



# IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

## ISSUE 9 WEEK 10 TERM 2



FEAST DAY

## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Samantha Da Luz*

Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this newsletter for the close of Term 2, I have been reflecting upon an incredibly busy term. We introduced new initiatives for our secondary students in the areas of vocational pathways, student leadership and emotional intelligence, and marvelled at the creativity and talents of our primary students in their MasterChef, Music and Mathematical challenges and events; we also welcomed new student practice teachers, a new baby to the IHC staff and sadly farewell a member of our staff: Mrs Jennine Thomasson who is leaving us to care for her husband who is in ill-health. Mrs Thomasson has been at IHC for 2.5 years and has been a very consistent and highly skilled Science teacher in our Secondary classes. She will be greatly missed by all students and staff. Ms Aksheeta Oril has accepted the position of Science teacher at IHC commencing in Semester 2 and we are excited to welcome her officially to our staff. We also welcome Miss Sofia McDonnell who joins our college as a Senior School tutor and who will also be assisting in Junior classes.

During my last two weeks of recovery from surgery, I have to acknowledge the tireless and consistent work of the leadership team in ensuring that the campus remains operational whilst I have been working remotely. Thank you especially to Mr Paul Kelly for "sitting in my chair" these past two weeks and keeping me updated. I enjoyed my return this Wednesday for our College Feast Day and to attend important grants funding meetings.

I would like to thank and congratulate all staff, in particular: Ms Carpenter, Ms Hegarty, Mr Kelly, Mrs Kim Hughes, Mrs Kim Knight and Mrs Cath Hall who began the Re-registration process with me mid-last year, as we celebrate our college in her success in achieving a further four years registration period, our longest award to date. It augers well for our future as we continue to develop our system's policies and processes to ensure best practice at all times. It also gives us the time to realise our new Master Plan which is gaining traction and I hope to report good news next term regarding funding outcomes. We also hope to launch our new College website in the school holidays to reflect the journey we have been on and the bright future ahead of us.

Before I end this newsletter with my very heartfelt thanks to all staff and our College Board on a very challenging but successful term, I would like to wish you all a very safe and restful term break and offer my congratulations to Neil and Claire Bastian on the safe arrival of Elizabeth Therese. After a very quick delivery, she was born on the 17 of June 2024, weighing a healthy 3.5kg. Thank you, Lord for another beautiful miracle.

God bless.



## Save the Dates

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

### Term 3

- Mon 15 Jul: Term 3 Commences
- Mon 15 Jul: Parent Teacher Interview Appointments released
- Wed 24 Jul: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 2 Aug: Old McDonald's Travelling Farm
- Wed 7 Aug: Australian Mathematics Competition
- Wed 7 Aug: Book Week Parade
- Fri 16 Aug: Athletics Carnival
- Mon 19 Aug: School Photo Day 1
- Tue 20 Aug: School Photo Day 2
- Fri 30 Aug: Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day
- Thu 5 Sep: Years 8 to 10 Elective Expo
- Fri 20 Sep: Term 3 Concludes

# TIMES TABLES

## ROCK STAR

3 seconds per question or less

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## ROCK LEGEND

2 seconds per question or less

**Yael Timbreza**  
**Amber McCauley**

**Jeremiah Ajang**  
**Charlie Oakley**  
**Aidan Godsmark**

### ROCK HERO

1 second per question or less

### GONE GREEN

consistently answers all facts in 4 seconds or less

Who will be our first Rock Hero?

**Axell Sinclair**  
**James Joubert**





# From the Heart

Week 10 ends with the Feast Days of the Italian St Aloysius Gonzaga and the English Martyrs Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. Their routes to Heaven couldn't be more varied. On the one hand, Aloysius was from an aristocratic family but yet he gave all of his wealth away to be a Jesuit Missionary priest and died during a serious epidemic whilst caring for sick people. Whereas, John Fisher, was an academic at the University of Cambridge who became the only bishop in England to remain a Catholic during the reign of King Henry VIII before being executed. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, was a councillor to Henry VIII before being executed for remaining faithful to his Catholic Faith.



Most of us are not called to acts of such heroism. In God's mysterious providence, we are mostly called to be faithful to the ordinary work a day life. This was the life led by Jesus during the first 30 years of what is called His "hidden life" in Nazareth; it's the unknown life that Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph before his 3 years public ministry that was filled with public speeches and many miracles. In living those first 30 years in relative obscurity, Jesus was blessing the ordinary existence of the vast majority of us who never draw much attention, who never become famous or influential. In the Old Testament, there is a wonderful line in the Song of Solomon 2: 14; it says, "oh my dove, in the clefts of the rock" One can imagine a dove sitting safely in its nest, seen by no-one, in a cleft of a cliff face at the ocean shore, known only to God. God knows all that we do. As we head towards a well earned 3 week break, let's ponder on the fact that whether famous or not, God knows us intimately, He loves each of us individually no matter how unknown we may be to most people.

