

Message from the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful turnout for our PJ/Oodies Day on Thursday where all gold coins were collected to raise funds for our playground equipment. I must say that I enjoyed wearing my Ugg boots on such a cold winter's day and seeing so many warm and "toasty" faces!

Thank you to all staff and students on finishing strongly for Term 2, despite all the illnesses cropping in and multi-absences! I have to thank all college staff for stepping in to cover when external relief staff were unable to attend, in order to provide consistency for classes and playground duties. Thank you to all college staff (teaching and admin) on a herculean effort to get reports completed on time and for engaging students until the end, particularly Ms Shannon Hicks on organizing and facilitating safe, fun and valuable skills and experiences for all our students on the Outdoor Education Camps from Years 7-9! It was a huge feat for Ms Hicks, who was ably supported by Mrs Searle and Mr Martin with the Year 8s, Mr Kelly with the Year 9s and Ms Carpenter with the Year 7s. Thank you for your above and beyond commitments to our students. The experiences and fun times will continue to bring back fond memories in years to come, I am sure.

Well done to our P&F on their Quiz Night social and fundraiser for our community in Week 9. It was a musical hoot, with the outfits, the air guitar impressions and the hugely supportive and fun atmosphere! The organization was excellent and all participants reported a great evening. It was Mrs Emily Rogers' last formal event as Fundraising Coordinator as she takes on more demanding roles in her life. We thank her for her wonderful service to our P&F and college and welcome Mrs Lynda Pillar in that role for the future.

We also farewelled Mrs Rachel Kirk who is unfortunately leaving us due to a change in her family circumstances and thank her for all her gifts and talents at our college and for the Year 5 class during her time here this year. We welcome Mrs Fiona Marsden who has kindly stepped in full-time to take on that class for the rest of the year.

It has been so lovely seeing the teachers out on the oval and surrounds playing sport with our students during lunchtimes. Mr Kelly's rugby group has grown and so has Mr O'Callaghan's soccer teams! Even though it has been cold, the sun has been shining and the smiling faces have been beaming. With our three-week term break coming up, we are ending on a very positive note.

A quick update on around the College: you may have noticed that our accommodation units have been moved and we will complete the clean up of the area during the school holidays. Planning is underway for our new library and resource centre adjacent to that area with the old drama room undergoing some remodelling and extension work. When the students get back from the holidays, expect some more positive and colourful changes!

As we now have a three-week break, this is a good opportunity to sort out all those uniform needs, including any haircuts. Due to growth spurts, we understand when dress/skirt hems and shorts/pants lengths become shorter, however please communicate with us if you are having any difficulties in sourcing more uniform items and don't forget the IHC Community Classifieds on Facebook for all your pre-loved options. Lowes is also offering massive discounts until the end of

the financial year at Ellenbrook Shopping Centre. Please ensure that your child is suitably attired for the start of Term 3 as a true and modest representative of our Catholic College's vision and community.

Stay safe over the holiday period and please take good care, everyone. See you all back on Monday 24 July!





Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar: $\underline{ \text{http://ihcwaedu.au/calendar/} }$

Friday 30 June

Last day of Term 2 (three weeks of holidays)

Monday 24 July

Term 3 Commences

Wednesday 26 July

YMT Year 9/10 Reflection Day

Friday 28 July

Skillswest Careers & Employment Expo - Year 11 to 12

Tuesday 1 August

Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30pm

Thursday 3 August

Australian Mathematics Competition

Monday 14 August

Science Week Begins

Tuesday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass

Assemblies Term 3

Tuesday 1 August - Primary School - Year 3 Tuesday 8 August - Secondary School Wednesday 30 August - Primary School Book Week Parade

Tuesday 12 September - Primary Choir -Years 4 to 6

Tuesday 19 September - Secondary School

School Fee Payment Reminder

Payment of school fees in a timely manner is pivotal to the functioning of the College. Please ensure that all accounts are settled by the due date. Also, if you have not returned your 'Payment Option Nomination Form' your child's school fee is now overdue and needs to be settled immediately.

