coordinator

Music News

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival was officially opened on Friday, 24th July at Infant Jesus Parish, Morley. Irene McCormack Catholic College was represented by four of our Year 11 Music students, Lauren Axiak, Sean Butler, Harrison Hill and Tyler Walsh.
The Festival plays a very important role in the Performing Arts Department as it showcases the many talents of our dance, drama and music students to a state-wide audience. Dr Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education WA, opened the Festival acknowledging the significance of such an event in our community.

To date we have had three events. Flute Ensemble, Vocal Solos and Drama groups. All performances were of an extremely high standard and each student should be commended on their professionalism and enthusiasm to what can often be a very daunting experience.

Performances run until 2nd September, so there is plenty of time to support the students and watch an event!

Catholic Performing Arts Festival Dates:

- **Tuesday, 4th August**: Brass Ensemble and Rock Bands
- **Thursday, 6th August**: Percussion Ensemble
- **Monday, 10th August**: Drum Solos
- **Wednesday, 12th August**: Acoustic Guitar Solos
- **Thursday, 13th August**: Swing Band and Jazz Ensemble
- **Friday, 14th August**: Electric Guitar Solos
- **Monday, 17th August**: Dance Teams
- **Monday, 24th August**: Brass and Woodwind Solos
- **Tuesday, 25th August**: 2108 Singers and Barbershop
- **Wednesday, 26th August**: Drama Solos
- **Tuesday, 1st September**: Piano Solos
- **Wednesday, 2nd September**: Piano Solos

**Production 2016**

**Wonderland**

The College Production of Wonderland is officially underway! Auditions were held on Wednesday and Friday of Week 1. The talent presented was outstanding and all students should be highly commended on the way they approached the audition process.

It is with great pleasure that we can now announce the official cast of Wonderland 2016.

- **Alice**: Sophie Wilkinson
- **Red Queen**: Kyrah Victoriën
- **White Queen**: Jessica Wilkinson
- **White King**: Logan Mackay
- **Humpty Dumpty**: Jeremiah Ayalde
- **Troubadour**: Stephanie Stockbauer
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Rehearsals will commence in Week 3. It is very important for students to check their rehearsal schedule and are prepared for each and every time required. All rehearsals are compulsory. The Production dancers will be announced shortly.

Thank you to all students who auditioned and to the cast, congratulations!

Miss Kylie Malam  
Head of Performing Arts

St George’s Art Exhibition
On Thursday, 23rd July, three Year 12 Stage 3 Visual Arts students displayed their artwork at the annual St George’s Art Exhibition held at St George’s Cathedral in the city. Ola Stoppa, Tara Browne and Jade Larkman researched concepts connected to the female identity and explored this in the etching works they produced.

All three students should be immensely proud of their efforts and achievements.

Mrs Amy Richardson
Head of Visual Arts

Vietnam Cultural Immersion Tour 2016

The Parent Information Evening for the proposed 2016 Vietnam Tour will be held next week on Tuesday, 4th August at 6.00pm in the College Library. This will provide parents and students with the opportunity to gather information about the proposed itinerary and cost of the tour.

Miss Mery Babic
Vietnam Tour Coordinator

Soccer Academies’ Success

Many College soccer teams made it through to CAS finals last term, and four of our teams will now compete in the Champion Schools Soccer Competition during Term 3, this year. This competition consists of the best 32 teams in the state for each of the respective age groups. Irene McCormack Catholic College is proud to have Soccer Academy teams in all four of the divisions.

The Junior Girls (Years 7-9) play at home against Butler College on Tuesday, August 4th (3.30pm kick off).
The Senior Girls (Years 10-12) play away at Balga SHS on Wednesday, August 5th (4.00pm kick off).
The Junior Boys (Years 7 & 8) play away on Monday, August 3rd against Morley SHS (4.00pm kick off).
The Intermediate Boys (Years 9 & 10) play at home against Quinns Baptist College on Monday, August 3rd (4.00pm kick off).

Congratulations to all our players on their successes in Term 2 and we wish them all the best of luck in their fixtures for Term 3. Parental support is always welcome at our games.

Mr Damian Stefanoff
Soccer Academy Director

Outdoor Fitness Sessions

McRae Fitness and Irene McCormack Catholic College have joined forces this term to offer students in Years 9 - 12 free outdoor fitness sessions. During these sessions, students will engage in a range of body weight exercises, cardio, boxing, and team building exercises focusing on building confidence, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Students will also receive information on nutrition and how they can best support their bodies with food as fuel.

Interested students are to contact Mr Bright or Miss Sunderland.

Mr Neil Bright
Head of Physical and Outdoor Education
The Best of Broadway

Congratulations to Year 9 students Eve Basson and Jacinta Baxter on their successful auditions and selection to perform in *The Best of Broadway*.

Eve and Jacinta will dance and sing their way through some of the very best classic stage shows at the Regal Theatre and Mandurah Performing Arts Centre in September. Details for the performances and ticket information are attached, so please support your fellow students for what promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Mass

The Archdiocesan Marriage Day Mass will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, 11th August, 2015 at 7.00pm in St Mary’s Cathedral.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has stressed the importance of marriage and the important contribution marriages make to the well-being of society. As part of the Mass couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year, specifically 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70, will be acknowledged by receiving a special blessing and certificates.

For members of the Irene McCormack Catholic College community who would like to be acknowledged during the Mass, please forward names to Mr Derek Boylen, Director, Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services, 9241 5000 or email derek.boylen@perthcatholic.org.au by Monday, 27th July, 2015.

St Andrew’s Parish News

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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.

St Andrews Parish Clarkson, Melinda Leedham, 0419024655 mel.l@iinet.net.au

Community News

Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club Registration Day.
Sign up online www.gricc.wa.cricket.com.au or attend registration day. Saturday, 1st August, 9.00am – 12.00pm at Anthony Waring Park Clubrooms, Victorsen Parade, Clarkson.
Contact Sharon Kidd 0401 096 399.
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.

Stronger Teens Camp, Perth Catholic Youth Ministry.
2nd - 4th October, 2015 at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Acting Principal