Testing Times

The 2015 Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking examinations are now in full swing and our Year 11 students should be busily preparing for their upcoming final examinations, which begin on the 16th of November. Years 7 to 10 exams will follow a week later, beginning on the 23rd of November.

Our staff are working to ensure that all our students are familiarising themselves with Semester Examinations to both consolidate subject learning, over an extended period of time, as well as enjoying the satisfaction of performing at their best in the examination conditions, similar to that faced in senior school and learning environments beyond school. I speak for all teachers who will be marking exam papers over the coming weeks, in reminding students that we enjoy allocating marks, rewarding students for their learning, thoughts and efforts. It is about celebrating what students do know rather than trying to catch them out on what they don’t.

There are many tips available for students, and parents, to help students prepare for examinations. As a student and teacher, I cannot underestimate the importance of thorough preparation, which generally begins with following the direction of subject teachers in terms of what needs to be studied and what the exam will involve. Having a sense of how your child learns best is also very important. Try different strategies, and stick with what works to make the preparation as positive and productive as possible.

Here is a prayer to share with your child aimed at helping them centre on the task ahead and remember that they are not alone:

God of truth and wisdom,
Be with me now as I prepare for my exams.
Grant me the energy and confidence to tackle the challenges ahead.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of quality education.
Calm my nerves and anxiety,
help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
to the very best of my ability.
Holy Spirit, as always, sit with me in my exams.
Amen.
Irene McCormack: Pray for us.

Parish Weekend Mass Times

**Clarkson Parish**  
St Andrew’s Catholic Church  
Parish Priest: Fr. Robert Carrillo  
Tel: 9407 7512  
Email: standrewsclarkson@gmail.com  
Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil),  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.30pm.

**Yanchep Parish**  
Parish Priest: Fr. Augustine Puthota. Tel: 9561 2172  
Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil) at St James Anglican Church, Yanchep.  
Sunday 8.00am Guilderton Community Hall.  
Sunday 9.45am, 33 Gingin Road, Lancelin.

**Ocean Reef Parish**  
St Simon Peter Catholic Church  
Tel: 9300 4885  
Email: stsimon@westnet.com.au  
Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil),  
Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.00pm.
2015 Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment Results

Irene McCormack Catholic College Year 9 students completed the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Test on the 27th of July this year. We received the pleasing results this week. For the second year in succession our performance showed considerable improvement and this year’s overall average, eclipsed our previous best set in 2009, to set a new College personal best.

Students’ individual results from the assessment will be attached to their College Reports, which will be mailed home at the end of the Academic year. Well done to all involved.

John Swindells
Dean of Campus Ministry

Lynn Scholarship 2016 & 2017

The Lynn Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students in the Archdiocese of Perth who might be deprived of an upper secondary education in a Catholic school because of the economic or social circumstances of the family.

To be eligible, the student must currently be completing Year 10 at a Catholic school and intend to complete years 11 and 12 at a Catholic school. The value of the scholarship will be up to $1000 per annum and is payable for two years.

For further information and an application form please email Mrs Kim Boscarino on admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

Please note that applications are to be submitted to the Catholic Education Office by Friday 27th November 2015.

Year 9 Society & Environment Hunger Banquet – Food for Thought!

Year 9 students are currently studying Food Security in their Geography course. In order to understand the global inequalities that exist in food distribution, students participated in a Hunger Banquet. A Hunger Banquet gives a first-hand experience of hunger in a thought-provoking, fun and tasty way. The best way of learning about things is often to experience them ourselves. For our students to get a small taste of life for many people in developing countries, it can inspire understanding and change.

Life isn’t fair, and neither is a Hunger Banquet. Where you sit and what you eat are determined by the luck of the draw. It’s just like real life, with some of us born into prosperity and others into poverty.

The Hunger Banquet brought inequality to life powerfully in the types of food students received. Those with High Income tickets represented the 15% of the world’s people in developed countries and received pizza and coke while those with Middle Income tickets represented the 35% of the world’s people in developing countries, receiving vegetarian wraps for lunch. Unfortunately, representing the 50% of people in the world found in less developed countries, the majority of students received only rice in lettuce leaves for lunch.

The very obvious differences in the lunches provided definitely gave many students food for thought, which will hopefully be reflected in their assignments!

Thank you to the Society & Environment staff whose efforts made this event possible.

Mrs Adele Baker
Head of Society and Environment
On Sunday November 1st Specialist Music students from Years 7 to 11 travelled to Perth City to see WASO (West Australian Symphony Orchestra) perform the Music of Harry Potter.

The orchestra took us on a journey through all six of the films, serenading us with beautiful lyrical melodies to fast up-beat battles. Students were able to see firsthand the discipline that such an orchestra has and how far they can go with their instruments.

Year 9 Students Isaac Coleman, Kallum Erikson and Mikiel McNamara enjoyed the performance saying “It was interesting, intriguing and a fun experience. We enjoyed watching how the orchestra performed together and seeing the level of experience they have on their instruments”.

A big thank you to Ms Christie and Mrs Richardson and for their organisation of the day and to Ms Stylianou for joining us.
Sounds at Sunset

Only one week to go for our final music event of the year, Sounds at Sunset. Thursday November 12th is a date not to forget! Auditions have now been held and the program set. This show is going to be incredible.

