I wish all members of the Irene McCormack Catholic College community a very Happy Easter. I encourage you to take time to reflect on the message we learn from Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. A message that for whatever our circumstance is in life, we can renew our focus and outlook, and like Irene McCormack, assist others to seek a brighter future.

Thank you and congratulations to our students and staff for the outstanding commitment and achievement during Term 1.

As the term ends we thank and farewell Ms Pina Noble who has assisted in the library, Mr Shane Basham for teaching Design and Technology, and as 11 McGarry B Care Group Teacher.

We also extend our best wishes to Mrs Cheryl Viney, who commences maternity leave and Ms Cat Harrison who will be on long service leave for Term 2.

**Term 2 Start and Uniform**

Students commence Term 2 on Wednesday, 26th April. Winter uniform is required to be worn from the start of term. This includes wearing the College blazer to and from school.

Students may purchase the College jumper to wear in cooler weather. Tracksuit tops and wet weather jackets are not to be worn with the uniform.

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College Office Open Days and Times

During the term break the College office will be open:
Monday to Thursday, 10th-13th April, 9.00am-3.00pm.
Wednesday to Friday, 19th-21st April, 9.00am-3.00pm.
Monday, 24th April 11.00am-4.00pm. Late opening due to Mass for staff and a meeting.

The Office will resume normal operating time, 8.00am-4.00pm, from Wednesday, 26th April.

Student Term 1 Reports

Term 1 reports should arrive by post next week. Included in the report package is a letter detailing information for Parent/Student/Teacher Interview on 2nd May and student photographs on Friday, 28th April.

Year 12 Retreat

The thought of going on Year 12 Retreat to New Norcia townsite for three days, which I thought was a deserted town that looked haunted, was a little daunting. I didn't know what to expect. Would we all bond together as a Year Group? Would we connect with each other outside of our friendship groups? What would we discover about ourselves? I didn't know what to think or what the outcome would be.

The program was very busy and extremely enjoyable. The Retreat was tiring, entertaining and enlightening. We did many things throughout the three days. Miss Sidaway, Mr Coutts, Ms Pearce, Mr O'Brien, Br Dom Chris, Mr Marshall, Mr Swindells and Father Israel shared some of their life experiences, taking us to when they were younger and their journey to today. We enjoyed listening to their experiences and found out things about their lives. This allowed us to see them as more than teachers and helped us to reflect on our own personal journeys. We also took a tour of the town, shared lovely meals together, played many Uno games and most importantly enhanced our relationships with each other.

We woke up in New Norcia at 6.00am both mornings and walked across the road to join the monks in the chapel for their second daily prayer. I thought this was a wonderful experience, being able to see how the monks pray through chanting and listening to them saying prayer together. On our last day, we celebrated Mass lead by Father Israel.

The Year 12 Retreat was an amazing, once in a life-time experience to be able to bond as a year group, with friends and especially with people we may not normally talk to, and with our Care Group teachers and staff. We found out more about ourselves. The year group would love to go back again knowing we came out as better people from the experience.

Grace Boxsell, Year 12DB
Blessing of the Roads

Our College was proud to attend the Blessing of the Roads ceremony on 3rd April held on the corners of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive. The Wanneroo Council organised the event and students from local schools were encouraged to attend to listen to guest speakers, including the Mayor of Wanneroo, Mrs Tracy Roberts JP, who implored all road users to remain safe and return home to loved ones.

There were many heartfelt and personal discussions on road safety, especially on how we can prevent road fatalities simply by wearing a seat belt, driving at the speed limit and not being under the influence of drinking or drugs. The “Driver Reviver” rest stops illustrate how a community can volunteer to help each other drive safely and remain alert.
The students who attended the event, Alexandra Robinson (Head Girl), Leah Ayres and Tyra Hayward (Campus Ministry Prefects), Ella Siakia (Dunlea Prefect), Matthew Grobbelaar (Golding Prefect), Matthew Henning (Evans Prefect), Lucas Cavanagh (Sport Prefect), and Josie Kallane and Munashe Chaita (Year 11 Student Representative Leaders), all experienced how a community strongly wishes to protect its citizens, especially the young.