From the Heart

Tuesday of Week 10 is the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon of the same name is fascinating as it depicts Mary holding, not a baby Jesus, but a young boy Jesus who can see his future suffering on the Cross. Archangels Gabriel and Michael are shown on either side of Jesus holding the instruments of His Passion (the Cross, the lance etc). The boy Jesus' sandal strap is also shown to have broken, depicting the serpent that was prophesied to strike Jesus' heel in Genesis 3. But Mary is depicted as the caring mother who comforts her Boy in spite of His impending future suffering. So also then, is Our Lady our mother too. She can provide the same care in all our necessities if we call to her in prayer for help.



What remains of June is dedicated to one after another of Martyrs (brave people who have died for their faith), two of the most famous are Saints Peter and Paul. St Peter was the first pope, on whom Jesus built His Church in spite of Peter denying Him three times when he was arrested. St Paul was the famous trail blazer whose mission was to convert the Gentiles (non-Jews). His adventures are reported in the Acts of the Apostles; it makes for some interesting reading. He was bitten by a poisonous snake in Malta and survived. He survived a shipwreck more than once. People threw stones at him but nothing stopped him sharing the message of the Good News of Jesus with as many people as possible. He wrote 14 of the 27 Books in the New Testament. Before he died, he wrote: "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Mr Paul Kelly - Head of Theology, Faith and Liturgy

Music Mrs Liz Leith

It has been a busy semester with a focus on the music elements of beat, tempo, dynamics and melody (pitch). These elements have been integrated across the year levels with activities ranging from singing, composition, playing instruments, analysing music and exploring musical genres such as world music, film music, pop music and musicals

We have added to our collection of instruments more ukuleles, tuned percussion (xylophones and metallophones) and the beginnings of a keyboard collection. This range of instruments has enabled students to experience the various families of instruments.

Incursion

Terms 1 and 2 were fortunate to see visiting musicians perform. In Term 1 Primary Students listened to a small WASO ensemble and in Term 2 the Quartet Topology performed a concert titled "Taking Shape", with a strong focus on composition and blending tunes spontaneously.





School Choirs

Vocal music is at the core of the music program as students sing clap, copy and create musical melodies based on the Kodaly approach. Our three choirs: Liturgical, ELC (Years 2 and 3) and Primary Choir (Years 4 to 6) have been busy with energetic songs such as "Eye of the Needle" and "The Lazy Chicks", as well as relaxing music such as "Seashells" and "Homeward Bound".

The 2023 Liturgical Choir has grown in strength and committed students from Years 3 to 12 participate in weekly hymn practices and actively lead the singing at the College Mass. Students are preparing the challenging "Gloria Deo" in Latin!

Instrumental Program

The Instrumental Program continues to offer piano, strings, woodwind, drums and guitar tuition. Please contact the office if interested in furthering your child's musical journey with private tuition.

BYOD Laptops - New Arrivals

IHC's BYOD portal via HP has been updated with new laptops at reduced prices. Please head to www.hp.com.au/byod and use our unique school code 'ImmaculateHC' to view the devices that are available. These products will be available from Term 3.



Secondary School Camps

Ms Shannon Hicks

Year 8 Camp

In Week 8, the Semester 1 Year 8 Outdoor Education class went on camp to the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp. Over the three days of camp, students enjoyed activities such as The Big Swing, archery, caving and more! It was a huge undertaking for some of our students who were trying things for the first time, and they smashed it!









Year 9 Camp

During Week 9, the Semester 1 Year 9 Outdoor Education students trekked down to Waroona where they attended Forest Edge Recreation Camp and stayed at Lake Navarino Holiday Park. Students braved the rain and cold weather to enjoy rock climbing, billy cart riding, shooting and more! With so much more responsibility than ever before, the students showed that they can put themselves outside of their comfort zones and thrive!











Year 7 Camp

What a way to round off the semester! With the Semester 1 Year 7 Outdoor Education students camping at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre in Week 10. The cold weather did not stop these brilliant young campers from learning every second! They loved the Blackout Zone Escape Room, Jacob's Ladder and the commando course, as well as all their other activities. These students really showed how resilience gets them to achieve so much more!