Arrive early for the pre-concert entertainment at 6:30pm. Dancers will be performing on the grassed area while you enjoy a sausage sizzle before the concert starting at 7pm. At the conclusion of the concert we will be announcing the winners of our 2015 Performing Arts Awards – Best Instrumentalist Student and Best Composition. Two highly regarded awards within the department.

Tickets are now available from the music office. See you there!

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts

Vocational Education

Several opportunities coming up for the younger students and members of the family are listed here. Year 12 students will be emailed updated course advice and event details for post school applications.

Youth Photography Course
If you're a photography enthusiast aged between 12-18, this course will help kick start your portfolio. Learn how to build a photo with a DSLR camera even before you press the shutter. The class covers a range of technical aspects; photography principles and you’ll have plenty of time to practise your new skills on the day. A DSLR camera, or a camera with manual controls is preferable, but you may bring any kind of camera or smartphone.

Time: 1.00pm Saturdays. Bookings currently taken for 5th December.
Duration: 2 hours
Meeting point: Lake Monger

Smartphone Photography Course
This course teaches you how to get the most out of your smartphone camera and the numerous photography apps on the market. Learn to take great shots using techniques that make your subject stand out. Photography principles such as lighting, composition and editing will also be covered.

Time: 10.00am
Duration: 2 hours
Meeting point: Forrest Chase
Open House Perth 2015 Events
Want to get inside some of Perth's most iconic destinations? Explore great WA design? Get to know the past, present and future of your city?
When: 7 and 8 November
Where: Various locations in the City of Perth
What to see: Access to a variety of Architectural, Entertainment, Religious, Education, Civic, Commercial building and events. Many not normally open to the public. Some just for kids and others for adults.
Go to: http://www.openhouseperth.net/destinations/destinations for all the opportunities.

Edith Cowan University Events for Year 10, 11 and 12 Students
Edith Cowan offers a range of information nights regarding the courses the university provides. These include:

- **ECU General Information Evenings - Mount Lawley**
  When: Wednesday, 18 November and 9 December, 6.00pm

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Drop-in Sessions - Joondalup**
  When: Thursday, 19 November and 26 November, 10.00am

- **Business and Law Careers Evening – Mount Lawley**
  When: Wednesday, 25 November, 6pm

Find out and register for these events, and others, at: http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events

Chris Tonkin
Career Counsellor

2015 IMCC 5-a-side Soccer Competition

The second week of Group fixtures confirmed 3 quarterfinalists for the knockout phase of this year's competition. The final 5 positions will have been decided by the time this report goes to press – let the Finals begin!

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Mr Tony Summers
5-a-side Soccer Competition Coordinator

Uniform Shop

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the shop this term and also for the three extra trading afternoons in November/December to assist with the new students for 2016. Any help will be appreciated and no experience is necessary. If you are able to help, please contact the Uniform Shop on 9562 2430 or email waite.lyn@imcc.wa.edu.au.

For all new students in 2016, the Uniform Shop will be opening later on 24th November, and 1st and 3rd December (see times below) to place layby orders. If these times aren't suitable you may visit the Uniform Shop during the regular opening times during this term. Items bought for new 2016 students may be exchanged before the start of Term 1 if necessary.

The new sports uniform is compulsory for new Year 7 students and for students entering Years 8 and 9 in 2016.

Hats/caps are compulsory for Term 4. Caps are $9 and bucket hats $13 each. We still have stock of our older styles of sport shorts, sport pants and track jackets at discounted prices.

If you are unsure or have concerns regarding uniform sizing for your child, please contact me to discuss. This includes all new students for 2016.
Trading Hours for Term 4 for all existing and new students
Tuesday noon- 4.00pm
Thursday 8.00am-11.00am

Extra Trading Hours only for new students for 2016
Tuesday 24th November 4.00pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 1st December 4.00pm-6.00pm
Thursday 3rd December 1.00pm-6.00pm

The Uniform Shop will be closing later on the last day of trading for Term 4 on 10th December. We will be opening from 8.00am-1.30pm on this day only.

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator

St Andrew’s Parish News

Seniors’ Week Mass and Celebration.
Wednesday, 11th November, 2015 at 10.00am.
Seniors’ Day Mass and morning tea for seniors and their families.
The St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Choir will be performing.

Community News

Job Vacancy – Liaison Officer, Parents & Friends Federation of WA.
Passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic Schools?
Full advert and job description can be found at www.pff.wa.edu.au
Initial enquiries to Shelley Hill 0428 740 743 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

Embrace the Grace 2015 Masterpiece. The largest Catholic youth conference in WA.
9th-13th December 2015 for young people aged 16-30 held in New Norcia.
Contact admin@cym.com.au 9422 7912. Register at www.cym.com.au/embracethegrace

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation new sailing season.
For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website www.sailleeuwin.com. Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at office@sailleeuwin.com.

ConocoPhillips Science Experience at ECU Joondalup. 19th-22nd January 2016. Suitable for students currently in Years 8-10. Please contact www.scienceexperience.com.au or (03) 8288 1001 for more information including costs and sponsorship.

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal