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Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day 2020

The College would like to take a moment to share our appreciation for all the Mothers, Grandmothers, God mothers and Aunties in our community. Usually at this time of the year we invite all the mothers of Year 7s and 8s to a morning tea in our library. Although we are disappointed we can't celebrate in the usual way, we have created a virtual Mother's Day card for you all. It is filled with messages from Year 7s and Year 8s about why they love their mums. You can access the virtual card by clicking on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/MothersDayVirtualCardIMCC2020>

Here is a preview of some of the messages:

I love my mum because she cheers me up when I'm sad, and makes me feel better about myself. I understand that all mothers are stressed at this time and I hope this Mother's Day they get to relax and feel comfort. Thanks mum, and to all mothers, you're beautiful - Ava

I love my mum because she is always there for me when I need her. She is also very selfless as she gives up her time for us so we have a positive wellbeing. I love her because she will do anything for our safety and that we always have food and water to consume - Dustin

I love my mum because she always loves me with 110% even with the stress I put her through, and all the things she does for me, it means a lot - Jook

Parish Information

<p>Clarkson Parish St Andrew's Catholic Church Parish Priest. Fr. Dariusz Basiaga Tel. 9407 7512 Email. standrewsclarkson@gmail.com http://www.standrewsclarkson.com/</p>	<p>Yanchep & Lancelin Pastoral Area Parish Priest. Fr. Augustine Puthota. Tel. 9561 2172</p>	<p>Ocean Reef Parish St Simon Peter Catholic Church Parish Priest. Fr. Franciszek Kot Tel. 9300 4885 Email. stsimon@westnet.com.au</p>
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Welcome Back Students

This week we have had a significant number of students return to school. Classrooms are starting to take on the normal 'vibe'. Whilst we continue to provide the 'remote' learning so that students at home have a similar experience to those at school, there is increasing interaction between students and teachers in the classroom. We expect more students to be at school next week and the transition to normal classes will be complete by the end of next week.

We continue to be impressed by the excellent opportunities provided by teachers, the positive attitude of students and the parent support at home. Students do provide the feedback that they are enjoying being at school, feel safe and that school is a healthy environment.

With growing confidence within the community, largely due to the significant reduction of the number of cases of Covid19 in Perth, we all need to continue with the hygiene practices to reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread. These include:

- Practice hygiene habits at school including:
 - Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand gel.
 - Avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes.
 - If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow, dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene.
 - Avoiding close contact with anyone if they or others have a cold or flu-like symptoms.
 - Drinking taps will not be available. Students will require a personal water bottle to refill.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning will be provided to these students.
- Parents dropping off or picking up their children, must not exit their vehicle.
- Parents are not permitted on school property, except to attend to business at the College office or to visit the Uniform Shop.
- The school will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place. Every room in the school will be cleaned using non-allergenic disinfectant. All cleaners used by the College are certified in Infection Control Cleaning.

Irene McCormack Day

If it were not for the impact of Covid-19 we would have celebrated Irene McCormack Day, with Mass, Irene's Service Learning programs and justice presentations and the Care Group stalls with food, games and entertainment. We aim to reschedule the event to a date later in the year.

It is still important for us as a College community to take the time to reflect on the charism of our school. Irene McCormack Day has three purposes:

- To remember Sr Irene and focus on her life, achievements and her devotion to serving the community of Huasahuasi, Peru.
- To celebrate the privilege of being members of an excellent Catholic school community and recognise the achievements of the College.
- To support the Archbishop's Lifelink Appeal Catholic welfare agencies in Perth.

Irene McCormack was born on the 21st August 1938 in Kununoppin W.A. She grew up on a wheat and sheep farm and was taught by the Sisters of St Joseph, the Order which she later joined as a nun. Irene also became a teacher and taught at many schools around Australia for over 30 years. She decided that she wanted to do more to help those in need and was sent by the Sisters of St Joseph to work in Peru amongst the people of Huasahuasi. There she taught the children to read, write and of course dance. Unfortunately, Huasahuasi was a dangerous place populated by over 5000 Pueblos, many living in poverty with the added dangers of threats from an armed terrorist group known as the 'Shining Path'; On the 21st May 1991 they invaded the village Irene was staying at and accused her of being a 'Yankee imperialist' and offering aid which the terrorist group disapproved of. They ended her life. Irene was full of spirit, an avid football and tennis lover who liked to dance and enjoy a good laugh.