Ms Deborah White
Dean of Year 11 and Student Leadership Coordinator

Irene’s Service Learning

Our students have been extremely busy with Irene’s Service Learning this Term and have contributed their time to some wonderful charities and had many rewarding experiences.

Brighton Catholic Primary School
Brighton Catholic Primary School has had the fortune to secure some very dedicated Year 10 students to assist with their reading program. Both parties have really enjoyed getting to know one another, along with some very valuable input to assist with their education. Term 1 finished with a wonderful shared breakfast of fruit and hot cross buns. This program will be offered again in Term 2. For any Year 10 students interested for next term, please visit the Campus Ministry Office to sign up. We would also encourage Year 10 boys to sign up to work with the young primary school boys.

Butler College Special Education Unit
Year 11 students have signed up to help with the special needs students at Butler College. They have worked alongside the Education Assistants and Teachers to help with educational, art and sporting activities. One of the most rewarding elements has been the socialisation between the two groups during break time. The Butler students are really enjoying the conversations and interactions with their peers from our College.

Wheelchairs for Kids
Once again the College has signed up to work alongside Brother Ollie and his group, to help build the wheelchairs for the children who are in need. Harmony Day on Friday, 7th April also helped to raise funds for this amazing group of people and the charity that has changed so many lives.
Riding for the Disabled
On Saturdays our students have given up their time to work on the Riding for the Disabled program. They are all having a marvellous time, as well as contributing to another wonderful group of people who constantly give up their time to help others.

Our students are doing some wonderful things to accrue their hours for Irene’s Service Learning. Please continue to monitor that our students are completing service hours and do not hesitate to contact the Campus Ministry Team for assistance with hours or if you are in need of some assistance with your charity or corporation bell.janice@imcc.wa.edu.au or milne.cherie@imcc.wa.edu.au

Miss Cherie Milne and Mrs Janice Bell
Irene’s Service Learning Coordinators

Year 7 Mass and Semester 1 Care Group Representatives

On Tuesday, 4th April Year 7 we celebrated the Year 7 Group Mass. It was very fitting that the Year Group started their first term in high school with Mass at St Andrew’s Parish Church and ended the term with Mass.

Mr Marshall and I addressed the Year Group at the end of Mass to congratulate them on their transition to high school. During the address the College Prefects also announced the Year 7 Care Group Representatives for Semester One. The students listed below, who all read beautifully during Mass, were delighted to receive their badges in front of the Year Group. I look forward to working with them for the remainder of the semester in their important Year Group student leadership positions.

Jessica Mullins – Dunlea A
Sami Hilson – Evans A
Zac Scott – Golding A
Liam Nowicki – McGarry A

Montana Simpson – Dunlea B
Elizabeth Chalmers – Evans B
Carmen Lloyd – Golding B
Mandie Lombard – McGarry B
It has been a fantastic first term for Year 7, and I look forward to working with all students and families over the remaining weeks and months of the year.

Mr Andrew Billingsley
Dean of Year 7

Politics and Law

On Thursday, 30th April Mr Alan McCormack, Irene McCormack's brother, visited the Year 11 Politics and Law class. Alan has a very impressive career in Economics and Politics both nationally and internationally, working closely with the South East Asian region.

As a guest lecturer in Asian Political Economy at Boston University, Sydney Campus, the College was very fortunate to have Mr McCormack speak in great detail about the Indonesian political and legal system in comparison with Australia's democracy.

Mrs Katriese Wilder
Politics and Law Teacher

Year 10 Outdoor Education Rottnest Expedition

All Year 10 Outdoor Education students travelled to Rottnest Island in Week 8 for three fun-filled days exploring the A-Class Reserve. Each day, students travelled around the island on bikes, snorkeling at the most amazing bays and seeing some beautiful wildlife that exists in the pristine blue waters.
Many students challenged themselves by swimming through the various swim-throughs, some that were up to 13 meters long. Students were exposed to a completely different environment compared to snorkeling at Mindarie Marina during their practical sessions throughout the term in the lead up to the expedition.

