

Immaculate Heart News

Coming events

Monday 6 December

Secondary School Good Standing

Presentation Awards Evening

(Primary 5pm-6pm) (Secondary 6.30-7.30pm)

Primary Christmas Concert

12:30 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 7 December

Primary School Good Standing

Wednesday 8 December

Whole School Mass 9:20am

Wednesday 8-9 December

Yr 10 Outdoor Education

Expedition

Art Exhibition

Thursday 9 December

IHC Christmas Carol Evening

6-8pm

Friday 10 December

End of Term 4, 2021



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we are in the final stages of the 2021 academic year. It certainly has been an incredibly busy year, filled with an array of events and new memories!

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming back Mr Paul Litherland to the College to do his student focused Cyber Safety Presentations, followed by a very informative presentation held in the evening for parents. As with his previous visit, Paul captivated students, staff and parents with his knowledge and expertise in how to stay safe in the digital world. Thank you to those parents who came along for his presentation - I'm sure you gained as much from it as I did, as a mother and educator. Paul has recently been honoured for his passion as a Cyber Safety educator and campaigner, by being awarded the WA Australian of the Year Award.

The In-term Swimming Programs have concluded this week and a big congratulations to students, who have done a wonderful job of representing the College out in the wider community. Thank you to all staff members who have rotated through the timetabled campaign to oversee the safety of all students whilst travelling to and from each venue and whilst at the pool.

It's graduation time for the Year 6 cohort. Students had an exciting time away at camp a few weeks ago which was held at Mandejal Activity Centre. The students were honoured at our Primary School Mass yesterday morning, where Fr Paul Fox blessed their Miraculous Medal necklaces before Mr. Raju and I presented them to each student. They had their Graduation Assembly this morning in the Hall. We welcomed parents to the assembly, which was followed by a light morning tea. A very exciting time for all involved!

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our Celebrations on the Green Awards Presentations on Monday evening and at our Christmas Nativity Concert on Thursday evening.

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming Advent period with your families!

Mrs Meika Gough

Theology

Last weekend the Universal Church celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. A beautiful ceremony was held at the Divine Mercy Church for a very special occasion for seven students:

Hannah Norman (Year 8), Dakota Covich (Year 7), Dylan Scibilia (Year 7), Lydia Van-Heemst (Year 6) and Ellie Burgers (Year 6) completed their Sacraments of initiation with Confirmation by Fr. Paul.

Patrick O'Neill (Year 3) and Ellyse Cassidy (Year 2) made their First Holy Communion. The children's desire to be holy is an angelic witness to behold. As a College community, let us keep them in our prayers for their perseverance in their Christian commitment.

This Sunday is the first week of Advent which is the start of the Christian new year. It is time for a spring cleaning and preparation for Christmas. While it can be a busy time, we should take special care to bring peace (the Peace of Christ) into our family. May God bless us.



Mr James Chua



Music

Choir Excursion

The Primary Mass Choir went on an excursion on 18 November to Wanneroo Central Shopping Centre. Students sang carols under the direction of Mr Chua and accompanied by Mrs Leith. This was an opportunity for our singers to perform for the community and develop skills. All students enjoyed the excursion and finished off with a cooling icy-pole courtesy of Mr Chua.

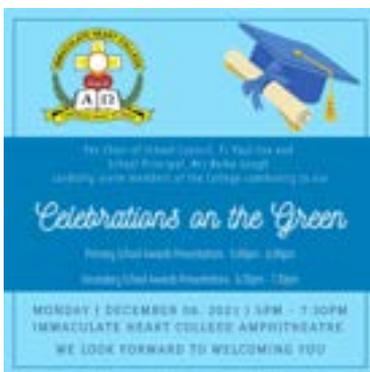
Mrs Liz Leith



Music Assembly

The Inaugural music assembly was held on the 12 November. This was the first Music Assembly at the College that displayed performances by the ELC Choir, College Band and solo instrumentalists. Students played a variety of instruments including drums, piano, classical guitar, electrical guitar, and clarinet. Mr. Flowers and Mrs. Gale assisted Mrs. Leith in presenting the event, which was ably hosted by students from Year 6 on commentary. We hope to have more performers in 2022!

Mrs Liz Leith



HPE Department

We are water ready!! This term, staff re-qualified for their Bronze Medallion with three secondary students.

Congratulations to Caitlin Campbell and Harmarnie Barker for joining the team. Flynn Mitchell has one more assessment to complete over the holidays and is especially water savvy! In addition, nine Year 10s qualified for their Bronze Star.

Well done to all on this massive achievement as we are going into the warm summer weather.

Primary students did their part in becoming water ready also as they finished up a nine day series of In-Term swimming lessons. As some of you may be aware, there is a national shortage of swimming instructors which affected our first few days at Toodyay Aquatic Centre. Thank you to all of the parents of our community for being patient and understanding during this time. Our students are loving their sessions at this beautiful venue and are eager to show off their newly learnt skills in the Term 1 Swimming Carnival.

