



Message from the Interim Principal

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Viannakis

Dear Parents and Carers of Immaculate Heart College
There is much to report as we fast approach the end of the term!

COVID in the College Community

Whilst we had managed to keep COVID at bay for much longer than in many other schools in the metropolitan area, it is now upon us, with COVID cases among both staff and students, inclusive of close contacts. As such, we are doing everything within our power to continue to keep the College (1) open for face-to-face teaching and learning; and (2) safe from further unnecessary spread of the virus.

At this juncture, I wish to formally note that Mrs Tamara Carpenter has taken on the role of Coordinator of all matters relating to COVID at the school, and to thank her for the careful and methodical approach that she is taking in documenting each COVID case, along with the related isolation protocols, set by the Health Department of WA, and channelled to us through AISWA. This is a task that is becoming more and more prevalent in Mrs Carpenter's daily work at the College, and for which we owe her much gratitude!

Parents and carers, I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this very difficult period in time, faced by all schools and other educational centres. Please contact Mrs Carpenter by phoning the school on 9571 8135 or at: Tamara.Carpenter@ihc.wa.edu.au if your child tests positive or if they are a close contact.

Primary School Student Leaders

On Thursday 17 March I had the pleasure of addressing the new Primary School Student Leaders:



FORTITUDE: Hannah Rose and Jaden Matthauss;
JUSTICE: Ella Kitto and Xavier Edwards;
PRUDENCE: Ashton Meakes and Kelsey Van Heemst;
TEMPERANCE: Tyson Dewhirst and Makenzie Parkinson;
SUSTAINABILITY: Gemma Dobra and Kaylee Connolly; and
HEAD PREFECTS: Xavier Campbell and Elise Carpenter.

The students, all in Year 6, were very proud to have been elected by their peers to their respective leadership positions and are ready to take on various leadership duties. They have been inducted into their leadership roles through an online program and through the guidance and nurturing of their Year 6 teachers, Mrs Bianca McLaughlin, Ms Kathryn Quinn, and Mr Nino Raju. I congratulate the students and their families, once again, and am looking forward to witnessing and later hearing about their individual development in this capacity.

Official Handover of New Secondary School Building

The official handover of the new Secondary School Building took place on Thursday 17 March. In attendance were the Chair of the Board of Directors, Father Paul Fox, the College's Builder, Mr Paul Malynn, members of the Shire of Chittering, and I.

It was an exciting occasion that offered a glimpse into the future of Immaculate Heart College as more and more similar state-of-the-art buildings are being planned for the College's expansion.

The building, which includes two Science Laboratories, a Science storeroom, along with other storerooms; one purpose-built Art Room, along with two General Learning Areas/classrooms, all generously-sized; a central teaching/learning area/Atrium; a parent/teacher meeting room; and a Staff Room is currently being furnished.

Staff and students are expected to be in the new building at the start of Term Two. An official blessing and opening of the new building is being planned, with details forthcoming in the near future.



Mass on Friday 25 March

This week's Mass will be attended by the Year 1 students. The following arrangements will apply:

- Period 1 on Friday 25 March will be for Year 1 students only;
- Masks for all staff, as well as COVID-mandated spacing will be applicable in the church;
- Parishioners will have been asked to attend the afternoon Mass;
- Holy Communion or a Blessing is totally optional for everyone.

Parents and carers, please discuss the matter of receiving a Blessing with your child/children so that they are aware of what they will do on Friday.

Greek Independence Day Assembly and Wreath-laying Ceremony

Friday 25 March is Greek Independence Day, one of Greece's two National Days (the other one being on 28 October). Mr George Anastassiadis has been busy preparing for the Greek Independence Day Assembly, which was held on Wednesday 23 March and was filmed for parents and carers to view via SEQTA.

Students from Years 3 to 5 were involved in this special assembly, whilst students from Years 2 and 3 performed other Greek language items. Merit Certificates for students who have done well in their Greek language classes were issued on Thursday 24 March.

A letter has been disseminated regarding the Wreath-laying Ceremony at the State War Memorial in Kings Park on Sunday 27 March at 12.30pm. Student Leaders, in particular, are encouraged to attend as representatives of the College and to accompany me in the laying of a wreath in commemoration of the start of The Greek War of Independence (25 March 1821).

Immaculate Heart News

Save the Dates

Friday 25 March

Feast of the Annunciation
Greek Independence Day

Monday 28 March

Year 9/10 Senior Secondary Pathways
Information (PPT Link will be provided)

Tuesday 5 April

Year 10 Excursion - Keys4Life Excursion

Thursday 7 April

Passion Play
End of Term 1 for Students

Upcoming Junior Golf Programs



At The Vines Resort & Country Club

Click [here](#) for more information

Assemblies - Thursdays

Week 9 - Greek Assembly - Primary School



As parents cannot access the College grounds, assemblies will be recorded and uploaded to Seqta.

Year 6 St Patrick's Bake Sale

Mr Raju and Mrs McLaughlin

On Thursday 17 March, the Year 6 students conducted a bake sale in conjunction with St Patrick's Day to raise funds for their camp at the end of the year. Adopting a theme of all items sold being green, the students sold jelly, cakes, cookies and other tasty treats to the Primary School and Secondary School students during the recess and lunch.



A "Lolly Jar" guessing competition was also held to raise money. A total of 98 snakes were squeezed into the jar. Mrs Taylor won having guessed the closest amount of 97.

A total of \$960.90 was raised by the Year 6 students. Thanks goes to everyone who has supported this cause and contributed to its success.



Bullying No Way!

On Thursday 17 March, the Secondary School students buddied up with an Upper Primary class to discuss bullying and mentor students on strategies they can implement.

The Years 6R and 10 students collaborated on strategies to deal with situations that involve bullying. A group of students from the Year 6R class presented a skit on how a student was victimised and bullied while another of her friends was a bystander. Then, each Year 10 student was paired with a Year 6R student to discuss strategies on how to deal with bullying situations. Overall, both groups of students enjoyed the experience!



Pre-primary Design and Technologies Boats



Harmony Day

On Harmony Day we had the pleasure of discussing our vibrant and diverse community that is Australia. Students across the college participated in varying activities to celebrate the occasion.

The Year 5C students created a poster by adding their own flare to an individual sheet. They worked together to piece the poster and to create a masterpiece. There was a big focus on how together we can make the world a better place.

Australia is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world—approximately one in four of Australia’s population was born overseas and around 44% were either born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas. Australians identify with more than 270 ancestries, speak over 260 languages and practice a wide range of religions.

