



IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

ISSUE 4 WEEK 9 TERM 1



Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Sammantha Da Luz

Dear Parents/Carers

Please join me in thanking all staff involved in organizing fundraising activities for our community to enable all our students to attend events and camps throughout our calendar year. I know it has combined into a very busy couple of weeks and I am sure the jar of gold coins must be severely depleted by now, if not empty! Our students and their families truly appreciate your support as these types of events can place more strain on the financial budget from time to time.

As our first term starts to wind down, I am sure that many of us are looking forward to the break. Reflecting back upon this term, we have suffered extreme weather conditions, a couple of near-misses with bushfires, a medical emergency and a shortage of staffing – this has affected teaching and learning conditions at times so I need to express my utmost gratitude for the dedication of all our staff during this period to provide constancy and consistency of programs, our students who are doing their best to assist us by respecting our school resources, engaging in the school programs and participating in our events. Also, a BIG shout out to our wonderful new P&F committee and all of our parent and carer volunteers who have “sausage sizzled”, “book clubbed” and assisted in other school fundraising activities. It is such a pleasure to work with our community who go above and beyond to provide for the best experiences for all students. Thank you all!

During my leave last week, Mr Kelly led the college on my behalf and I know that all staff were challenged with some new and recurring concerns. I would like to address some of these here now:

There is ongoing vandalism occurring in the male toilets in particular which is rather alarming and sad as it affects a large percentage of our population who have to use and share those facilities. What is even more upsetting is that our maintenance and cleaning bills have increased significantly as a result of this vandalism which now impacts other areas of our operating budget. Plans to increase recreational equipment and courts for our Secondary student body is now in jeopardy should the vandalism continue.

This week, it was brought to my attention that some students have been bringing in and consuming banned substances on our campus. The banned substances and items are vapes and nicotine pouches, a very new product. As these substances are illegal for under 18-year-olds, we are quite alarmed as to where they are being procured. The college has a very stringent stance upon such matters and will not tolerate the supply of such substances being brought upon our college site. Any use of such substances is also not tolerated and a comprehensive education program will be revisited with our students in their Health and PCG classes. As an addictive stimulant that can lead to dependency, nicotine can alter the brain's chemistry. Recent reports have revealed that adverse reactions are being experienced with the consumption of such substances amongst young people and in very young children, can lead to fatal outcomes such as seizures and cardiac arrest. This is due to the high quantities of nicotine in these vapes and pouches, alongside other toxic chemicals. Please support us in monitoring any changes in your child's behaviour and activities and let us know if you have any ongoing concerns.

It is with sad news that we announce Mrs Cath Hall's departure from IHC in the middle of next term. Mrs Hall has been working at IHC for the past seven years in various roles and more recently in the past year and a half, as our Head of Primary. Mrs Hall is returning to her home soil of Karratha with her family to join St Luke's College. A formal farewell will be conducted for Mrs Hall and her family closer to the date. The college has already begun the recruitment process to fill Mrs Hall's role. Once this has been completed, I will inform you all in due course.

Whilst it has been a very testing term I know for many in our community, rest assured it has not just been our college but many, many others have also experienced trying times. We have also, however, experienced lots of productive and positive events and moments for students, staff and P&F and so I would like to focus on those moments in particular now as we move toward Holy Week, in preparation for what some may consider the most important event in our Liturgical calendar: Easter. The reason why Christians believe that this event is even more important than Christmas, is not only because Jesus died for us as He loved us so much, but also because He was resurrected to allow us to also have eternal life with Him. That salvation is the greatest gift we can be offered and is available to all in unity (and belief in and) with Him. I pray you all receive such grace and enjoy your celebrations (and chocolate) on Easter Sunday with your families and friends.

Safe travels to all who are departing this Easter break, rest well and stay safe until Term 2 when we look forward to seeing you all again. God Bless.

Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:
<http://incwaeuau/calendar/>

Week 9

Mon 25 March: Greek Independence Day
Wed 27 March: RAC BStreetsmart Excursion - Years 10 to 12
Thu 28 March: Holly Thursday Passion Play - 8:45am
Thu 28 March: Last Day of Term

Term 2

Mon 15 April: Parent Teacher Interviews - 12:30pm
Tue 16 April: Students Commence Term 2
Wed 24 April: College Ball
Thu 25 April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Fri 26 April: Staff PL Day - Pupil Free Day
Thu 2 May: Primary School Assembly
Thu 9 May: Secondary School Assembly
Fri 10 May: Whole School Cross Country
Thu 16 May: Primary School Assembly
Thu 30 May: Primary School Assembly
Mon 3 June: WA Day Public Holiday
Tue 4 June: Years 10 & 11 Examinations Commence
Thu 6 June: Secondary School Assembly
Thu 13 June: Primary School Assembly
Wed 19 June: College Feast Day
Fri 21 June: Term 2 Concludes

From the Heart

Week 8 of Term 1 is the 5th week of Lent. The College celebrated the Feast Day of St Patrick on Monday and St Joseph on Tuesday. On Monday students were encouraged to wear green in honour of St Patrick, a young man who suffered abduction, exile and slavery in Ireland until his miraculous escape. What is perhaps more miraculous is the fact that this young man chose to risk his life by returning to the land of his slavery to evangelise the Irish for the rest of his life. St Joseph's story is even more remarkable as he was given the task of being the Foster-father of the Son of God. Two people, tasked with enormous responsibility, but who both trusted God's Plan without reserve.



We are now closing in on Easter. Our Year 6 students are busy with final preparations for the Passion Play which will be held at 8.45am on Holy Thursday morning (28 March, Week 9) on the College Oval. Families new to a Catholic School could understandably be somewhat perplexed that such a tortuous death of a Man two thousand years ago should be the focus for such a lively group of young people. The answer is given by the students themselves. They all know how this Passion Play ends. They appreciate that as bad as death on the cross was for Jesus, it wasn't the end of the story. This greatest sign of God's love for us on the Cross resulted, only 3 days later, in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Christ is victorious over Death, Sin, Satan and Evil. Our young people enthusiastically enter into this Passion Play Project with the happy ending in sight. In our current time in history, this Easter message of hope is the best lesson we can teach our young people.

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

St Patrick's Day Fundraising

Year 6 Teachers

On Monday 18 March, the Year 6 students held our annual bake sale in conjunction with St Patrick's Day to raise funds for our FUN DAY at the end of the year. We adopted the theme of all things **GREEN** and sold cupcakes, jelly cups, cookies, and other tasty treats to the Primary and Secondary School students during recess and lunch. Our Year 6 students are excited to announce that they raised a huge \$950 towards our fundraising bank!

We additionally collected a gold coin donation from students who wore green attire. These proceeds will be given to Project Compassion, facilitated by Caritas Australia.

Thank you to everyone who supported this cause and contributed to our success.

Year 11/12 Fundraisers: A Resounding Success!

Mrs Emma Robinson

We are thrilled to announce that the Year 11/12 fundraisers held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week were an immense success! We extend our gratitude to everyone who supported us in this endeavour.

Tuesday kicked off with our Sausage Sizzle. We extend a special thank you to Northern Valleys Quality Meats in Bindoon for their generous support in providing the sausages promptly for the event.

Wednesday saw our bustling bake sale, a testament to the incredible generosity of students and staff from various year groups across the school. The abundance of treats allowed us to extend sales into lunchtime, further adding to the success of the day.

Thursday marked the pinnacle of our fundraising efforts with Crazy Sock Day. Students showcased their creativity with an array of whimsical designs, from laces and flowers to Vegemite and Looney Tunes characters, making it a truly memorable occasion.

The winners of the Crazy Sock Day were Flynn Batten (Year 5), Brienna Privett (Year 7), Joanne Donnelly (Staff) and a student from Pre-Kindergarten.

In addition, our Jelly Bean Count provided an extra dash of excitement, with a total of 449 beans in the jar! Year 11 student Rocky Reeve came remarkably close to the actual count with a guess of 448, showcasing impressive estimation skills!

We extend our sincerest appreciation to everyone for their continuous support and contributions to our fundraiser. Your generosity will go a long way in helping us achieve our goal of attending the ball in Term 2.

A massive thank you also to Anna Grant from our P & F group for all her support and time over the last few weeks.

Thank you once again for being a part of this incredible journey with us!



ACTIVITIES

Holiday

PARKOUR

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



3 April 2024

Muchea Recreation Centre

5-13 years - \$15



bookings are ESSENTIAL at: <https://events.humanitix.com/parkour-april-school-holidays> link and close 30/03/2024

BYO WATER BOTTLE - SNEAKERS ARE COMPULSORY

Contact: natalie.vanrooyen@chittering.wa.gov.au for more info.

Photo and video recordings will be taken at the event. Please advise when attending if you do not want photos taken of your child. Parents are not permitted to enter course areas. There will be designated spectator areas.



CHITTERING SCAVENGER HUNT HIKE



INCLUDES

Digital Perth Trails Guide
Scavenger Hunt & Printout
Take home hoodie bag
Digital bush safety guide

Beginner level
6km | 2hrs

Thursdays & Sundays in April
Multiple dates available

Bindoon Mountain Bike Park
Woolah Rise, Bindoon

Kids free | Adults \$10

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Kids and Sport

LOWER CHITTERING OVAL

Session One

8:45am-10:30am
Ages 4-7

Session Two

11am-12:30pm
Ages 8 & up

Wednesday
April 10th



Free tickets available at humanitix
<https://events.humanitix.com/kids-and-sport>

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