



Immaculate Heart News

Term 1 Week 3, 2021

*Welcome back to Immaculate Heart College
for 2021!*

COVID - Delayed Commencement

The extra week off for students was a bit of a setback in the commencement of Term 1 however many staff are reporting that students have returned energised and focused, settling into routines very quickly – thank you and well done to all! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff across the College for their diligence and diversity in re-organising their programs for the term. It is so wonderful to see the smiling faces of our students each morning as they eagerly enter the College grounds or as I visit classrooms and reacquaint myself with everyone.

New Families

I would like to offer a special welcome to our new families who have joined our lovely community this year. I hope your time at Immaculate Heart College is positive and rewarding for both your children and yourself!

Pastoral Care Groups [PCG]

As with our classroom teachers in our Early Learning and Primary School areas, our secondary students have their own Pastoral Care Teacher with whom they begin each day. We have a PCG model of pastoral care that aims to ensure that every student is well known and cared for, and that no student will fall through the cracks. I encourage all parents of secondary students to get to know their son/daughter's PCG teacher who will be a 'significant other' in the life of the student while here at the College.

Feedback

At Immaculate Heart College, we expect that teaching staff are usually able to respond to emails within 2 working days. Teachers cannot respond immediately as they are busy teaching classes, marking assessments, planning lessons, on yard duty, taking co-curricular activities or being with their families. In the interest of the health and wellbeing of everyone, please do not contact teachers on the weekend. I ask parents to accept these conditions as appropriate in the industrious world that is Immaculate Heart College.

New Deputy Principal

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the College community the appointment of a Deputy Principal. The recruitment process has been completed and it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the successful candidate, Mrs Susan Shaw. Commencing her position at Immaculate Heart College this week, Sue arrives with an abundance of experience and knowledge that will no doubt be a huge asset to Immaculate Heart College!

Please ensure you read the important information contained in this newsletter, as it contains some critical information and major changes across the campus.

Warm Regards,
Mrs Meika Gough
Principal

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish – Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm (4.30pm Rosary) St Catherine's, Gingin
6.45pm IHC College Hall
Sunday: 7.30am St Anne's, Bindoon
9.30am (9am Rosary) Virgin of the Revelation Shrine, Bullsbrook
11.30am IHC College Hall (Extraordinary Form)

From the IHC Board...

Dear College Staff and Families,

The Directors extend a warm welcome to all new and existing Staff and Families! We trust that 2021 will be a very positive and fruitful year for everyone! Although it was a slightly delayed start to the year due to the lockdown, we are now off to a strong start as a full Pre-Kindy to Year 12 College.

This year will see the construction of more permanent buildings: Stage 1 of the Secondary College and the commencement of Stage 3 of the Primary in Semester 2. Despite some delays beyond our control, things are moving forward. More subjects are being offered this year and there is a very positive atmosphere at the College.

We welcome the appointment of **Mrs Susan Shaw** to the position of Deputy Principal, for an initial period of twelve months. Susan brings great depth of experience in school leadership to the College and she will be a great support to Mrs Meika Gough in helping the College to become outstanding in providing the best education available for our students.

As we are now in the Season of Lent, we wish everyone a very fruitful preparation for Easter!

The Board of Directors.

TERM 1 DATES TO NOTE...

Wed 24/2	Yr 5 & 6 Parent Info sessions (4pm) Yr 7 Parent Info session (5.30pm)
Thursday 25/2	Yr 1 Parent Info Session (4pm)
Friday 26/2	StartSmart Incursion (Yr 1-3) HS Leadership Assembly (11.50am)
Monday 1/3	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2/3	Yr 7/8 Swim Trials
Wed 3/3	Yr 9-12 Swim Trials
Thursday 4/3	Yr 2/3 Excursion – Gruffalo's Child
Friday 5/3	HIGH SCHOOL SWIM CARNIVAL Year 6 Leadership Speeches (2.30pm)
Tuesday 9/3	Yr 3/4 Swim Trials SEQTA Parent Info Session 10am
Wed 10/3	Year 5/6 Swim Trials
Thursday 11/3	PRIMARY SWIM CARNIVAL
Tuesday 16/3	ACC HS Interschool Swim Carnival SEQTA Parent Info Session 3.30pm
Friday 19/3	HS Assembly (Period 5 – 11.50am) PS Assembly (Yr 4 hosting – 2pm)
Monday 22/3	Harmony Day
Thursday 25/3	PS Interschool Swim Carnival
Wed 31/3	Yr4-6 StartSmart Incursion
FRIDAY 1 APRIL	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Interim Reports

