

# Immaculate Heart News

## Save the Dates

Friday 1 July

Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 26 July

Term 2 Commences

Monday 15 August

Science Week Commences

Monday 22 August

College Photograph Day 1

Tuesday 23 August

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Friday 26 August

Secondary School Athletics Carnival

Friday 16 September

Primary School Athletics Carnival

Assemblies - Thursdays  
Starting at 8:45am

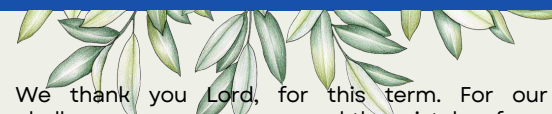
Week 2 - 4 August: Junior Choir

Week 4 - 18 August: Secondary School

Week 5 - 25 August: Book Week

Week 6 - 1 September: Year 5

Week 8 - 15 September: Secondary School



We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

We ask for your richest blessings over all our school community, especially those who are ill, recovering from surgery or who are struggling with difficult situations in their lives. Surround us with your loving care, keep us safe and may we return next term, renewed and refreshed.

Amen.

## Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Sammantha Da Luz

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to a close to Term Two, Semester One, I know that many of you will be looking forward to a well-deserved holiday break with your families. This school, as with all other schools in WA, has been hit hard with Covid and additionally, the changes in school leadership. I am pleased to report that on both scores, we have managed to transition very well to ensure the availability of full services and regular school activities which have been able to be delivered. I commend all students, families and staff on coping so well and working together tirelessly to ensure that disruptions were kept to a minimum and where there had been issues, brought to our immediate attention for remedy!

I need to acknowledge in particular, the administration: our amazing front reception and First Aid staff: Mrs Gillings, Mrs Zilleson and Mrs Donnelly; School Bursar: Mrs Sangeeta Pudhota; School Registrar: Ms Tamara Carpenter and Accounts Officer: Mrs Carmel Taylor. Also, Mrs Cath Hall who took over the Relief Coordinator's role and all external relief staff! Without you and all college staff in providing internal relief when numbers far exceeded our resources, we could not have operated at full capacity. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We also formally farewell Ms Joanne Bettison today who has taught 5B for this semester. Ms Bettison will be dearly missed by the students whom she has taken very closely under her wing. We thank her very much for all her input and care and wish her all the very best in the future.

Due to a recalculation of the non-government schools' registration standards for Time for Instruction, it has been identified that IHC is operating substantially over in comparison to other independent schools. The decision has been made to realign the last day for IHC school students in Term 4, with other AISWA schools. The adjusted final day for all students is now Friday 9 December 2022.

Also, due to an overhaul of the whole school timetable to accommodate staff movements, some internal changes will need to occur. From the climate parent survey results, there was overwhelming support to have a longer lunch break; so, from Semester Two, lunchtimes will return to a 40-minute slot and all breaks (recess and lunch) will also realign in both the primary and secondary timetables. Recess will stay as a 20-minute slot.

We hope to investigate further, an adjustment to start and finish times for 2023, a different model for PCT class groupings in Secondary school, and a different timetable structure from a 7 to a 6-period day. Please note that these decisions involving start and finish times will involve feedback from the parent body and the relevant agencies before being confirmed for 2023.

Thank you to all involved in the Crazy for Coffee Day today which saw many students and staff supporting the Student Council in their Crazy Hair fundraising day for a commercial Coffee Barista machine. We hope to be able to add it to our future repertoire and student qualifications for 2023.

Finally, thank you to all staff and students for a superb term. I wish you all a safe, restful and joyful July holiday break! I look forward to seeing you all next term.

God bless!

Mrs Sammantha Da Luz



## Year 3 Kings Park Education Excursion

On Friday 17 June, the Year 3 students went on an excursion to Kings Park Education Centre. They participated in two exciting learning programs! In Child Vs Wild students learnt about respecting and protecting the natural environment while also experiencing an introduction to bush skills. This included activities such as shelter building, finding clean drinking water, building a safe campfire, making damper and energy snacks, and delivering simple first aid.

During Living Wetlands students explored the biodiversity of a wetland habitat with a hands-on investigation of life beneath the water. Students pond-dipped for macro-invertebrates, used identification keys and observation techniques to record findings and make predictions. They considered the food chains and life cycles of the animals found in the Kooyar Kep Wetland. A WONDERFUL day was had by all!



