Vera Chidlow Scholarship

It is with great pride that we congratulate Year 9 student Taio Holloway on his recent success in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Taio was the recipient of the Vera Chidlow Scholarship for his performance in the Secondary Piano Solos.

The Vera Chidlow Scholarship is open to Secondary Students in all Catholic Schools entering the Pianoforte Section of the Festival, to promote musicianship and to enable the recipient to undertake further musical studies. The donors of the Scholarship are the family of the late Norah Veronica Chidlow. The donors stipulate that the Scholarship be awarded to the performer in the Pianoforte Section whom the adjudicator considers to show outstanding potential. The value of the scholarship is $500.

Taio will receive his Scholarship on Monday, 14th September at the Performing Arts Festival Final Concert at the Perth Concert Hall.

Gymnasium Update

The College Gymnasium is steadily growing out of the site with cranes lifting the main structural steel columns and beams into position. The concrete ground slab has been poured for the new Music and classroom Wing, and bricklayers and stonemasons are working together building walls in preparation for the first floor to be installed soon. The project is on programme and due for completion early May 2016.

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Winter Appeal – Food Drive

We did it! We reached the target! Over 2015 food items have been donated for our 2015 Winter Appeal Food Drive. Thank you to each and every one of you who gave generously over the past two weeks. These donations, along with the amazing collection of over 1,500 toiletries, will next week be delivered to The ShopFront. The ShopFront's main role is to relieve poverty and suffering in an environment that offers practical assistance, fellowship and hospitality. The ShopFront is a Catholic service run predominately by a team of volunteers who offer assistance in a friendly, warm and caring manner. They aim to empower people in the Church to use their gifts and talents in a spirit of solidarity to support those in need of assistance.

The ShopFront provides a number of services including offering food and drink to those who call in. With the help of St Vincent de Paul, they can also assist with clothing, bedding, furniture, non-electrical household goods and some financial assistance with bill paying, for people suffering hardship. They help with emergency accommodation, provide food for families, transport vouchers or phone cards.

On Tuesday afternoons they have a mobile GP doctor in attendance. People with health and homeless issues are referred on to appropriate Government and private agencies. Among the many incidental things they do, they assist people with long-term housing and advocacy by referring them to other organisations. The ShopFront also provides shower and clothes washing facilities for the homeless.
City to Surf for Activ

On Sunday, 30th August at 6.30am, 21 Year 11 students and five members of staff braved the early morning chill and arrived at City Beach ready for a jam-packed day as volunteers in the 2015 City to Surf Marathon Recovery Tent.

The morning started with the delivery of approximately 1,000 bags transported to us from the start line in the city. We worked quickly to sort the bags into numerical order so runners could collect their possessions on finishing their 42km charity run, then set up the drink and food stations in readiness for the famished runners’ arrival. As the first few marathon runners arrived, we cheered and congratulated them, returned their bags to them and offered water, electrolytes and food. As time went on and more athletes arrived at the finish line, students rushed around assisting them down the torturous hill from the finish line to the tent, organised medical assistance and listened to many triumphant stories about their event. For some, this was their first marathon attempt.

By 1.00pm all of the marathon runners had completed the event and were well on their way to recovery thanks to the amazing support and hard work of the IMCC students! Superb effort team!

Miss Cherie Milne
Christian Service Coordinator
WA State Languages Championships

The WA State Languages Championships are now complete and I am very excited to announce that Irene McCormack Catholic College has ranked 13th Best School in Languages on Education Perfect!

Final results:
• Questions answered in the Competition: 2,942,511.
• Questions answered at Irene McCormack Catholic College: 60,739.
• Irene McCormack Catholic College Score: 18,521 points.
School Ranking in the Competition: 13th out of 99 schools.

Un grand merci aux participants et félicitations! (A big thank you to participants and congratulations!)

Congratulations to Emma Wilson (7DB) who finished in third position for French in the whole State of Western Australia with an impressive 2,982 points awarding her Silver status on Education Perfect. Bravo Emma!