On Irene McCormack Day it has become a feature that we recognise staff who have served the College for 10 years. This year, Mr Ken Dillon has the honour. Mr Dillon commenced in 2010 and has been a teacher of Physical and Health Education and Mathematics. He is the coordinator of the Football Academy and a stalwart of Golding House and is Care Group Teacher for Year 7 Golding A. Mr Dillon had a secondment at Ngalangangpum School, Warmun Community, in the Kimberley's in Semester 2 last year. We congratulate and express our appreciation to Mr Dillon for his 'Decade of Service' to the College community.

With the impact on the economy due to restrictions in place for Covid-19, social welfare agencies are struggling to support people in need in our community, people living on the streets, suffering with domestic violence, struggling with drug or alcohol addiction, battling mental health issues or in financial crisis.

Whilst we will endeavour to fundraise for Lifelink later in the year, in these challenging times we aim to continue to support and protect the most vulnerable and show compassion to those most in need in the community.

For information about the Archbishop's Winter Appeal for Lifelink please go to the website:

<https://lifelink.com.au/2020-winter-appeal/>

As we look towards 2021, we are excited that one of the focuses for our College community, will be the planning for the College's 20th Year celebration.

On this Irene McCormack Day we reflect on the lyrics of our school song written by past and current students with the help of Mr John Swindells:

Help us to live the Gospel Values as exemplified by Irene.
Assist us in seeing injustice and finding courage Like Irene.
Give us Her vision and passion to serve those, all those in need.
Grant us her openness to embrace life Like Irene
Help us to live the Gospel Values as exemplified by Irene.
Our College motto: Prayer, Service and Justice.

Honours and Colours

Honours and Colours are awarded to Years 11 and 12 students who participate with excellence, commitment, service, integrity and loyalty in the College program for a minimum of four years. Honours and Colours are awarded in the form of a symbol, a letter conferring the award, on the College Blazer pocket. The full details of the a

Awards are available in the College Policy Handbook, Section 3.5. available on the College website: https://www.imcc.wa.edu.au/images/our-community/2020_Policy_Handbook.pdf

Congratulations to the following students who received College Honours and Colours in Term 1.

Year 11 & 12 Honours for Dance:

Lily Allan 11GA
Harrison Cook 12EA
Cassie Hall 11MB
Miah Linardi 11MA
Kya Moreno 11EB
Bailey Ray 11GA
Jasmin Rozario 11 EB
Kara Stokes 11EB

Chanel Collins 11EB
Nyandeng Dau 11EA
Kerys Knowles 12GB
Chloe Menzies 11GB
Rose O'Keefe 11EB
Tayla Robinson 11GA
Kady Scott 11MB

Year 11 & 12 Honours for Drama:

Niamh Clarke 11MA
Kya Moreno 11EB
Kyrah Victorian 12EA

Mia Gibson 11EA
Phoebe Scott 11GB
Sophie Wilkinson 12DA

Year 11 & 12 Honours for Music:

Stefan Chrisostomou 11EA
Kya Moreno 11EB
Hannah Watson 11MA

Skylar-Blu McNamara 11EB
Charlotte Mullins 11DB

Year 12 Colours for Music

Thomas Berard 12 DA
Kaleb Erikson 12MB

Harrison Cook 12EA

Year 12 Colours for Service

Keia Ball 12DA
Cherry Black 12 DB
Liam Engelbrecht 12MB
Brenda Joseph 12 DB
Katie Moloney 12MB

Thomas Berard 12DA
Harrison Cook 12EA
Traci Grimes 12MB
Jana Lombard 12GA
Elissa Price 12GA

Year 12 Student Portal SCSA

The Student Portal found at <https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>, is a space for Year 12 students to check and access personal information that relates to their WACE by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

Year 12 students will access this portal on Tuesday 12th May during Extended Care with their Care Group Teachers. They will need their WA student number, located on Student ID Card & SEQTA, and a password to access the portal.

When the Year 12 students visit the portal for the first time they will be prompted to change their password. Please use a personal email account (such as Yahoo or Gmail), instead of the CEWA student email account, as they will need to access this portal after Year 12. Please don't hesitate to contact me at the College if you have any queries.