From the Theology Team...

Ash Wednesday begins our forty-day season of Lent that leads to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we come together to remind ourselves that we do not always follow God's ways and that we need to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness. Like God's people in the time of the prophets, we wear ashes to show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God, and to have a change of heart, so that we can live in peace and in joy with God and with each other. During Lent, we try to fast (detox our bodies), abstain (give up something, traditionally it is meat), and pray more. This sober time can include giving up watching TV, loud music or other entertainment. As a community, when we collectively practice spiritual activities – we grow closer together in solidarity and shared values.

Mr James Chua Director of Academics



The Healthy Hub

A Message from the Community School Health Nurse School Entry Health Assessment for Kindy Students

All children in Western Australia are eligible for a School Entry Health Assessment when they are of school entry age. The School Entry Health Assessment is provided by the local School Health Nurse. It is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of your child at the beginning of school life. The assessments are simple, non-invasive, quick and easy. They screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The assessments include:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Teeth
- Growth (inc. weight, height and Body Mass Index)

Your child's results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially. Please note, if the assessment results for your child suggest there may be a concern, the School Health Nurse will contact you to discuss.

School Entry Health Assessment forms will be distributed shortly. Kindy assessments start in Term 2. If you have a concern about your child's health, development or wellbeing please contact Rebecca on

0429 050 472

Rebecca Young, School Health Nurse

Student Attendance and Absentee Procedures

Staying healthy and ensuring good attendance is a very important part of our children's learning journey. Despite all best intentions, sometimes a child needs time away from school for recovery from illness, or a doctor's appointment. In the event that your child is going to be absent from school, it is imperative that you contact College Admin, so that we are able to notify teachers and account for any unexplained absences to the Department of Education.

To make this process as easy as possible, SEQTA Engage now has a new option that you can Direct Message "absentee" to inform the school, or alternatively email absentee@ihc.wa.edu.au to pass the details of absence to College Admin, who can ensure your child's class teacher, and specialist teachers are all alerted. We ask that if your child is going to be away from school for the day, to make contact prior to 9.30am, to ensure we don't call you or send an unnecessary text message.

Phoning on 9571 8135 should be your 3rd option for contact as, between 8 and 9.30am, College Administration receives a high volume of phone calls and visitors, and you may find it difficult to speak to someone in a timely fashion.

We appreciate your consideration and feedback as we roll out this, and other streamlining procedures, around the College over the course of this term!



SESSIONS!

Check the Term Dates, for upcoming SEQTA Parent Sessions, to equip you with the ALL OF THE TOOLS to master this awesome tool !!!

From the HPE Department

2021 brings with it much sporting joy and loads of opportunities to shine! Hopefully by now you will have received our HPE Year of Events but in addition, here are a few snippets of life at the College in regards to health and wellbeing.

100K Club: This week we kicked off the new 100k Club which is already massive! It pleases me to see so many set new challenges and even more so, see the regular runners push the limits to reach 100km's by Term 4. During lunchtime we can see members rack up the km's and looking impressive in their lanyards and GPS devices whilst other watch on. What great role models setting the tone for IHC health and wellbeing!

Lunchtime Sports League: One of the latest editions to our community is the Lunchtime Sports League! This brand-new competition invites all students from year 4 and up to create their own team with their friends and play against each other every Wednesday lunchtime. The league has its own fixture and finals series, with the winning teams of the primary and high school leagues winning a shield. Every term there will be a different sport to play and shield to win, this term's being basketball! Other sports to be played will be netball, AFL and soccer. All students are of all abilities are encouraged to join.

