

CELEBRATING



# Immaculate Heart News

## Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:  
<http://ihc.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

Monday 21 November  
Year 9 Outdoor Education Excursion

Wednesday 23 November  
100K Run Club

Friday 25 November  
Primary School Colour Run  
Year 7 to 10 Foam Fiesta

Wednesday 30 November  
IHC Netball Club Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 1 December  
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Friday 2 December  
Year 6 Fun Day

Monday 5 December  
Primary Book Award Assembly - 1:45pm  
Secondary Book Award Assembly - 2:30pm

Thursday 8 December  
Christmas Concert & Art Exhibition - 6:00pm

Friday 9 December  
Last day of Term 4

### School Fee Payment Reminder

The end of year is fast approaching and fees are due by 25 November.

Note: bus fees are not deducted from Direct Debit payments.

Accounts Department



100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
"The Way, the Truth and the Life"  
John 14:6

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## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Sammantha Da Luz*

As we come now to the business end of the year, the college campus is a hive of activity and students are getting excited about the Advent season upon us and with Christmas fast approaching, everyone is feeling a little tired and seemingly pulled in multiple directions. For that reason, please check in with your child during this time; the SEQTA behavioural notifications have been going into overdrive as tiredness and emotions take precedence with the departure of some of our students and staff members. Fears may also be abounding as one group leaves the safe haven of one school to transition to another: primary to secondary! For that endeavour, the Year 6s will be having a TOPS (Transition and Orientation Program for Secondary) Day where they will be able to make new friends, meet their teachers and visit their new classrooms for next year. We can't wait!

The college continues to grow in enrolments for next year which is very heartening to see. After six months in the role, I have been conscious about what the community's concerns were and have worked with my staff to ensure that what we could fix, we did and what we couldn't at this stage, goes on a priority list for next year! It certainly hasn't been an idle period for anyone this semester. When we conclude our staffing recruitment process, we will then be able to set our timetable for next year. We are trialling a new software package for this endeavour and look forward to delivering a much more streamlined product for all users.

We hope to also make a few changes during the school holidays. We are finalising quotes and getting trades people to come in and remodel parts of our school: the administration centre and a library/teacher resource centre. Due to the nationwide difficulties of getting certain materials and qualified personnel to work (especially over the holiday period), our remodelling may continue into the school year. Please pray for us during this period so that we can minimise the disruptions to our school operations.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the Music team of teachers and peripatetic tutors for the amazing Music Assembly last week. We were certainly treated to a large showcase of talents across a wide range of instruments and styles of music. There were definitely lots of standing ovations from the audience in recognition of not only talent, but of hard work. To be at the top of any field, one must practice, practice, practice!

This week like the others has been busy: I hope the weather has not been too inclement for our Year 6s who are currently returning from their camp. I look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing all about their memories made on camp. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten team also held their Orientation Day for new students for 2023 where they met their teachers: Miss Erceg and a warm welcome back to Mrs Fantoni who is returning part-time to our school.

The school canteen will be operating 5 days a week next year. If you have any time available or know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer for a few hours on any particular day or days, please could you let reception know? We can only offer this service if it is strongly supported by our families.

I met with the college's P&F for their last meeting this year. I would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of all parents and friends involved with our college over the years and especially for the duration of this year since I arrived at IHC in May. I have been so impressed by the enthusiasm and talents of so many in our college community. We thank especially Mrs Simone Campbell and Mrs Collette Campbell who have devoted themselves over so many years to our college. Their presence and support will be greatly missed; however, this is also a great opportunity for new parents to join this vibrant and passionate group!

As the school prepares for our end of year concert, don't forget that we also have the Colour Run, followed by the Secondary Foam Fiesta scheduled for next Friday 25 November. If you haven't already been fundraising, it's not too late. This is also a reminder to all secondary students to get your money in for the fiesta by Monday 21 November. If we don't sell sufficient tickets, we may not be able to proceed with this event that has been organised specifically for students in Years 7-10.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all Year 11s for completing their exams and finishing the year off so well. May you all be rewarded for your hard work and efforts and I look forward to seeing you back as our new school leaders in Year 12!

God bless.

## Remembrance Day

On 11 November at 11am, the entire school gathered in front of the flag poles to commemorate Remembrance Day. The fence bordering the flag poles was decorated with poppies. The proceedings were led by Mrs Tamara Carpenter as she explained why we commemorate this day. The Ode was then read by Mr Thomas Brennan which was followed by The Last Post and a minute's silence to remember the fallen. Following this, the Rouse was played, and the service ended with The National Anthem.



We are approaching the beginning of Advent, the Christmas season, where we recognise the importance of Jesus becoming one of 'us'. We may have already noticed (even on 1 November!) Christmas trees appearing at the shops, lights glimmer from trees and the promise of presents seems to be in the air.

