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# IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

MS KELLY BURTON

## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Samantha Da Luz*

Dear Parents and Carers

Following my letter to all families at the start of the week, I would like to express again our deepest condolences to the Stretton family on the loss of their beloved Nichole. Losing a parent is an unimaginable pain. We hope that the Stretton family remember that they are not alone in their loss at this time and that they are able to lean on the love and support of friends and family as they navigate through this difficult journey. We keep them all in our prayers.

As we enter into the busiest month for all schools, please spare a thought for the staff as we endeavour to complete the academic year as well as hold outside school events. For that reason, I would recommend having a list of important dates on your fridge so you don't lose track of what is coming up.

Thank you to all families, students and staff for supporting, organising and running school camps, excursions, fundraising activities, and school events for our community. Added to all this are our college formalities with the Year 11s departing at the end of next week, Year 6 students preparing for their Rite of Passage celebrations, Year 7 2024 Transition and Orientation Day, Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten Orientation Day, Book Awards, Arts and Design Showcases and finally, our showstopping Community Carols by Candlelight event.

I am also excited to announce that we are opening up a second Kindergarten class for 2024 due to very strong enrolment numbers. This augers very well for the college's continual growth. The announcement of our new Kindergarten teacher will be announced very soon ... watch this space. As a result of increased student numbers again throughout the whole college, it gives me great pleasure to confirm the appointment of important staff to our college in specific areas:

Congratulations to Ms Katelyn Hegarty who was successful in her application for the Head of Secondary role for 2024. Ms Hegarty has been acting in the position all year and has impressed the Board and staff with her skills and talents that she brings to our college.

Ms Adriane Markham will be joining our college in 2024 as Program Coordinator - Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing. Ms Markham comes to us with a background in the faith formation and liturgy areas at previous CEWA colleges as well as in Queensland. Ms Markham is also a highly experienced ATAR teacher in various Humanities and Science courses. Ms Markham's passion is in the realm of pastoral care for students and staff.

Mr Dara Connors joins us in Middle School for 2024, teaching English in Years 7-9. Mr Connors is already quite familiar with many of our students having volunteered his time previously with Cor Mariae. Mr Connors will be a great addition to our Secondary teaching team.

Mr Max McDonnell who has joined us this term as a qualified counsellor, will also be teaching some Primary Theology classes in 2024. Mr McDonnell has been working closely with the Cor Mariae youth group this year and is also undertaking his Primary Teaching studies.

Miss Elinor Wright will continue teaching the ELC Theology classes as well as some campus ministry duties whilst Mrs Walsh continues to enjoy her maternity leave for next year.

We welcome Mrs Shevaun Van Der Laand who has accepted a full-time Education Assistant's position in Secondary next year, joining our very hardworking and talented support team of EAs across the whole college.

We farewell Ms Shannon Hicks and Miss Edith Starkey from our college at the end of this year. We wish you both well on your next journeys of discovery and thank you for your services to IHC this year.

We welcome back Mrs Natasha Shuker from maternity leave as well as Mrs Hasoly Tran who are eager to share their multi-talented gifts with us once more ... and we can't wait!

With the Board meeting being postponed until later this month, I hope to be able to confirm some exciting building news in our next edition. Until then, go gently everyone and God bless.

## Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:

<http://ihc.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

### Monday 13 November

Year 10 Examinations Commence  
Year 9 Outdoor Education Shopping  
Excursion

### Tuesday 14 November

Primary School Assembly - Year 1  
Year 12 ATAR Exam - Religion and Life  
Loving For Life Year 5 & 6 Incursion

### Wednesday 15 November

Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp

### Thursday 16 November

Pre-Kindergarten 2024 Orientation  
Kindergarten 2024 Orientation  
Year 12 ATAR Exam - Visual Art

### Friday 17 November

Year 11s Final Day

### Monday 20 November

Year 7 2024 Transition and Orientation Day

### Tuesday 21 November

Year 3 Zoo Excursion  
IHC Arts Exhibition - 6:00pm

### Wednesday 22 November

Year 6 Camp Commences

### Thursday 23 November

Year 10 Mock Interviews

### Assemblies Term 4

Tuesday 14 November - Year 1

Monday 27 November - Book Awards:

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



## From the Heart

November is the month in the Church's Liturgical Calendar when we pray for our relatives and friends who have passed away. However, the month doesn't begin on a sombre note because the 1st of November is the Feast of All Saints Day. This is the day when we celebrate all the saints who are in Heaven, not just the officially canonised saints. To mark this special feast, IHC has a beautiful tradition of encouraging students to dress in their favourite saint's costume. The focus on praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory begins on the 2nd of November with a whole School Mass. The Church has always taught the existence of a temporary state of purification for souls who die in a state of grace but still require final purification before entering Heaven (see 1 Corinthians 3: 15).