Mlle Cat Harrison
Languages Coordinator

Catholic Performing Arts Festival

This week marks the end of what has been a very long, exhausting, yet rewarding, 2015 Performing Arts Festival. Starting at the beginning of August, the Festival has run for almost six weeks, with the preparation for the events starting much earlier.

This week Miss Christie accompanied the students to Zenith Music in Claremont where they performed solo piano pieces at the Festival. Congratulations to Year 11 student Jeremiah Ayalde on receiving a Certificate of Merit. Honourable Mention Certificates have also been awarded to Year 9 student Taio Holloway, and Year 11 students Kenrick Lakatani and Tyler Walsh. Congratulations to all our solo piano performers.

It is the individual practice and group rehearsals that quite often go unseen that have prepared the students for the outstanding performances they were able to showcase. With schoolwork that continues and tests to prepare for, as well as the nerves that start to set in, it can be overwhelming and scary; that didn’t stop our students.
Their enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism has been outstanding. I am extremely proud of each of them and the goals that they have achieved. These performances make our students stronger and the experiences help to develop them as performers. Performing on stage and showcasing their talents to an audience makes all of them winners.

A very heartfelt thank you to the staff who have put in an enormous effort to prepare our students. Without their help we wouldn’t have achieved the success that we have. Thank you to Miss Bronte Reeves (Year 7 Rock Band), Mr Trevor Bastow (Year 9 Rock Band), Mr Michael Speechley (Year 11 Rock Band) and Miss Emily Bakker (Junior Dance Team). You are all amazing! Thank you also to Mr Tony Summers, Mr John Power and Mr Declan Hogan for offering to drive the buses transporting our students to the various venues.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the ladies of the Performing Arts Department, Miss Tammy Brankstone, Miss Francesca Christie, Miss Sinead Harte and Mrs Rosalie Richardson. The extensive work they have all undertaken throughout the Festival is incredible. Each of them adds such a unique gift to their specific area. We are very fortunate to have their guidance and talents in our Department.

Congratulations to all. Until next year’s Festival, keep up the practice and the hard work. “There is no glory in practice. But without practice, there is no glory”.

**Instrumental and Vocal Scholarships 2016**

Applications for the 2016 Instrumental and Vocal Scholarships are now open. The successful applicant will receive full music tuition payment for the duration of their time at the College.

Scholarships are offered for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and piano students, as well as a specialised vocal scholarship.

Applications close on 25th September, 2015. Please contact the College on 9562 2400 or by email to admin@imcc.wa.edu.au for application forms.

*Miss Kylie Malam*
Head of Performing Arts

**IMCC Art Exhibition**

[Image of IMCC Art Exhibition flyer]
The College's annual Art Exhibition will take place in Week 9 this term from Tuesday, September 15th to Friday, September 18th. All parents, students and staff are invited to attend the opening night on September 15th.

A wonderful array of student work will be on display from the Visual Arts, Graphics, and Design and Technology learning areas. The Exhibition will be held in the College Library with doors opening at 6.00pm. Admission is free.

Mrs Amy Richardson  
Head of Visual Arts

**Year 8 Reflection Day**

Last Wednesday and Thursday, 26th and 27th August, our Year 8 students attended The Redemptorist Monastery in North Perth for a Reflection Day. Mr John Swindells, Dean of Christian Ministry, together with Miss Kym Krishnan and Miss Lauren Ierace ran several thought provoking sessions and the day concluded with a short liturgy.
Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch and took advantage of the large open space to use their free time actively engaged. Thank you also to Miss Chante Du Randt, Miss Danielle Maher, Mrs Amy Richardson, Mr Ken Dillon, Mrs Gillian Pearce, Ms Simone Wingham, Miss Rebecca Griffiths and Mr Edward Bryant for their assistance on the day.

Mr John Power
Dean of Year 8

Year 8 Science Excursion
Gravity Discovery Centre

On 25th and 26th August, the Year 8 Science students visited The Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin. Students were able to experience four different interactive displays; the Cosmology Gallery, the Discovery Gallery, the Solar System Walk and the Leaning Tower of Gingin.