NIPPSA

Mr Daniel Martin

On Friday the 23 June, our Primary Students headed to Mawson Park in Hillarys to compete in the 2023 NIPSSA Cross Country. The standard of competition is always very high at this event, and our students gave a supreme effort. A massive thank you to everyone that braved the awful weather including staff and parents that came to watch and help out.









Work Experience

Mrs Kim Knight

It's been a fabulous few weeks of work experience for our Year 10s. They enjoying being in the workplace and learning new skills to help them prepare themselves for life after school. Work experience is an opportunity to delve into the students' personal work values, what they have liked, what they have disliked, what was challenging and identifying the most enjoyable part of the week. Students were able to prove to themselves that they are reliable and that they are more capable than they think they are. On workplace visits, I saw big smiles and a growth in student confidence. Students have sought out workplaces such as retail, vet surgeries, childcare, education, library services, livestock sales and management, fabricators, mechanical workshops, carpentry and more!





























Cor Mariae Youth Group

Ms Paul Kelly

The Cor Mariae Youth Group has grown in popularity since its inception at the start of Term 1. The dynamic team of young leaders have played host to approximately 40 young people over Semester 1. Feedback from IHC students has been very positive. Any students from Years 6 to 12 are welcome to attend. Friday of Week 10 is a Movie Night.







IHC Sacrament Program Ms Paul Kelly

Congratulations to Xavier Edwards (Year 7) and Yael Timbreza (Year 4) after they received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy

Communion in Weeks 8 and 9 respectively. Both students are to be commended for the mature and responsible manner in which they engaged in the Sacrament Program this semester. Several students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. If any students are interested in receiving Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Mr Kellii





Year 7 STEM

Mrs Kim Knight

Each term the Year 7s get to experience being an entrepreneur. Yes, they learn the word 'entrepreneur'. The term long program mimics the TV show "Shark Tank", in which students are to innovate a new product or improve an existing product based on the needs of the market, or a worldly problem. Students have to pose many ideas and develop their thinking to a higher level, whilst being super persuasive to sell their product to the 'Sharks', Mrs Hughes and Ms Hegarty. Well done to Addison, Gemma and Ashley who got the top marks this term! Some ideas already posed are aenius!













P&F QUIZ NIGHT

What a great night it was at the IHC P&F Live Music Quiz night on Saturday 24 June. There were lots of laughs and a whole lot of fun. Our host Holly from Bamboozled kept the questions rolling all night and the band Wesley Goodlet Jamboree Scouts kept us entertained and dancing throughout the night too. It was great to see a mix of tables from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's with everyone dressing up for their decade. Congratulations to the 70's table who took out the best dressed with some excellent costumes. It was quite a sight to see some of our parents and teachers get up for the air guitar competition, definitely a few guitar solos there for the ages. Congratulations to Ali who won with a very spectacular air guitar solo.

A thank you to the Quiz night committee for organising the night and making sure it ran as smoothly as a well-tuned guitar. Also, a thank you to Emily Rogers, Alison Reliti, Tamara Carpenter and our principal Sammantha Da Luz for staffing the bar and kitchen, they cooked the delicious Cheeky Brothers pizzas for the tables and kept us refreshed through out the quiz.

We would also like to thank all the businesses who donated prizes for either the quiz winners or for the silent auction.

Hipster Cup Cafe
Castlerock Sheds
Bunnings Ellenbrook
Ischia Restaurant
Health and Balance with Julie Burgers
Bindoon Mitre 10
Muchea Tree Farm
Australian Premium Feeds
One Small Cottage Tea Rooms
Bindoon Arts and Crafts
Last Drop Water Carriers
Zinky's Beauty Therapy
The Loose Leaf Lettuce Company
Tailwinds
f Bar and Grill/Chequers Hotel - Thirsty Came

RedRoof Bar and Grill/Chequers Hotel – Thirsty Camel
Northern Valleys Quality Meats
Ray White - Bullsbrook

Without these sponsors we wouldn't have had the night we had, so please consider these locals for your next purchase and support the businesses that support us.

I would like to finish with thanking everyone who came on the night joining in on the fun and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Mr Simon Cox P&F President