Week 5 ends with the feast of the Saint of the Broom: Saint Martin de Porres of Peru. He was a lay brother of the Dominican Order who died in 1639 AD but was not canonised until 1962 by Pope John XXIII. Small children have an especially strong affinity with this humble, gentle holy man who became world famous for his miraculous powers. Martin had an amazing connection with animals. He appeared to be able to communicate with them in a manner quite out of the ordinary. For example, Martin had all the dirty jobs in the monastery where he lived; one job was to deal with the rat infestation in the monastery's kitchen. He had spectacular success. Rather than laying traps and poisoned bait, Martin "spoke" to the rats and said that he would feed them in the garden as long as they promised not to go back into the kitchen! His notoriety increased, however, when people realised that Martin, the simple doorkeeper of the monastery, had miraculous powers of healing physical ailments. Such was Martin's love for God, people and animals that he was able to live such an attractive life of holiness that drew people to him. St Martin de Porres, pray for us.

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



## IHC Pays Tribute to Greece's National Days

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis*

As in previous years, Immaculate Heart College has paid tribute in 2023 to Greece's two National Days: namely, Greek Independence Day (25 March 1821) and OXI Day (28 October 1940). On both occasions, the College was represented by staff, students, and Board members at the commemorative wreath-laying ceremonies at the State War Memorial in Kings Park, and upon the invitation of the Honourable Consul of Greece in WA, Mrs Georgia Karasiotou.

On both occasions, Year 5 student, Charlotte Oakley presented items in the Greek language, which she articulated clearly and accurately, and with the confidence of a native speaker of the language! This is a credit to her work ethic as a student of the Greek language and culture, to her teacher, Mr Anastassiadis, and to her school and parents!

On Sunday 26 March, staff members, Mr George Anastassiadis and Mr Nino Raju, accompanied the following students: Head Girl, Mitchell Diano, Head Girl, Tahlia Searle, along with Rhiannon Searle, Charlotte Oakley, and Riley Oakley. Present also was Foundation Principal and Board member, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, who was also representing The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA).



Likewise, at the OXI Day wreath-laying ceremony on Sunday 29 October, the College was represented by staff member, Mr George Anastassiadis, Head Girl, Tahlia Searle and her sister, Rhiannon, and Charlotte Oakley and her brother, Riley. Board members, Mr Peter Hewitt, and Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis were also present.



Thanks are extended to Mr Anastassiadis and Mr Raju for their behind-the-scenes work in preparing the students for these events and ordering the wreaths to ensure that IHC is represented with pride at this important public forum.

Gratitude is also extended to the family members who deliver their children to Kings Park on time, dressed smartly in their school uniform, demonstrating respect for Greece's National Days. Without such collective effort, the representation of IHC would not be possible. Thank you to all involved!





# 2023 IHC Arts Showcase

Come along and experience the creative minds and hard work of our students!

All proceeds raised go towards the Arts' Departments

Featuring:

- Live Performances
- Artwork Displays
- Media Projects
- Live Auction
- Food Truck

**Adults \$10**  
**Students \$5**

Kids under 4 free

Entry includes sausage sizzle (vegan and GF options)  
Drinks are available for gold coin donation

Bookings made via [QRK Arts Showcase](#)

Dress Code: Smart Casual

St Michael the Archangel Secondary Building

**TUES | NOV 21<sup>st</sup> | 6-8PM**

Student artwork by: Izzie Carbone, Abby Kitto, and Mylee Kalajzich



## BREAKFAST SERVICE

• **canteen pilot** •

hot and cold options available for purchase

8:00am to 8:30am

**Starting Monday 13 November**

Mondays | Tuesdays | Thursdays | Fridays



## YEAR 6 Bake Sale

A fundraiser for the Year 6 Fun Day

**Wednesday 15th November**

During Recess & Lunch



Treats ranging from \$1 - \$5

# Oh Holy Night!

## COMMUNITY Carols by CANDLELIGHT

hosted by Immaculate Heart College

**FOOD TRUCKS SANTA | 7 DECEMBER 5PM ONWARDS**

**FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM TO 8:30PM**  
**PERFORMANCES 6:30PM TO 7:45PM**

COMMUNITY CAROLS, PARISH AND COLLEGE PERFORMANCES, PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND HIS ELVES, FOOD TRUCKS AND PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Do you have skills in interviewing prospective employees?

**IHC Assembly Hall**



## Volunteers Needed

Thursday 23 November

**Year 10 Mock Interviews**

Light lunch and water provided

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