Swimming Carnivals: The HPE team are busily preparing for our two swimming carnivals and are pleased to announce we will now also attend our very first interschool swimming carnival for Primary. I look forward to taking our very first IHC Primary squad away to HBF Arena in Joondalup this Term so get practicing!

Please remember parents, you are always welcome to attend our sporting functions and support us with intra events or extra-curricular. As we've learned, parent-community involvement adds to the enrichment of our programs. Look forward to seeing you out there!

Mrs Skye Hann

Head of HPE/OE & Senior Secondary



BUSH FIRE RELIEF SUNDOWNER

@ Stringybark Winery

SUNDAY 28 Feb – 3pm to late

BBQ, Auctions, Raffles, with proceeds to Blaze Aid – hope to see you there!!

LET US INTRODUCE YOU...

2021 New Staff!

Miss Slavica Zivkovic – Pre K
Ms Stephanie Larkin – Year 4
Mrs Alana Pullella – Year 5
Mr Neil Bastian – Maths Specialist
Mrs Silky Verma – Science Specialist
Mrs Sarah Grove – English Specialist
Mr Asher Fryer – HASS Specialist
Mrs Maria Michielsen – Music
Mrs Shannon Liddle – Performing Arts
Mr Thomas Brennan – Theology
Miss Elysha Dalzell – Theology
...and
Mrs Susan Shaw – Deputy Principal



COMMUNICATION
IS THE KEY...

One of our key aims in College Administration is striving to improve communication amongst the IHC Community. You will no doubt have noticed emails, newsletters and notes home ramp up as the term kicks off. With so many new staff and families, and new Pastoral Care procedures being introduced, it is more important than ever for us to let you know the best practice to follow, to ensure you and your family are always heard...

- **PASTORAL CARE, ACADEMIC QUERY or APPOINTMENT REQUEST? (Tier 1)**

Your first contact should ALWAYS be your child's PCG or class teacher (by SEQTA message or email)

- **FEEL YOU NEED FURTHER ESCALATION? (Tier 2)**

If you feel like your concern has still not been fully resolved, and needs escalation, please contact the appropriate member of our Senior Leadership Team (see list to the right). If they can't resolve the situation, then **the member of the SLT will escalate the matter to the Deputy Principal/Principal.**

- **PRINCIPAL REFERRAL (Tier 3)**

If after these steps have been followed and an interview with the Principal is required, a representative from College Administration will contact you to arrange an appointment.

Thanks for your co-operation!!

Congratulations to
Aria Carpenter (Year 7)
on receiving
**2020 Shire of Chittering's
School Citizenship Award**, during
the recent Australia Day
Awards! She was nominated for
the award, open to all students
in the Shire, by her Year 6 class
teacher, Mrs Alison Brown.



CAR PARK MANAGEMENT – At IHC, we are placing a priority on designing a safer method of drop off and pick up procedures in the ELC and Main Carparks. We are currently trialling a few different scenarios, and once we find the most effective solutions we will be formalising a Carpark Revision Plan, that we hope to have with you in coming weeks. In the meantime, thank you for being considerate of your fellow road-users, and keeping our children safe.

OUR 2021 IHC SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal – Mrs Meika Gough

Deputy Principal – Mrs Susan Shaw

Head of Early Learning (ELC PK-2) – Mrs Elodie Fantoni

Head of Junior School (Yr 3-6) – Mrs Alison Brown

Head of Middle School (Yr 7-9) – Mrs Kim Hughes

Head of Senior School (Yr 10-12) – Mrs Skye Hannd

IHC Literacy Co-ordinator – Miss Hasoly Hurtado

IHC Numeracy Co-ordinator – Mr Nino Raju

IHC SEQTA Leader – Miss Hasoly Hurtado

School Counsellor – Mrs Annette Shehan (Afternoons)

