Sorry Day

On Thursday, 26th May a small group of students from the College attended the annual National Sorry Day event in Wellington Square in the city. Irene McCormack has a rich tradition of participating and contributing to Sorry Day, which is very significant in terms of understanding Australia’s history and as an opportunity to stand together in the spirit of reconciliation. It is an opportunity to raise awareness and to recognise and commemorate the injustice of the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families.

As custodians of an historic photographic display, our College students set up the display for people to view and reflect on the stories in the collection. We also volunteered to run the face-painting stand which provided a great opportunity to meet and talk with people both young and old.

We were inspired by the youth guest speaker who, with her mother and grandmother (a member of the stolen generation), told part of their family story. We watched young people dancing and heard from the Elders during the day encouraging us to embrace the day, to celebrate, but also to remember the underlying significance of the stolen generation.

To begin to understand we must remember Sorry Day in the context of Aboriginal Songlines and the significance of the impact of forcible removal on Aboriginal families and their story. Historically, songlines were maintained around the campfires, in the family home at night and in the course of daily life.

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They were oral records of the stories, the songs, the symbols and the dances that recorded age-old traditions, what was expected of people in the community, the history and the shaping of the future. So when the children were removed there was a break in the natural processes of an oral tradition. The children had gone and there were no young people to sit with the elders, to hear the stories and to learn what was important.

For the students and staff who attended, while we enjoyed the day and all the activities it had to offer, we also knew that on this day we remember those young people who were removed are our wisdom figures today. Some of these "moorditj" (strong) people, survived and have searched and reconnected with their families. Many have died without reconnecting with family.

Our group of Tyra Hayward, Jacob Botha, Tarzara Kelly, Beyonce Newman, Brooke Garlett, Luke Botha, Riley Aaskov and Aquila Peters, Mr Swindells and Ms Brown had a great day together. We met people, heard and saw many things and are thankful for the time we had together. We look forward to this day in 2017.

**Supporting LifeLink and The ShopFront**

Irene McCormack Catholic College community has again contributed a significant amount of food items for the homeless who visit The ShopFront. Last week over 720 items of canned food and other long life food items were collected and the school has received thanks from Brother Brian who, on behalf of all their clients, is most appreciative of the ongoing relationship and support.

**Mr John Swindells**  
Dean of Campus Ministry

**Our Students are Great Ambassadors**

This week we have had a number of messages commending our students. It is with pleasure we publish them in this edition of *The McCormack Messenger*.

**From a member of the public**

_I have a friend who is a bus driver in the Joondalup/Clarkson/Butler region. Yesterday as we were driving past the Ocean Keys shops he said to me “I pick up the nicest bunch of students from here every day; they go to Irene McCormack Catholic College”. He went on to say that the students were always well presented, friendly, courteous and nice kids who were a credit to their school._

Congratulations to the students and thank you for sharing the values of your families and our College.

**Vincent Pettinicchio’s Project for the Homeless**

On Friday 21st May our teachers and students assisted with Vincent Pettinicchio’s Project for the Homeless. Vincent visited and spoke to our senior students on Irene McCormack Day. Vincent’s mother sent us this wonderful letter.

**Dear Mr Marshall**

_**On Friday, students and teachers from IMCC came to help with Vincent’s Project of the Homeless. Their enthusiasm, attitude to help with anything and their praise of Vincent and his project needs to be highly commended. They are a credit to your school.**_

_In particular I would like to mention teachers Lauren Ierace, for organising Vincent to come and speak at IMCC and supporting his project up to and including packing day and the wonderful Cherie Milne. She was invaluable to us on Friday and stayed until the very end. Her commitment to this Project and her students was a wonderful thing to see._
I would also like you to know that two of your Year 12 students, Jake McLaren and Danielle Vahala, displayed maturity, enthusiasm, compassion with the younger students and worked tirelessly until the very end, 9:30pm. They should be commended. A member of Rotary Club Hillarys that was also there until the end asked me to pass on her amazement at these two young people. I can only hope that my children grow up to as wonderful and compassionate as them.

Vincent liked your school and if we lived closer we would seriously look at this as an option for high school for him.

I hope the relationship between IMCC and Vincent’s Project for the Homeless continues in future years.

Kind regards
Mrs Pina Pettinicchio

From Geneve Bastian, St Andrew’s Parish Representative

I just wanted to say a huge ‘Thank you’ for allowing your Year 8s to participate in the ‘May Flower’ procession this weekend. All the children looked great and did well. Your sincere efforts in getting the children involved and bringing the Parish and school together is greatly appreciated.

God Bless You and Your families!

Debate Club Take The Win

On Tuesday, 31st May the Year 7 Debate Team took on Sacred Heart for Round 4 of the 2016 WADL Competition. After having Wanneroo SHS forfeit the previous round’s debate, the girls were keen to try out some new debating strategies and skills.

The topic this week was that fines should be based on your income and we had the affirmative side of the argument. Ella Lemson, Niamh Clarke and Jorja Salt were this week’s speakers and put forward a persuasive case based on the flaws of the current system giving the same fine to everybody, issues with equity and fairness, as well as the benefits of community service for people without an income.