Let's not forget the reason for the Christmas season - that Jesus became a gift for us, to have a deeper encounter with God.

To close the Catholic Church calendar, the Catholic Church offers the Feast of Christ the King as the last major event - that Jesus is this secure anchor at the end and start of all things.

In thanksgiving for the Senior Secondary classes completing their coursework and for all that this Christmas season will offer, let us pray:

"Jesus Christ, the King, thank you for creating and entrusting the world to your care. May the Kingdom of Your peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Not only peace to the world, but bring peace to my heart, the heart of my family and to dear ones. In your name Jesus, Amen."



# WAMGLTA Supports Students Speaking Greek!

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis - WAMGLTA Chairperson*

The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA) held its annual Speak Greek in June Event this year but with a difference! It was no longer a competition. Rather, the "Event" offered an opportunity for students to speak Greek freely and without the competitive edge that existed in the past, allowing them to relax and hold natural dialogue or respond to questions in a natural way, whilst being video recorded. The students could speak on any topic agreed upon in consultation with their teacher.

WAMGLTA is proud to announce that there were 26 students who participated in the Speak Greek in June Event from three educational providers where Modern Greek is taught, listed alphabetically below:

- Centre for Hellenic Studies, WA (CHSWA) – 2 students
- Greek Language and Culture Institute (GLCI) of Evangelismos – 19 students
- Immaculate Heart College (IHC) – 5 students

Students were awarded a Certificate of Participation encased in a document wallet, along with a small prize of a USB for saving their work, and a confectionary. Special thanks are extended to Dr Con Berbatis and family for sponsoring this annual Greek-speaking event for the students of our local Greek language providers!



WAMGLTA congratulates all the students, their teachers, and their families for their wonderful work in this year's WAMGLTA Speak Greek in June Event and we look forward to their ongoing participation next year and beyond.

# PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis - WAMGLTA Chairperson*

The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA) is proud to announce that Mr Nino Arvind Raju was this year's recipient of the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA) Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Nino was honoured with the Award at the 2022 Presentation Ceremony, which took place on Wednesday 19 October at the Karrinyup Country Club.



In attendance were the Chair of WAMGLTA, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, the Deputy Chair, Ms Maria Svarnou, and our successful nominee and Secretary of WAMGLTA, Mr Nino Raju and his wife. Also in attendance was the Principal of Immaculate Heart College (IHC), Mrs Sammantha Da Luz, and the Registrar, Mrs Tamara Carpenter, both proudly supporting Mr Raju who is a staff member of the school. Furthermore, we were delighted that the Honourable Consul of Greece, Mrs Georgia Karasiotou attended as well to witness the event.

WAMGLTA extends heart-felt congratulations to Nino for his recent award from the PTCWA!

WAMGLTA looks forward to nominating more of its members for this prestigious award in the years to come.

# WAMGLTA Supports Students Speaking Greek!

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis - Board of Directors*

On Sunday 6 November, the Greek community celebrated the 82nd anniversary of the events of the 28th of October 1940, otherwise known as 'OXI Day'. This is Greece's second National Day in the year, the first one being on the 25th of March (Greek Independence Day).

This year was an extra special event due to the inaugural visit to Perth of the Greek Presidential Guard (the 'Evzones'). After a week of various reception events held for the Evzones, the Wreath-laying Ceremony concluded their formal duties in Perth. It was also one of the highlights of their visit.



Present at the Wreath-laying Ceremony in representation of Immaculate Heart College were Mr Nino Raju, Mr George Anastassiadis, and students Charlotte Oakley (Year 4) and her brother Ryan (Year 2). The Board of Directors was represented by Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis and Mr Peter Hewitt.



Charlotte addressed the audience in Greek, providing an overview of the events of the 28th of October 1940. She spoke and read her lines with clarity and confidence, attracting a hearty applause from the distinguished audience present on the day.

A beautiful wreath was laid on behalf of the school and photos taken, including one with the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Mark McGowan.

All present witnessed the historic event of the Greek Presidential Guard, who paraded and later kept vigil at the State War Memorial after the formalities had ended.

Congratulations are extended to Charlotte for her excellent presentation, to Mr Anastassiadis for preparing Charlotte for the day, and to Mr Raju for the beautiful wreath. Thanks are extended to the Oakley family for representing the College on this auspicious and historic occasion.

# Media Kelly Burton

The Year 7s have been exploring TV News this term and have had a chance to work with equipment such as lighting, tripods, cameras and sound. Recreating the news studio and then 'on location' around the campus has made for fun exploration. They have improved their communication and presentation skills as well as learnt valuable skills working within a team environment! Most importantly, they become aware that everything we consume in the media is 'constructed' for an intended audience!