The Cosmology Gallery
One of the informative volunteers explained to the students the purpose of the Gravity Discovery Centre; that is to detect gravity waves. These are waves which echo through the Universe when a dying star explodes. These waves are tiny and yet to be detected with current technology, although physicists remain confident that they do exist. In the gallery, there are a number of interactive exhibits that show how light scatters in different situations. There is some space junk on display, as well as a timeline of the Universe from the Big Bang to the present day.

The Discovery Gallery
Students learned about how a number of the exhibits work, with a particularly interesting demonstration on how space time works. Some of the exhibits included a hovering 'spacecraft,' a parachute falling into a vacuum, magnetic skateboards, a giant spring demonstrating waveforms and a toroidal vortex (which blew very impressive smoke rings). There was also a scale model of the gravity wave-detecting laser that forms the basis of the Centre. Not to be forgotten is the Space capsule where g-forces can be experienced through fast spinning.

The Solar System Walk
This is a 1 kilometre scale version of our own solar system. Students spent time walking from the sun all the way to Uranus (we didn’t have enough time to get all the way to Pluto), learning interesting facts about each planet along the way.

Leaning Tower of Gingin
This is a replica of The Leaning Tower of Pisa, the sight where Galileo first demonstrated that heavy and light objects both fall to Earth at the same speed. The aim here was to make different sized water balloons and drop them from the top of the tower. When released at the same time they all hit the ground at the same time, regardless of size. Unfortunately, it was difficult for students to let go of their balloons at exactly the same time. Nonetheless, the students enjoyed dropping their water balloons from the tower on to the target below.

The students had an enjoyable day and learned some basic Physics and Astronomy. A day at the Gravity Centre is highly recommended and well worth a visit.

Mr Paul Woodhouse
Head of Science
Author Visit

On Monday 17th August, our Stage 3 English students were given the wonderful opportunity to meet and share afternoon tea with Ms Estelle Blackburn, the esteemed author of *Broken Lives*.

Estelle Blackburn is a Perth journalist, whose research over six years culminated in the book’s publication in 1998. Estelle spoke to the students about what inspired her to write the book - the chilling murders committed by infamous Perth serial killer, Eric Edgar Cooke, and the miscarriage of justice that occurred when two innocent men, John Button and Darryl Beamish, were incarcerated for crimes committed by Cooke. Estelle’s self-funded work uncovered new evidence in these ‘solved’ cases and prompted the Attorney General to sanction new appeals for both men, which led to their eventual exoneration after serving many years in jail as falsely-convicted men.

This talk compliments the students’ current unit of study, which focuses on how the expository text weaves together both narrative and expository conventions, to not only inform readers, but to persuade them. Having the privilege to meet Estelle and ask her questions was a wonderful experience and we thank all those Year 12 students who attended for providing Estelle with such a warm welcome to our College.

Miss Jessica Stylianou
Head of English

Year 9 Mock Trial Excursion

On Monday, 31st August to Wednesday, 2nd September, the Year 9 cohort had the privilege of attending an excursion, visiting the Francis Burt Law Education Centre.

The students engaged in a mock trial and were able to dress up in law regalia, including the wigs and gowns, and members of the jury found the accused guilty or not guilty. Students had the opportunity to witness a live court in session and were able to see the courts’ processes firsthand and gain a better understanding of the subject. Some groups were able to witness a sentencing which allowed the students to see the law being put into action. They were also fortunate enough to have Chief Justice, His Honour Judge Kevin Sleight, speak to them and engage in a question and answer session.
It was a fun and informative day that gave an insightful look into the Western Australian court system.

Mrs Katriese Wilder  
Society & Environment Teacher

Social Networking

Sending messages and chatting to friends online has become as natural to many young and older people as chatting with friends face-to-face. Social networking has extended our ability to communicate with others, even those living far away. Social networking websites also bring together like-minded people and connect them, allowing them to converse and carry out activities in ways not possible even ten years ago. Although there are drawbacks to internet social networks, there are many also many advantages, something that has been recognised since the first computers were networked decades ago.