# Simply Divine: MMADD Week

Zane Houston - Student Leadership Team - Editor

Ablaze with creativity, students studied with excited expressions and general awe in the air, MMADD (Music, Media, Art, Dance and Drama) week was here and a hit for both the Primary and Secondary School. The Arts are seen as a highly regarded aspect of IHC, with the new Secondary School art room designated as a space abundant with inspiration for both visual and media artistry, with Dance and Drama beginning to take place as an exciting addition to the school program, and the much beloved Music and Design & Technologies classes proving a growing fanbase.

Monday's performance saw the start of the art celebrations, with a Primary School music day beginning with a presentation of "The Dinosaur Stomp" by the Year 1s under Mrs Bourke's lead at recess.



Lunch brought about a xylophone recital and a serenade of the song "Hey Brother", a combined effort by Years 2 and 3, then a performance by the Year 4s using body percussion, accompanied by the boomwhackers, all performed under the guidance of a conductor. What a spectacle!

Tuesday saw a full-scale art gallery taking place in the hall, featuring everything from paintings and clay work to the Design & Technology class's Barbie motorbike, which made way for some interesting photo opportunities for children and teachers alike. Along with the soon to be infamous Wish Fish and the newly founded IHC Radio, hosted by DJ Taj, the day in summary was truly a sight and experience to behold for both the Primary and Secondary School.



Recess on Wednesday kicked off with a melodious piano performance of two pieces by Francesca Donnelly (Year 10), a piece by sister Louise Donnelly (Year 8), and a piece by Evelyn Jones (Year 9), all played with style and poise, and ending with applause from the audience. Lunch marked the dance and drama day of the week, and an audience in the hall was presented with the debut of the Year 9 dance troupe, performing the song "Apologize". Overall, it was a fun and entertaining day, and I was pleased to see the enjoyment from all involved.



Thursday unfortunately brought about a feeling of sorrow as the magnificent week came to an end, though the spirits were uplifted with a splendid piano rendition of "Immaculate Mary", our college hymn, by Year 9 Student Councillor Taj McLachlan at recess. Lunch brought one of the spectacles of the week, a performance of four songs by the newly formed IHC Blues Band, with Mrs Leith on the piano and Mr Alivojvodic leading on the drums. The hall was filled with joy once more after the main event, with

Mr Alivojvodic playing a drum riff for some fans. It was a magnificent display of IHC's Secondary School musical talent, played with perfectly jazzy fashion on the clarinet and French horn.



In closing, I would like to extend the greatest thanks on behalf of the entire student body to Mrs Burton, Ms Carroll, Mrs Leith, and Mr Heatherly for their significant contribution to the art show, dance showcase and music recitals respectively, and for bringing such an exuberant event for all the art lovers of our school. I sincerely hope to see it come into fruition as an annual or twice-yearly event.



## Divine Mercy Food Bank

There is now a food bank cupboard in the room at the back of the church, accessible through the side door next to the presbytery. Please feel free to take items or to donate non-perishable foods as required. The door is open daily from 8:00am - 6:00pm.

## Brownes Dairy Incursion

On Wednesday 22 June, students from Years 3, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in an incursion organised by Brownes Dairy.



The incursion began with an explanation on the process of milk production by Farmer Damian. The students then had the opportunity to taste and identify different yoghurt flavours. Finally, Farmer Damian explained the characteristics of cows that are bred for their milk and students had the opportunity to pat the cow.



## Containers for Change Collection in ELC

The students and teachers in the ELC classes are currently collecting containers as a part of the government scheme Containers for Change. This scheme is aimed at encouraging Western Australians to collect and return eligible beverage containers in exchange for money. We are collecting containers that are 150mL - 3L including:

- drink cans
- plastic bottles
- glass bottles
- liquid paper

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The money raised will go towards much needed new play equipment for the students in the Early Years. If you would like to help us and would like to donate any of your empty cans you can drop them off to any of the ELC teacher's classrooms. All containers need to be washed and meet the required size. Please check that the containers have the 10c label on them. We will also recycle the lids so they can stay on the bottles or you can remove them and put them in a separate bag.