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

## College Feast Day

*Mr Paul Kelly*

On Wednesday of Week 10 we celebrated our Annual College Feast Day. To mark this auspicious event, the entire student body, together with staff and dignitaries from the College Board, engaged in a Eucharistic Procession around our beautiful campus. In addition to previous years, where we have carried a statue of Our Lady, this year's procession also involved Father Paul Fox carrying the Blessed Sacrament at the front of the procession. Processions are an ancient biblical practice, which are designed to call down from Heaven special graces. In our case, as we processed around the campus on Wednesday, we recited the Rosary for all the needs of our entire College Community: students, their families and all of our staff. Our Student Representative Council and Year 6 Ministry Team, all under the direction of Mr Thomas Brennan (our sacristan and MC for the day) assisted the student body with the prayers. The procession ended with all participants in the church for benediction followed by a whole School Mass. After Mass, a celebratory cake was distributed to all classes from the Assembly Hall. It is important that we set aside times such as our College Feast Day to appreciate the many blessings that God has bestowed on Immaculate Heart College.

## MasterChef Competition

*Mrs Bianca McLaughlin*

On Tuesday 11 June, the Year 6 students applied their knowledge of procedural writing into creating and cooking a mouth-watering menu in hopes of being crowned the winners of the 2024 MasterChef Competition. Under the guidance of Mrs Laura Hughes in the kitchen, the students undertook the challenge of cooking up a variety of dishes. Mr Raju and Mrs Mac kept a watchful eye on the students in the hall as they chopped, whipped, grated, cut and juiced all of the many ingredients needed to present to the judges. Mrs Kavanagh, Mrs Scott, Mrs Schmidt, Mrs Knapp and Mr Martin happily judged the groups based on teamwork, cleanliness, presentation, and taste. The judges feedback and scores were so close, we couldn't pick just one winner. Teams 'Mini Masters' and 'Velia Dunk' were crowned the winners of the 2024 MasterChef competition.





# Year 11 and 12 Work Placement Adventures

Mrs Emma Robinson

Our work placement program is an Authority-developed endorsed program. For every 55 hours spent in a real workplace, students are required to complete the Authority's Workplace Learning Logbook and Workplace Learning Skills Journal. This structured approach ensures that our students not only gain practical experience but also reflect on their learning and develop essential workplace skills.

Our Year 11 and 12 Workplace students embarked on an exciting journey into the world of work during Term 2, gaining valuable experience across a variety of industries throughout Perth. This diverse program offered our students hands-on exposure in fields such as hospitality, animal care, automotive, music, sport, and retail.

Students working in hospitality experienced the fast-paced environment of cafes, honing their customer service skills and learning about food preparation and safety. Those in animal care got a glimpse into the rewarding world of veterinary services, pet grooming, and animal welfare, building a deeper understanding of the dedication required in this field.

In the automotive sector, students worked alongside mechanics and technicians, gaining practical skills in vehicle maintenance and repair.

Or sport enthusiasts engaged in schools and community centres, assisting in coaching, event organisation, and fitness training, while those in retail developed their sales and customer interaction skills, learning the intricacies of inventory management and merchandising.

Feedback from both students and employers has been overwhelmingly positive. Students appreciated the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world settings, and employers praised our students' enthusiasm, punctuality, and willingness to learn. This work placement experience not only helped students explore potential career paths but also equipped them with practical skills and confidence.

We are proud of our Year 11 and 12 students for their dedication and professionalism throughout their placements. Their hard work and adaptability have been a credit to our school community. We look forward to seeing how these experiences will shape their future career choices and personal growth.

A special thank you to Beyond customs', Northern Valleys Locavore Store, Horse land Midland, Muchea Tree Farm, RDA Brook Valley Farm, Mr Martin, Mrs Scott, Mrs Bourke, and Mrs Larkin for their invaluable support in providing our students with these vital work experience opportunities. Your generosity and commitment have made a significant impact on their educational journey.

# Try-A-Trade Day

Mrs Emma Robinson

Our Year 10 students had an invaluable experience with the Motivation Academy, courtesy of the Construction Training Fund (CTF). Over three days, they participated in hands-on activities in a simulated work environment, operating CAT machines, completing form work, and preparing and pouring a concrete pathway. On the final day, they had the unique opportunity to inscribe their names and the school's name on the newly laid pathway.

The students gained practical experience driving a roller, skid steer, and large excavator, learning to dig holes, move soil, and flatten the area. Their professionalism, punctuality, and immaculate presentation were a credit to Immaculate Heart College. The trainer noted their advanced skills, impressing even other trainers.

Additionally, the students spoke with CTF management, who outlined various career pathways and opportunities. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing a strong interest in applying for scholarships. They also heard from Timothy Hunter, CEO of the Motivation Academy, who shared success stories of students who pursued industry pathways.

This experience was a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore potential careers in construction and develop valuable skills. All students received a certificate of participation in the Construction Training Fund Try-A-Trade Program for Civil Construction and Concreting Trades.



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