Distraction and Addiction

There is no question that social networking sites can be a boon for our social lives. However, studies have shown that they can be a major distraction when it comes to studying. And there are increasing issues in today's society regarding online bullying.

Various universities have looked at the impact of students spending large amounts of time online. Some have identified chatting to friends as one of the most distracting and addictive of activities. While some students might argue that time spent on social networks is time that does not need to be spent on the phone or hanging out with friends. A US university study suggested students who didn't use Facebook did much better than those who were frequent users.

What does Cyberbullying look like? It could be through:

- Abusive texts and emails.
- Hurtful messages, images or videos.
- Excluding others online.
- Nasty online gossip and chat.
- Posing as someone else online.

What can you do if you or your child is being cyberbullied? You can:

- Collect the evidence: keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations.
- Avoid retaliating or responding.
• Report the abuse to the social media service and to your child’s school.
• Block the bully and change your privacy settings.
• Don’t join in – don’t comment on posts, images or videos that will hurt others.
• Don’t forward or share posts, images or videos that will hurt others.
• Leave negative groups and conversations.
• Talk to someone you trust straight away - perhaps a friend, or a teacher such as a Dean of Year or Mr Rob Blair – Head of IT Curriculum (9562 2400). The Police will offer support in more serious situations.

Mrs Dianne Bridge
College Psychologist

Northern Semi-finals
Champion Schools Soccer Competition

Both the IMCC Junior Girls and Senior Girls Soccer Teams progressed to the Northern Semi-finals of the Champion Schools Soccer Competition.

On 27th August, the Junior Girls played away against Mercy College. The game was played at a frantic pace and was a fairly physical match. Halfway through the first half Mercy had a corner which resulted in the first goal to Mercy College. However three minutes later Dee Hayes smashed the penalty kick into the top left corner to level the score. In the second half the opposition started to show their experience and skill to score two more goals, winning the game 3-1.

The Junior Girls will now play in the Northern Shield final against Woodvale Senior High School’s Junior A side on Monday, 7th September at Timberlane Reserve (4.00pm kick off). We wish the girls the best of luck in retaining the shield they won last year.

The Senior Girls played at home against St Stephens Duncraig on Monday, 31st August. This was a replay of the CAS final that St Stephens won, so the IMCC girls were keen to make amends. It only took 10 minutes for IMCC to take the lead, when Sophie Thompson crossed the ball to Dee Hayes who scored the first goal. Late in the first half, IMCC were awarded a penalty for handball and Alex Robinson converted. A few minutes later St Stephens were awarded their own penalty for handball, which they too converted. Halfway through the second half, a third penalty for handball was awarded and Alex Robinson again scored to make the score line 3-1 to Irene McCormack Catholic College. Bailey Cordiano kept IMCC in the game with a string of excellent saves to ensure an IMCC victory.

This win puts the IMCC Senior Girls into the Northern Final on Tuesday, 8th September, also against Woodvale Senior A Team. Congratulations girls and good luck in the Northern Suburbs Final.

Mr Damian Stefanoff
Director of Soccer Academy

Senior Rugby Boys through to the NSRC Final

This week’s game was played away against Quinns Baptist College for a place in the Northern Schools Rugby Championship (NSRC) Final. The boys, led by Tiago Valentim, arrived feeling quietly confident and ready for a hard game. The first 15 minutes of play were evenly balanced, despite the back row of the Irene McCormack scrum being made up of players out of position due to illness.
We were impressed by how Lleyton Lombardi and Nick Lamb both took to the role of flanker, despite being natural wingers and proved to be courageous examples of the team spirit that exists in this squad.

Consistently strong and relentless rucking by all players began to gain ground, enabling Tiago to break through to score the first try. After that the backs were able to get some free runs showing impressive and secure handling skills. Despite Quinns scoring a couple against us, the strength of our forwards such as Victor Harris’ bullocking runs and huge tackles, freed up the backs and resulted in two more tries. Brodie Clark and Jared Russell set these up with Brodie scoring under the posts and the hard working Patrick Bruce scoring the other. Adding extra pressure on Quinns were Brodie’s conversions, perfectly struck whether they were from right in front or from the touchline.