Mr Andrew Donaldson
Assistant Deputy Principal Year 12

Cross Country Update

While the current situation has forced the cancellation of CAS sport this term, there are still plans to have some sporting opportunities made available to our students as soon as possible. Cross country was always a strong Term 2 focus, and plans for the modified inclusion of cross country at some stage detailed below:

ACC Cross Country Carnival

The ACC has cancelled this year's carnival but there is the possibility of a "virtual carnival" being conducted. Pending government updates to current restrictions, it is our intention to offer a cross country event in a different format to allow our keen runners to participate and retain the capacity to award House and individual honours as usual. The ACC has indicated that if schools are able to run an event that replicates the ACC distances (3km for girls, 4km for boys), the times and results for individual runners could be entered into a "virtual carnival" which includes results from all ACC schools.

ACC Strava Exceed Run Club

The ACC has created a virtual online "run club" for any keen runners in ACC schools to join an online running community. The club is an alternative to the usual school cross country training programs and is optional for any ACC student. After joining, you are able to log your training runs on the Strava website or app and run established courses to compare your times and track your improvement with others. The club is a great way for students at home to be motivated, and get some solid training under their belt. Registration is subject to establishing the required privacy settings and any student intending to register is asked to notify Mr Dyer.

More information about the club can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.accsport.asn.au/carnivals/cross-country/exceed-run-club>

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/exceed-acc-run-club-614505>

A video detailing the required privacy settings can be viewed using the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaXz9qqjKQM&feature=youtu.be>

School Training

We are planning to start morning training soon with some restrictions in place. Details will be made available when finalised.

Mr Ben Dyer
Head of Sport

Campus Ministry Reflection

This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. This week's readings speak of hope and faith in God.

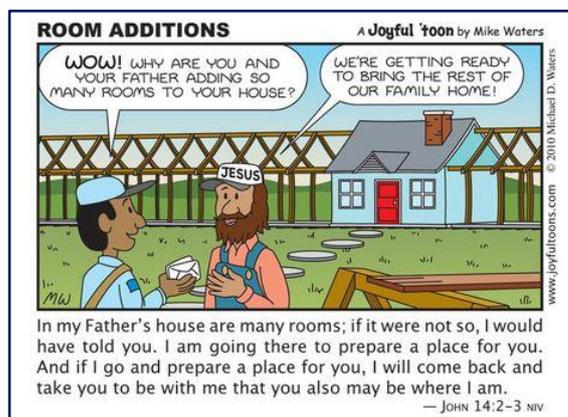
First reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32

Second reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

It's interesting that as our world considers how best to help each other in these difficult times, the First reading discusses the fair distribution of food and material necessities. In the apostle's wisdom they hand over this task to a group of seven who were of good reputation, filled with spirit and wisdom. So too we are turning to those in the medical profession to lead us with their knowledge and care.



The second reading discusses the difficulties we face when we lose hope and faith in God but reassures us that our faith in God provides the cornerstone for us to build our lives around.

The Gospel forms part of His farewell to His disciples in His physical form.

John 14: 1–12

Jesus said to his disciples; ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him, ‘and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?’

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus reassures His disciples and us that He is not leaving us altogether rather He invites us to trust Him the Way, the Truth and the Life, and to be enabled to live in that same way, truth and life of Jesus for others.

During the coming week, may God’s word give us hope and faith in God to sustain us and encourage us to be people of truth and life.

Project Compassion 2020

The Irene McCormack Community would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the donations received last term. We have raised over \$600 for Project Compassion which will go to communities to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. During this time, they will also go into the Covid-19 emergency fund to help the world’s most vulnerable. If you still wish to donate you can use the following link



<https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/>

Ms Francesca Christie
Acting Assistant Deputy Principal Campus Ministry

Year 7 Scholarship & Bursaries

Due to Covid-19, the Applications closing date has been extended to Friday, 29th May. The Academic Scholarship Examination will now be held on Saturday, 13th June.

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2021 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARIES

**Applications are now invited for the following
Year 7 2021 Scholarship and Bursaries**

Academic Scholarship

Register online at <http://scholarships.acer.edu.au/intro/1943>
Academic Scholarship Examination held on Saturday, 13th June

St Andrew's Catholic Parish Bursary
Yanchep/Lancelin Catholic Pastoral Area Bursary
Merriwa Primary School Bursary
St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Bursary
St Francis Catholic Primary School Bursary
Aboriginal Bursaries

*Application forms and further information available from the
College website <http://www.imcc.wa.edu.au/enrolments.html#bursaries-and-scholarships> or by emailing admin@imcc.wa.edu.au*

Applications closing date extended to Friday, 29th May 2020.



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.G. Marshall".

**Mr Robert Marshall
Principal**