Students were amazed by the underwater wildlife and their appreciation for the Island grew.

Thank you to the staff who attended all week, Mr Bright and Miss Sunderland, and also to those who joined us during the expedition, Mr Ferguson, Mr Beissel, Miss Billam and Mr Coutts.

Ms Karolina Lewy
Outdoor Education Teacher

2017 Kimberley Immersion

Plans are well underway for the 2nd Annual Kimberley Immersion Trip. There are eight Year 11 and 12 students, and three College staff preparing to experience nine days in the Kimberley. The group will spend five days working in Kururrungku Catholic School in the remote community of Billiluna.
We are building a sister school relationship with Kururrungku Catholic School, and hope for the relationship to be mutually beneficial and to grow in the future. The Kimberley Immersion also involves a huge amount of travel and rich experiences of the culture and beautiful scenery of the Kimberley region.

Can we please remind our Kimberley Immersion parents that the final instalment for the trip is due on 28th April 2017.

For any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Bell bell.janice@imcc.wa.edu.au, Mr Swindells swindells.john@imcc.wa.edu.au or 9562 2400.

Mr John Swindells
Dean of Campus Ministry

French

French students have worked tirelessly this term and they have answered well over a quarter of a million questions on their homework website, Language Perfect.

Thank you to all Language students for their hard work. Keep up the great work next term. I will see you all in Term 3 after a few months back to my hometown, Geneva.

Bonnes vacances!

Mademoiselle Cat Harrison
Languages Coordinator

Workplace Learning Program – Student Feedback

I have been participating in work experience at Oceanline Surfboards in Wangara this term. I feel it is an amazing opportunity while on the general pathway. I have developed many skills and abilities including how to produce a quality surfboard from a blank and how to repair damaged surfboards. I have repaired multiple surfboards that have had minor to major damage including my own boards. Having a day out of school each week to enter a workplace of my choice is a great way to decide whether or not I like the industry and want to continue with further learning and training.
I recommend the Workplace Learning Program option to students undertaking the general pathway in Years 11 and 12 ~ Carl Dales, Year 10

I have commenced my Year 11 workplace at Great Beginnings Childcare Centre in Butler. This has been a great experience for me and I am grateful for the opportunity. Over the term I have enjoyed working with children aging from babies to five years. Work experience has helped me develop an understanding of work life in a childcare environment. I am looking forward to returning to Great Beginnings in Term 2 ~ Ellie Fincken, Year 10

Ms Erin Gallen
VET/WPL Coordinator, Student Services
Gallen.erin@imcc.wa.edu.au

Library

The Library has been a dynamic place this term. There is always something happening in the Library, before school and lunchtime rushes, to the more sedate opportunities class times where many of the teachers have embraced the opportunity to book it for classes to come in and the use for a range of different purposes.

I would like to thank Ms Pina Noble, our Library Technician this term. Ms Noble’s friendly smile and quiet demeanour has been greatly appreciated by the students and staff.

Chess

It is great to see such an interest and activity in Chess this term. The Year 7 students have embraced it with gusto, particularly at lunchtime.

We have had three very successful Interschool Chess matches, with students gaining valuable experience throughout the term. The students playing for the College were Juan Marcelo and Alfie Norman from Year 12 and Amber Back, Laura Balyuk and Matthew Lloyd from Year 7. The matches played have been against Mater Dei College, John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School and Sacred Heart College on the final day of term.

Mr Edward Bryant
Head of Library
Parent Student Teacher Interviews and Parent Teacher Online

The Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, 2nd May in the Paul Rafter Centre, commencing at 1.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm.

On this day student classes will conclude at 12.55pm. For students who wish to remain at the College, the Library will be available for students to do school work.