This was a great team effort and the winning score line of 10-21 was a fair reflection of the play. It was good to have the level of support from parents and staff. The coaching expertise of Mr Paul Botha, Mr Paul Woodhouse and Mr Callum Tilak has had a positive impact on the boys’ performance over the season.
I look forward to the support of even more parents and staff at the Grand Final next Wednesday at the Arena Joondalup against Prendiville Catholic College, who are unbeaten in this Championship and the only team to have beaten Irene McCormack this year.

Mr Julian Gugenheim
Rugby Coach

Vocational Education

Year 12 students are finalising University applications and are encouraged to make an appointment for assistance. There are options for students such as alternate entry and summer courses for those who do not have prerequisite subjects or are concerned about ATAR.

Applications to State Training Providers (TAFE) have just opened for study in 2016, and there are options for Year 12 students to start some courses early in Term 4 at discounted fees.

Details on all the events and resources for middle and senior school students can be found in the September Vocational Education Newsletter:

- WAAPA Production Tour - 8th September.
- Communication and Arts Information Evening ECU - 8th September.
- Notre Dame Parent Information Night - 9th September.
- Notre Dame Admissions Information and Expo Evening - 15th September.
- WAAPA Production, Arts Management & Live Production - 22nd September.
- ECU Future Student Information Evening - 23rd September.
- Career resources for Year 9/10 school students.
- Student Box.
- Year 10 Preparation for Upper School English.
- Year 11 Academic Reading and Writing Course.
- Early start TAFE courses for Year 12 students.
- Alternate Entry Options to University.
- FREE WACE Revision sessions at ECU for Year 12 students.
- University Accommodation.
- Campus Quest Game - what will life be like at university in 1st semester?
- Curtin University’s Digital Marketing MOOC for everyone.

Ms Chris Tonkin
Career Counsellor

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open for extended trading on Tuesday, 15th September from noon to 5.00pm and Thursday, 17th September from 8.00am to 11.00am and reopening at 1.00pm to 5.00pm for all existing and new students who require a blazer fitting or summer uniform. Blazers for 2016 (all existing and new students who may require a replacement blazer) must be ordered by September 22nd.

Students are required to wear summer uniform from the start of Term 4. The last day of trading for Term 3 will close at 1.30pm on Thursday, 24th September and will reopen for Term 4 trading on the Tuesday, 13th October at noon.
The Uniform Shop is seeking volunteers to help in the shop on Tuesdays from 2.30pm to 4.00pm or Thursdays from 8.00am to 10.00am. Any help will be appreciated and no experience is necessary. The shop will start to get busier in September for the new students for 2016.

For new students requiring uniforms for 2016, it is recommended that uniforms are purchased in Term 4. Any new items may be exchanged before the start of school in 2016. Layby is also available if required.

If you have any concerns regarding the sizing of any uniform item or if you need a special order to be made, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure orders are received in time. It usually takes 8 to 9 weeks for a special order to be made. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Summer uniform consists of:
Boys – Grey shorts, marle grey socks, summer white short-sleeved shirt and hat.
Girls - Dress, summer socks and hat.

Jumpers (not sports jackets) may be worn with the summer uniform if cold.

Holiday trading for the summer uniform or any new student for 2016 is:
Tuesday 6th October 8.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 8th October 8.00am to 4.00pm

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

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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

St Andrew’s Catholic Parish

Quiz Night

19th September, 2015
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

BYO food and drinks
Tea, coffee and cakes sold on the night.
Tickets are $10 each, tables of 10.
Tickets on sale after all weekend masses.

For further information please call Donna 0402 620 539
Community News

20th Anniversary of Francis Jordan Catholic School, Currambine. Past students are invited to attend an afternoon tea at Sue Groves Hall at the School. Sunday, 13th September, 2015 3.30pm to 5.00pm. RSVP huggins.cathy@fjcs.wa.edu.au before 31st August for catering purposes.