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# IMMACULATE HEART NEWS



SERENA & KADANCE – YEAR 10 MEDIA

## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Samantha Da Luz*

The wellbeing and safety of all students remain the highest priority for Catholic schools. IHC is no different. Some questions have been asked about the Keeping Safe: Protective Behaviours curriculum, and the confusion surrounding the teaching of Human Sexuality, I would like to encourage you to make contact with Mrs Catherine Hall for Keeping Safe: Protective Behaviours queries, Mr Paul Kelly, Head of Theology, Faith & Liturgy for the teaching of Human Sexuality queries and as always, myself on either of those matters. Please bear in mind that the Keeping Safe: Protective Behaviours curriculum is mandated by the state government. A common misconception is that it teaches human sexuality. These programs are not human sexuality programs. They are designed to equip students with knowledge and strategies to enable them to navigate everyday issues. There is abuse prevention-specific material, but this is not to be confused with the teaching of human sexuality. Again, I encourage you all to make contact with me or any of our leaders as mentioned above, should you have any further questions.

I began my newsletter speaking about the wellbeing and safety of our children. I would like to speak about our exciting wellbeing news now. The college is very lucky to have secured the services of two new chaplains for our students: Miss Elinor Wright and Mr Max McDonnell who many of our students already know through Cor Mariae youth group. Miss Wright will be teaching Theology in the Early learning years as Mrs Walsh departs on her maternity leave next week and when she is not in the classroom, students are welcome to see her in her chaplaincy role. Similarly, Mr McDonnell will also be joining the Theology team next year as well as fulfilling a chaplaincy role beginning this term. He is also available to chat with on Fridays this term.

The college is in the process of finalizing a Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Coordinator role to begin in 2024. We are excited at the prospect of having a dedicated leader to assist our college in setting up our students with a strong foundation to live their best possible lives both now and in the future.

The wellbeing of students is enriched when they feel safe, connected to each other, their teachers, their school and engaged in learning. Promoting wellbeing is also fundamental to students being ready to learn and supports optimal academic outcomes. I look forward to providing more updates within this area soon.

As final course counselling concludes for our Senior Secondary students, we are finalizing timetables and classes for 2024. The future looks bright and promising with our increased enrolments and a larger selection of courses from which to choose. The pathway to tertiary education is incredibly varied now and offers more diverse opportunities for our students to achieve their goals. As our college continues to grow, we aim to be able to provide more facilities and specialised resources for their chosen pathways.

I cannot end this newsletter without thanking all our staff in bringing together a beautiful celebration for our Year 12 students last week. The Thanksgiving Mass and Lunch was beautiful, and I know that all our students and families were thankful and very happy with the day. My thanks also go to all the teachers and support staff who helped our students get to this point: it takes a village as you know to educate our children! Please keep them all in your prayers as they commence their ATAR exams from next week onwards.

Unfortunately, our scheduled P&F meeting was postponed last week as so many of our P&F members were called out on emergency services duties due to a local fire alert. Please if you can make it, attend the next meeting once a new date is released. It is your way to find out more about all the wonderful things happening at our college and how we can continue to work together to make it even better!

Take care until next time, God bless.



## Save the Dates

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

### Monday 30 October

Year 11/12 Surfing Excursion

### Tuesday 31 October

Year 12 ATAR Exam - English  
Primary School Greek Assembly - Primary  
Students may wear blue and white

### Wednesday 1 November

All Saints Day  
Year 12 ATAR Exam - Maths Applications

### Thursday 2 November

All Souls Day - Whole School Mass  
Year 12 ATAR Exams - Psychology  
Year 7 & 10 Science Incursion

### Friday 3 November

Year 10 Keys 4 Life Incursion

### Wednesday 8 November

Year 7 Outdoor Education Camp (until Friday)  
Year 12 ATAR Exams - English Literature

### Thursday 9 November

Year 12 ATAR Exams - Modern History  
Secondary School Music Assembly

### Friday 10 November

IHC Colour Run

### Assemblies Term 4

Tuesday 31 October - Primary School OXI Day  
Thursday 9 November - Secondary School Music  
Tuesday 14 November - Year 1

Monday 27 November - Book Awards:

- Primary School - 9:00am
- Secondary School - 1:00pm

## From the Heart

Saturday of this week is the Feast Day of St Jude, not to be confused with Judas the Apostle who betrayed Our Blessed Lord. St Jude is known as the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes. This strange title has its origin in St Peter's Basilica in Rome because that is where St Jude's body was laid to rest after his death. Many pilgrims who visited St Jude's tomb in Rome reported powerful healings and miraculous answers to difficult prayers. Both St Bridget of Sweden and St Bernard received visions from God asking them to accept St Jude as the Patron Saint of the Impossible. Catholics also pray to St Jude when in seemingly hopeless situations because the New Testament letter, which bears his name, emphasises that we should persevere in difficult times in our lives.



The popularity of this apparently obscure Apostle has spread across the world. For example, the Brazilian Soccer Team, Flamengo have St Jude as their Patron Saint. St Jude was a relative of Jesus. He was one of the 12 Apostles. Holy Pictures of St Jude often have a flame above his head to depict the tongues of fire that sat over the heads of the Apostles at Pentecost, other images show St Jude holding an image of Christ. So, if you are ever in a real bind, try this Prayer to St Jude: Saint Jude, faithful servant, and friend of Jesus, God has granted you the privilege of aiding in hopeless and desperate cases. I am in need of your compassion! I implore you; come to my aid and intercede on my behalf. Amen. St Jude, pray for us.

*Mr Paul Kelly  
Head of Theology, Faith and Liturgy*

## Music!

*Mrs Liz Leith*

### Primary Music Assembly

Many Primary Students engaged in group and solo music performances on 20 October at the annual Primary Music Assembly. Students listened to the ELC Choir and Primary Choir sing, as well as the Liturgical Choir. Solo performers included piano, guitar and drum items displaying the growing talent at IHC. Congratulations to all students who participated and celebrated their achievements!

### Instrumental Program Enrolment 2024

The Instrumental Program at IHC offers piano, string, woodwind, drums and guitar tuition for students across the Primary and Secondary Campuses. Parents are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to enrich their child's education with music and enrol their child early to secure a place in the program for 2024. Current students must also re-enrol.



## Constable Care Incursion