Despite Sacred Heart offering some good rebuttals, the adjudicator awarded the win to Irene McCormack by three points for our detailed persuasive argument. This is the team’s first win and is well-deserved as all the girls have been working hard to improve their speeches’ matter, manner and method.

Thank you to Alyssa Jones for being Timekeeper on the night and to Milly Howlett for helping the girls with their preparations and coming along on Tuesday night to support the team.

Congratulations girls!

Mrs Simone Albert
Debate Club Coordinator
Language Perfect World Championships

French students participated in the Language Perfect World Championships and what a success! Irene McCormack Catholic College answered a total of 79,305 questions, almost four times more than in 2015. Well done French students in Years 7, 8 and 9! As a result of this IMCC has won ten awards this year.

Special congratulations to our three Gold Language Champions on their amazing Gold Awards! Adam El Kahla (7GA), Hannah Watson (7MA), Emma Wilson (8DB)

Congratulations to David Peters (7DA) for achieving 1696 points awarding him a Bronze Award.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for achieving a Credit Award. Mia Lakatani (7DA), Maya Pappin (7EB), Tara Arlow (7EA), Simon Furneau (7GB), Jorja Salt (7MA), Tahlia Shepherd (7DA)

The winners of the competition are Mihi Wells (7GA) and Maya Pappin (7EB) who may collect their prizes from Mlle Harrison.

Mademoiselle Cat Harrison
Languages Coordinator

Year 9 Outdoor Education Excursion
Over two days on 26th and 27th May, 110 Year 9 Outdoor Education students attended a full day excursion, participating in two activities - High Ropes at The Great Escape and Surfing at Trigg Beach.

The students faced challenging surfing conditions, but with the help from Surfing WA instructors, took to the surf to practice and improve their skills. It is fair to say that all students thoroughly enjoyed the conditions.

The High Ropes course at The Great Escape was a fantastic challenge for the students. Many students went out of their comfort zones, but with sheer determination, were able to finish the course. It was fantastic to see the pride and satisfaction students had once they had completed the course.

A big thank you to the staff who assisted on the two days, Mr Bright, Miss Sunderland, Miss Cooper and Mr Beissel.

Miss Karolina Lewy
Outdoor Education Teacher

WA Ballet Excursion

On Wednesday, 25th May, the Year 10 Dance students travelled to His Majesty’s Theatre to see WA Ballet’s matinee performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, choreographed by David Nixon. The world of fairies, goblins and magic mirrors was brought to life through the iconic and immortal story of when Belle and the Beast met and fell in love. The students enjoyed an extremely high quality show including ingenious and creative scenery and props, beautiful costumes and clever use of lighting.

The Year 10 Dance students viewed the work as part of their education of live dance pieces, which includes learning about choreographic structures, the use of design elements in live dance pieces, the use of theme in dance, and choreographic devices and elements.

Term 3 Dance Events
Catholic Performing Arts Festival (Junior, Senior and Liturgical Dance Teams)
Carnevale (Junior Elite Dance Team)
Escape Festival
2016 Dance Night - 20th September, 2016

Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Coordinator

Hurricanes: The IMCC Cheerleading Team
Cheer Sleepover

On Friday, 27th May 22 team members participated in the 2016 Hurricanes Cheerleading Sleepover, with the aim of improving team bonds and finishing the Cheer routine for the upcoming competition later this term.
The cheer sleepover was a great experience for the team to bond and train together. The hours of training strengthened the relationships between students and as a whole team. At the end of the night, students enjoyed team bonding games and had time to relax and get to know their teammates. Training for 7 hours over the two days improved stunting, tumbling, pyramid and dance skills.

Thank you to Meg (Hurricanes Cheer Coach) and Miss Harte for making this event possible and for giving us a chance to shine in what we love doing. Thank you also to Miss Ierace and Mr Dymnicki for taking the time to be with us, helping out and supporting us.

Katie Francis, Year 8
Hurricanes Team Member

2016 Cheer Dates
20th June Fit2Cheer Excursion
25th-26th June Competition: Rock ‘n’ Cheer
17th-18th September Competition: Spring State Titles
20th September Dance Night

Careers

Please check the June Career Newsletter for:
- General advice regards attending Career events.
- Year 10 updates including directions for completing the careerquiz, university evening sessions for students who missed the lunchtime school sessions last term and updated TAFE links ahead of subject selection.
- Online support for subject selection time.
- WACE Revision sessions for Year 11 and 12 students.
• The long awaited WAAPA evening!
• Year 12 scholarship details.
• Events and opportunities open to all students, and those targeted at particular year groups, for June to early July.

Ms Chris Tonkin
Career Counsellor

St Andrew’s Parish News

St Andrew’s Wine Tasting Evening
When: June 18 at 7 pm
Where: St Andrew’s Parish Bellville Gardens Clarkson
Tickets: $10 pp or $15 p/couple
Must be 18 years or over to participate

Community News

Soccer Players Required
Quinns FC NPL U15s seek boys aged 14 or 15 to add to the current squad.
Please contact Rob Orr 0438 459490.

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal