We wish all our IMCC mums a Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday

Please see page 3 for our Mother’s Day Morning Tea article and photos.

Irene McCormack Day

Sister Irene McCormack’s death in Peru occurred on the 21st May, 24 years ago. That tragic event was not the end of her story. Today we welcomed Irene McCormack’s sister and brother, Bernadette and John McCormack, as we celebrated Mass as a College community.

Irene had embraced life wholeheartedly, cared deeply for people – especially the poor and vulnerable, was passionate and playful, committed acts of service and justice and had a warm and personal relationship with a loving God and is still alive and strong today, in us and in all those people touched by her life.

So today on IMCC day we remember and are thankful to have had Irene’s life and spirit to guide us over the past 14 years and to lead us into the future. Irene would be the last to claim that her spirit and life were her own. She knew and understood that the source of love and life, was God. As a Sister of St. Joseph, she dedicated her life to God above all else, and accepted each moment in life as a gift from God – even the challenging and difficult times! We give thanks for that gift, and recognise that it comes from the deep love and care God has for each of us – shown to us in the most personal way through His Son, Jesus.

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Through the vision, hardwork and effort of students, staff and families, our College community and facilities have grown significantly over the past 14 years, into a school community we can all be extremely proud of and are thankful for. We aspire to be a College which Irene herself would be proud of.

In our short history, celebrating is something the Irene McCormack Catholic College has developed as a wonderful part of our culture. Special thanks goes to Mr John Swindells, Dean of Campus Ministry, all staff, our students and families who contributed towards the day by donations of money, prizes, cake-baking and time. All money raised will go towards our annual LifeLink Appeal, as well as Caritas Australia’s Nepal Appeal. It is wonderful to know that our efforts will make a real difference to the lives of many people in need, both here in Perth and in Nepal.

God bless and wishing you all a very happy Irene McCormack Day.
Mother’s Day Morning Tea

The College celebrated the contribution our mums give to support the College and their sons and daughters. 75 mums were able to attend and were served morning tea by the students.

We are proud of the way the students welcomed their mums and looked after them for the morning. Twelve lucky mums were drawn to receive a box of chocolates.

Thank you to Mr Kevin O’Brien, Mr John Power and Mrs Debbie White, and all the staff who assisted with the day.
NAPLAN Assessments - Week 4

The NAPLAN assessments for Year 7 and 9 are next week. All students have been informed of where they will undertake the assessments and at what time. Please ensure your son/daughter has the following equipment:

2B Pencils, Eraser, Sharpener, Calculator (for Calculator section of Numeracy assessment) and a book to read if they finish early.

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Mr Andrew Billingsley
Acting Dean of Year 12

Year 7 Science: Perth Zoo News Report
Recently a student asked me why would it matter if a few species became extinct. This is a very fair question for an eleven year old to ask and sometimes I wonder this myself. As a species that has more influence over what happens on Earth than any other, *Homo sapiens* are considered the custodians. Therefore when we look at the anthropogenic impact on species survival we should be held responsible for the demise of many species. To that end we should do as much as we can to prevent extinction.

In Australia over the last few decades we have tried biological control of pests such as, rabbits by introducing cats, beetles by introducing cane toads. The well-known and disastrous outcomes of both of these ideas have told us that we still know little about the complex and very sensitive balance of the Earth’s ecology. When a species disappears it could well have as big an impact as when a new one is introduced. We don’t know… yet. The detrimental effects of extinction could include the loss of: genetic diversity, potential medicines, pollinators, carbon storage, natural symbiotic relationships such as even the bacteria protecting our mouths from fungal infection, and so on. The list is huge. We must look at the ecological importance for the species’ own sake and not for human advantage. The unknown loss of something is hard to measure; we don’t miss what we never knew we had! We can, however, measure the detrimental effects of introducing a species to an environment.

Students in Year 7 are beginning to appreciate the problem and how we could all be considered culpable for this situation. By owning cats that freely roam, by building houses, roads and other urban developments on greenfield sites thus reducing the habitats of many species and in turn threatening their numbers. This was the main theme of their Science learning area visit to the excellent Perth Zoo in Week 2. The news report that they will produce over the next few weeks as a result of this visit has them considering this, and the amazing work the zoo and other groups and individuals are doing to reverse these trends. Their time spent was very focused, worthwhile and educative. Not only did they discover more about their chosen species for their project, they made their videos to kick off their report and were presented with an interactive ecological version of the "Hunger Games". This has helped them understand, at greater depth, the difficulty and complexity of the problem they are addressing.

The day was made so much better by being able to have a large number of adults with us, making the groups smaller and therefore each were able to work longer on their videos. I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff who came along and in particular the parents and student teachers who gave up so much of their time to help out.

Mr Julian Gugenheim
Science Teacher

**Certificate II Outdoor Recreation**

*A sailing boat in the harbour is safe, but that is not what sailing boats were made for*

The Certificate II Outdoor Recreation Year 12 class spent 3 days last week completing an Introduction to Sailing Course at Hillary’s Yacht Club. Students tackled the seas off Hillary’s mastering many sailing skills and learning important life lessons along the way.

Students were put in challenging situations, many out of their comfort zones, but all persevered, learning to adapt and cope in an ever-changing environment.

We would like to thank Miss Amber Sunderland and Miss Chante Du Randt who assisted in the supervision, as well as Mr Chris Kelly, Mrs Mel Harvey and the staff at Hillary’s Yacht Club.
Mr Neil Bright
Head of Physical Health and Outdoor Education

Cheerleading – The Hurricanes

The Hurricanes had two exciting announcements at training last week. They have had their own custom team track made for their upcoming Competition in November. The students will also be having a Cheer Sleepover, held at the College on Friday, 5th June and will provide the team with six hours of extra rehearsal time in preparation for the Competition on the 7-8th November.
The sleepover will provide the team with opportunities to build strong bonds with each another and to form a solid foundation from which to build for the remainder of the year. Students will train for three hours on Friday evening with their coach from Cheer Aesthetics and three hours the next morning. It will be a tiring but rewarding two days of fun, hard work and cheer!

2015 Cheer dates
June 5th - 6th  Cheerleading Sleepover
June 27th - 28th  Excursion to CUA’s Rock ‘n’ Cheer Competition at HBF Stadium
Nov 7th - 8th  Stars ‘n’ Stripes Competition

2015 Dance Performances
Term 3  Catholic Performing Arts Festival
Term 3  Carnevale
Term 3  Escape Festival
Term 4  Sounds at Sunset
Term 4  Dance Night (28th October at Allan Shaw Centre)

Miss Sinead Harte
Dance Teacher

Music News

Auditions for the Year 7 Rock Band were held last term with an overwhelming response! The six successful students have been rehearsing weekly with Miss Reeves and will make their debut performance at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival in August, next term. Keep up the good work!

Year 7 Rock Band:
John Bone - Drums
Kaleb Erikson – Trombone
Jak Swan – Bass
Ruby Walsh - Vocals
Sophie Wilkinson – Vocals
Nic Wood – Keys

Jak and John took some time to answer a few questions about the group:

Why did you want to join the Year 7 Rock Band?
John – I stopped playing drums and I really wanted to start up again, so I tried out for the band, got in and was extremely happy.
Jak – I wanted to try something that I hadn’t done before and get new experiences at school.

What do you enjoy the most about being in the group?
John – We all know each other and have become friends, and now we get to jam together.
Jak – I have made new friends and I’m learning new things that I hadn’t done before.

What is the group working towards?
John – working towards finishing the songs that we have started by mid term so that we can do more songs and play at the Performing Arts Festival.

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts
Beyond Bullying – Positive Change for All

Beyond Bullying
Positive Change for All

Schools throughout Australia and worldwide are increasingly recognising the need to address bullying to ensure all students have a safe, supportive place to learn and grow. Our school is collaborating with Professor Donna Cross at the Telethon Kids Institute to implement the Beyond Bullying: Positive Change for All Project next year, to help our school enhance the excellent student support we offer our students.

This project will include the Friendly Schools Plus program, a bullying prevention program based on 11 major research projects that involved more than 27,000 Australian school-age children, their teachers and families. Friendly Schools Plus offers a whole-school approach to promoting social and emotional learning to prevent bullying.

Our school is helping Professor Cross’s team at the Telethon Kids Institute to understand how best to support students and schools involved in bullying to reduce problems for everyone involved. In addition to Friendly Schools Plus, the school student support team has been trained in Motivational Interviewing, an effective approach to tackling challenging behaviours. Motivational Interviewing has previously been used in counselling and guidance settings to help young people resolve problems across a range of challenges that they face.

This year, we will be asking students and parents to get involved in this important research project which will help us understand how Friendly Schools Plus and Motivational Interviewing can work together to make our school the best place for your child to learn and thrive.

We will keep you updated on the project as it gets busy in 2015. With your help, we will aim to get our school Beyond Bullying and find a Positive Change for All.

Mrs Dianne Bridge
School Psychologist

Photograph Day

School photograph day is on Monday, 11th May. All students will have a Care Group photograph and individual photograph.

All students are required to be in full Winter Uniform and ensure that they are following the College policy on grooming and uniform. No makeup or piercings should be visible other than those permitted. Girls are to wear shoes and socks, and not stockings. Each student will need to bring the envelope they were given, even if they are not paying for a photograph.

SEQTA Access

All parents can access conneqt-p by using their own login and password, or if you prefer you can access conneqt-s through your child’s login and password. The information displayed in both conneqt-p and conneqt-s is identical.