Mrs Skye Hann



Parish Mass Times

GINGIN-CHITTERING PARISH

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Friday 24 December

St Catherine's (Gingin)	6.00pm
St Anne's (Bindoon)	8.00pm
Divine Mercy (Maryville)	10.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Saturday 25 December

Divine Mercy (Maryville) 9.30am

LATIN MASS

Divine Mercy (Maryville) 11.15am



Outdoor Education

This term, our Outdoor Education students enjoyed going off-campus to put their adventure skills to the test!

The Year 7 students learned how to cook in the bush by using Trangias and got to hike through Djidi-Djidi Ridge.

The Year 9s were lucky enough to go mountain biking through the Avon Valley during the cooler weather. The students particularly enjoyed flying through the puddles! In the more recent warmer weather, the Year 9s have been learning how to kayak in Lake Chittering and Moore River.

The Year 10 students have been covering First Aid in outdoor settings, learning how to respond to fractures, bleeding, snake-bites, shock and water based injuries. The Year 10s were put to the test on a hike at Bell's Rapids, where they were given scenarios to role play and respond to (with some Oscar winning performances). They are also excitedly preparing to go on their first overnight expedition to Bickley Recreation Camp.

At Immaculate Heart College, our Outdoor Education students are blessed with an abundance of incredible hiking, biking, kayaking and swimming locations all within half an hour's drive of the College. Being able to learn at these locations is only a small part of why Outdoor Education is so many students' favourite subject!

Mr Jordan D'Andrilli and Mr Craig Gorddard



Creative Conservation

Incursion

On Friday the 19th the Year 5 students participated in a Creative Conservation incursion to learn about threatened species. Specifically focusing on Black Cockatoos, the students learnt about the species found around Lower Chittering and rotated through two fun activities with Dean from Carnaby's Crusaders and Marnie from Eco Gecko.

Marnie provided a 'Cartooning Cockies for Conservation' session for students where they learnt cartooning techniques and created a cartoon artwork to educate the community about the threats to the cockatoos and what they can do to keep them safe.

Dean's session gave the students an opportunity to get up close and personal with two Forest Red-Tailed black cockatoos.

Dean shared an immense amount of knowledge about the cockatoo's diets, behaviours, habitats, and the threats they are facing each day. The students had a chance to ask many questions about why they are threatened and what can be done to help them.

The students had lots of fun learning new cartoon skills, but they also gained the knowledge to help spread awareness about this threatened species. Overall it was a unique and enjoyable experience for Year 5!

*Mrs Alana Pullella
and Mrs Alison Brown*

Mock Interviews

Year 10 students practised interview skills at the Mock Interviews today. Students were interviewed by some fabulous IHC community members, including Ashley Lomas, Peter Twort, Heath Elkington, Kate Vale, Anita Hoy and our own Mrs Alison Brown. For their time and efforts, IHC and our Year 10 students sincerely thank you!

The students were nervous to begin with but by the end they all seemed to have a smile on their faces, empowered by the experience. We hope this event has given all students a head start into the world work by being ready for the expectations and stresses of a job interview. Great job Year 10s, you presented and performed well. The feedback from our interviewers suggested that we have a great bunch of students in Year 10 at IHC.



Mrs Kim Knight



11 & 12 Dinner Dance

This was the first year Immaculate Heart College has been open to year 12 students, and as a result, students requested that we have a College Ball to celebrate the end of their time at IHC. As our cohort is so small, we decided that a small, intimate gathering to honour our graduates would be fitting. The beachside venue was beautifully decorated and organised by amazing staff, including Skye Hannd, Sara Searle, and Sister Lynn. Overlooking the beautiful Mullaloo beach, with the sun setting in the background, our Year 11s and 12s arrived with their friends and family, receiving a fun 'sunset' mocktail to start the night off. Each student had come adorned in amazing dresses and suits, adding to the magnificence of the setting. The night began with refreshments and conversations as students cast their thoughts into the future and what lay ahead.

Students were front and centre as their Pastoral Care Teacher, Skye Hannd, and Principal, Meika Gough, spoke of the fantastic individuals we were saying goodbye to. As the sun set, signalling the ebbing of their Secondary School careers, the students wasted no time in removing their shoes and dancing up a storm throughout the night. Their bright smiles remained throughout the night, displaying their radiant personalities and excitement for the future. In between their favourite songs, students crammed themselves into the photobooth and snapped photo after photo with their friends and family, receiving the copies as keepsakes.

It has been a blessing to watch our Year 12s grow throughout this year, and we are certain that they have the tools and means to create meaningful and fulfilling futures. We hope that this night of 'having a ball' together is something that our students will remember forever.

Mrs Skye Hannd

