



# Immaculate Heart News

## Save the Dates

Monday 23 May

Prudence Day

Thursday 26 May

Year 7 - 8 Retreat Day : Youth Mission Team Incursion

Year 4 Excursion: Fremantle Prison

Year 8 Outdoor Education Excursion: Karem Adventure Park (Orienteering)

Friday 27 May

Kindergarten to Year 12 IHC Cross Country

Year 8A and 9 Music Students Excursion: Perth Concert Hall

Thursday 2 April

Year 6 MasterChef Competition

Year 7-12 ACC Interschool Cross Country

Assemblies - Thursdays

Starting at 8:45am

Week 7 - 9 June: Year 1C and 1P

Week 8 - 16 June: Secondary School

Week 9 - 23 June: Pre-primary classes

Issue 7: Term 2, Week 4

## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Sammantha Da Luz*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Sammantha Da Luz and I have been a teacher and Administrator for over 30 years within the Education Department and CEWA schools. I am married with a (nearly) 22-year-old daughter. My husband continues to operate our own transport logistics company in the Mid and North West whilst I am very excited to be your new principal here! As with many families, we are living the FIFO and DIDO life!

I have found the school to be in a beautiful setting and with very dedicated and hard-working staff, I look forward to meeting all of our wonderful students in due course. I also hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact me or to pop in and say hi! I know we have some work ahead of us to address some ongoing concerns, but we need you to please also support us by letting us know what the issues are. If we are not made aware of them, we are unable to deal with them.

My passion for education extends to addressing high educational standards and outcomes for all our students and ensuring that we holistically form young Christian men and women who are confident and resilient to tackle life in a post-pandemic world.

As a Christ-centred college, we live the values and ideals of our faith: respect and care for one another. I am committed to working with you all to realise the potential of Immaculate Heart College and to develop a flourishing school community; as together, we can achieve great things!

May God bless you all until next time.



### Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil** 5.00 pm (4.30pm Rosary)

**Saturday Vigil:** 6.45 pm

**Sunday:** 7.30 am

9.30 am

11.15 am

**St Catherine's, Gingin**

**Divine Mercy Church, Maryville**

**St Anne's, Bindoon**

**Divine Mercy Church, Maryville**

**Divine Mercy Church, Maryville (Latin)**

### Writing Competition

If you are in Years 2 to 6, it is not too late to enter the Short Story Competition closing on Friday 27 May.

[Here](#) is a reminder of the details.

Thank you to those who have already entered.

Good luck and happy writing!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Canteen is looking for volunteers. This facility is enjoyed by the students and cannot run without the support of the parent body. We urgently need assistance on Fridays to be able to remain open.

If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact the Canteen Manger Mrs Diane Whittaker:

[diane.whittaker@ihc.wa.edu.au](mailto:diane.whittaker@ihc.wa.edu.au)



# Message from the Interim Principal

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis*

As I like the number three, I will keep my final newsletter message contained to three items:

## 1. Welcome to the New Principal of Immaculate Heart College

It is with sincere and heart-felt emotion that I welcome new Principal, Mrs Sammantha Da Luz to the College! Despite not being physically present at the school during my final week as Interim Principal due to having contracted COVID, I have been conducting a handover with Mrs Da Luz via email and other means, and am confident that the College is in good hands, with a sturdy and bright future ahead! I, therefore, wish Mrs Da Luz a wonderful, long, and rewarding career as Principal of Immaculate Heart College, and a fruitful and productive relationship with the parents and carers of the school. May God bless Mrs Da Luz in everything that she does for IHC!

## 2. Growing Hair for Cancer

We have three male students in the school who have been granted special permission by the Board of Directors to grow their hair for cancer, in order for it to be cut and to be made into a human-hair wig for children suffering from the disease. The three students are:

- Year 5K: Ned Hagan
- Year 5B: Logan Vale-Kunz
- Year 11: Flynn Mitchell



Each of these students has submitted a completed form and a covering letter of request to the Board, and each has been granted permission for the philanthropic act that they have chosen to undertake. Once their hair is long enough to do so, these students will be tying it back, and once the pony tail reaches 20cms in length, they will be cutting it off for the purpose outlined above.

Parents and carers, without special permission such as that granted for this philanthropic cause, all male students must abide by the College's Uniform Policy that stipulates the acceptable length of hair for boys.

## 3. Farewell and Thank You!

It is with very mixed feelings that I write my farewell message to the parents and carers of our beautiful school! I am both happy to have served the College at a time when it would have been impossible to secure a Principal at such short notice (December 2021 to January 2022), and now quite sad that it has all come to a seemingly quick end. I have found that, as time passed during Term 1 and now Term 2, I was becoming more and more comfortable in my position, almost as if I hadn't left in 2016. It really was starting to feel like 'home' again and I know that I will miss that feeling very much. However, I will always be part of the College community and will be watching the progress being made, celebrating it along with you all!

Parents and carers of IHC, you have been very understanding of my fractional time per week at the school, and very supportive and patient in your demeanour towards me. Thank you for your true partnership in progressing this College to bigger and better things, and for entrusting the education of your children to this very special school! I wish you many blessings and rewards for you and your children in the days and years that will follow, and I look forward to sharing these with you whenever possible!

# Wellness

*Mrs Skye Hannd*

On Thursday 5 May, the Year 10 students participated in a tailored wellness incursion provided by the Pelvic Pain Foundation.

PPEP talk incorporated the Neuroscience of pain, good health decisions, pain self-management strategies, and available resources. Please see the [flyer](#) for future opportunities.



# Career Expo

*Dior Bates*

On Thursday 12 May, the Year 10 and 11 students embarked on a journey to Perth City for the Careers Expo! Firstly, we left on the bus and travelled to Edgewater train station, where we caught the train all the way into the big city. We walked to Perth Convention Centre and made our way through large doors that led us to the bright and overwhelming Careers Expo! The hall was filled with crowds of all different schools with bright and colourful uniforms. A lot of schools were a lot bigger than us! We split up into groups after our safety briefing with Mrs Hannd and Miss Stevens and set off to look at all the different stalls. There were so many universities advertising, as well as amazing career options ranging from fashion and design to positions in the Defence Force. When we finished signing up for giveaways and information with our emails to the places we were interested in, all groups met up with each other and we all had tote bags filled with trinkets and pamphlets.

We made our way to the Hay Street mall where the team leaders led their groups to different restaurants for lunch. Once we had finished our lunch we made our way back to meet with each other and walked back to the train station and embarked on our way back to school. Once back at school we all met up in the classroom to look through our collectables and pamphlets. A big thank you to Mrs Hannd and Miss Stevens for organizing this amazing trip! We all left inspired with a lot of different career paths. We feel ready to face the world!



# Technologies

*Pre-primary*

Over the last few weeks the children have been learning about technology. They have been focusing on everyday objects and sorting them into groups, digital and non-digital. Last week the children were able to make their own digital technology in the form of a laptop. These laptops have become a key part in the children's dramatic play and development of social skills.