If you are having difficulty in accessing this site, please contact our IT Network Office to help you login.

Parents: https://parents.imcc.wa.edu.au
Students: https://students.imcc.wa.edu.au
Career Services

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are busy visiting university information evenings and career events, while balancing homework and preparation for exams. All are equally important in managing student pathways and outcomes.

Middle school students (now a year older than previous years) are also engaging in developing their own career awareness and are welcome at many of the same career events.

Year 10 Students
Students have been asked to bring in their career portfolio from Year 9 and revisit the Jobguide website, ahead of preparation for subject selection and setting up their Senior School Portfolio.

Year 12 Students
Students are planning and prioritising their exit options, and finalising portfolios ahead of post-school applications which open shortly. Scholarship applications open at UWA in June.

School Career Expo
Parents please add the IMCC Careers Expo on Wednesday 29th July to your calendar. To be held in conjunction with Semester 2 parent-teacher interviews on the same afternoon and evening. Open to all students and parents in Years 7-12.

Please see the May Careers Newsletter for full details on the following:

- The Careers and Employment Expo @ Perth Convention Centre 16th – 17th May
- The Spatial Sciences Careers Expo 14th - 19th May.
- Become a Pilot Open Day - Sunday 24th May.
- Polytechnic West’s Aerospace Expo - 11th August.
- National Youth Science Forum - Applications closing 31st May.
- Notre Dame University Course Info and Expo Evening - 20th May.
- Murdoch University Undergraduate information Evening - 20th May.
- ECU Year 10 Parent Information Evening and Pizza Night - 26th May.
- ECU Teacher Education Information Evening - 26th May & 3rd June.
- WAAPA Production Tour - 27th May.
- Murdoch Health Industry Career Evening - 27th May.
- UWA “A Day in the Life of …” events - applications open in June.
- UWA Year 12 Information Evenings - 2nd & 3rd June.
- UWA Year 10 Information Evenings - 8th & 9th June.
- Curtin University Year 10 Parent Information Evening - 5th June.
- ECU Communications & Arts Information Evening - 9th June.
- WAAPA Production, Arts Management and Live Production Information Evening - 10th & 16th June.
- Murdoch Parent & Pizza Information Evening - 24th June.

Ms Chris Tonkin
Career & VET Coordinator
City of Wanneroo Notice

The City of Wanneroo has written to the College to notify our school community of the proposal for a Drive Through Addition to the Approved Liquor Store at 2 Captiva Approach, Butler. Plans of the proposal may be viewed at the Civic Centre, 23 Dundeebar Road, Wanneroo or at the website www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au, select ‘Your Council’ then ‘Your Say’ menu item.

If you wish to comment on the proposal, please forward written comments to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Wanneroo, Locked Bag 1, Wanneroo WA 6946 or email enquiries@wanneroo.wa.gov.au. Comments opposing the development should focus on planning issues such as traffic.

Our College has supported Brighton Catholic Primary School’s submission to oppose the development.

St Andrew’s Parish News

St Andrew’s Catholic Parish
Sunday Processional Service
Sunday, 31st May. 8.00am Procession, 9.00am Mass, 10.00am Morning Tea/Fellowship.

St Andrew’s Catholic Parish Social Committee Winter Dance.
27th June 2015 RAAF Base Hall, Merriwa 7.00pm – 11.00pm.
Tickets available at the back of church after every Mass.
For more information contact mel.l@iinet.net.au

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St. Andrew’s Catholic Parish Social Committee

Invited to join us for the time of your life.

When: 27th June 2015
Where: RAAF Base Hall
19 Hughes Edwards Drive, Merriwa
Time: 7pm-11pm
Ticket price includes cocktail food, tea and coffee.
Drinks available to purchase at the bar.
All proceeds raised go towards building the new presbytery house.
Community News

Free Multisport Program at Kingsbridge Reserve, Butler.
For you aged 5 years to 18 years old.
Wednesday – Tennis – 5.30pm to 7pm, Friday – Soccer – 7pm to 9pm.
For more information contact Edmund Rice Centre 9349 9660 or Lisbeth@ercm.org.au.

Celebration of Sport, Sunday 17th May 2.45pm for 3.00pm.
St Mary’s Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth. Hosted by Christians together in sport.
Justin Langer along with Perth’s leading sports men and women. Free entry.
For more information 0417 904 839/0477 365 618.

City of Wanneroo First Aid Workshops for Families – May/June.
Series of Free 3 hour workshops will be delivered by Royal Life Saving.
Register now – bookings are essential and places are limited.
Contact Sam Doran-Bryce, Telephone 9405 5939,
email: sam.doran-bryce@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

City of Swan HyperVision Youth Art Exhibition and Competition.
Open to any WA resident aged between 12 and 25

Mr Robert Marshall
Principal