Access to the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) for booking interviews will be available from Saturday, 8th April. Access to bookings at https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=.bz9a select "Get Pin" by entering your email address. A logon and pin will then be sent via email. Please contact the IT Network Office at the College on 9562 2400 if you have any difficulties with the process.

Students’ current results for individual assessments are available on SEQTA Engage. For requested interviews on the PTO report, please select a time for the interview. Teacher appointments are encouraged even where an interview has not been requested.

It is an expectation that students attend the interview if a booking is made. Students attending interviews are expected to be in College uniform.

College Photographs

College photographs for all students will be taken by Fotoworks on Friday, 28th April, the first week Term 2. Care Group and individual photos will be taken in the Paul Rafter Centre.

The photo envelopes have been distributed to students during Care Group. All students need to bring their envelopes with them on Friday, 28th April, even if you are not purchasing photos. Please see the staff in the College Office if you need a family photo package.

Students are reminded to wear their full winter uniform with their blazer and tights for girls. Please ensure uniform and hair is neat and tidy as per the College Uniform Policy on pages 16-19 of the Student Planner. There will be no practical Physical Education lessons on this day. The student and staff photo schedule will be sent nearer the time.
Please contact Mr Andrew Donaldson, Dean of Year 10, at the College if you have any queries.

Mr Andrew Donaldson  
Dean of Year 10

Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be undertaken by Years 7 and 9 students in Term 2 Week 3, 9th-12th May. For the first time our students will undertake the assessments using their laptops with an online format. A pamphlet from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) about NAPLAN has been included in the report package for Years 7 and 9 parents.

On the days of NAPLAN it is essential that students have their laptops fully charged. iPads and other tablets are not compatible for the assessments, as a result it is essential that by the start of Term 2, Years 7 and 9 students have a laptop.

Any students, who have not had the Lockdown Browser installed to their laptop by the end of this term, must bring their laptop to IT at the commencement of Term 2.

If you have any concerns regarding laptops, please contact your child's Dean of Year.

Mrs Gillian Pearce  
Dean of Year 8

Congratulations Alex Hardy

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Alex Hardy and his band, Dream of Empire, on winning Battle of the Bands in Claremont on Friday, 31st March, an event organized by the ICEA Foundation.

The Band also won the Pipelines Battle of the Bands Competition held in Mundaring in January. They opened the Hyde Park Community Fair on 5th March and played on the boardwalk at Sorrento Quay on 11th March. They also regularly play gigs at the YMCA HQ in Leederville.

Congratulations to Alex and the Band on their amazing success. The band’s Facebook page can be accessed at https://www.facebook.com/dreamofempireband/

Miss Kylie Malam  
Head of Performing Arts
Mass Times for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - Vigil, Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am & 5.30pm.

Holy Thursday - Last Supper Mass & Washing of the Feet 8.00pm.

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 10.00am, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion 3.00pm.

Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm.

Easter Sunday Mass 7.30am & 9.00am (no Mass in the evening).

Community News

Coloured Spaghetti Is Here
Perth based Special Needs Teacher, Michelle Varley hosts a brand new TV show where children with special needs and disabilities are represented as a ‘normal’ part of our society, alongside their neurotypical /able bodied peers. The objective is to bring a true reflection of society into every day homes via television and internet broadcast. It is to reinforce to the parents of the hundreds of thousands of children with special needs in Australia that their families are valued and included in Australia’s society, as much as any other.

The first episode goes to air as part of ‘The Couch’ Sunday, 16th April 2017, FOXTEL Channel 173 at 8.00pm or at www.thecouch.com.au or www.facebook.com/TheCouchAU

For further information about ‘Coloured Spaghetti’, please like and follow the Facebook page www.facebook.com/colouredspaghetti

If you would like to help this project continue, please visit the Go Fund Me Page www.gofundme.com/colouredspaghetti
Quinns FC seek female players for Under 15s Division 1 and Under 17s Division 2. Please contact Paul Stickels 0406 515 262 for further information.

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal