



IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

ISSUE 5 WEEK 2 TERM 2



ANZAC COMMEMORATION

Message from the Principal's Desk

Mrs Sammantha Da Luz

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2 with all of its events and new projects.

We have a new face in the Secondary School to welcome, Ms Jo McKenzie who has taken on some of Mrs Hall's teaching load, ahead of her departure at the end of Week 5. From all accounts, all staff and students have settled back into a good routine as we have another jam-packed term ahead of us. Even though it is going to be a 10-week term, we do have the excitement of our three-week break to look forward to. We also farewelled Mrs Elodie Fantoni as she embarked upon maternity leave. In Mrs Fantoni's absence, Mrs Kat Quinn will teach the Year 3/4 class with Mrs Kiley.

Thank you to all staff for the successful administration of the NAPLAN last term. We are very close to being able to interrogate that data to further guide us in our school improvements. As soon as the results are formalized from SCSA, we will be able to release all reports to families in those year groups.

A big thank you to all the staff and students for supporting our recent Senior School Ball held at Beaumonde on the Point in Week 2. The Organising committee which was led by Mrs Robinson did a wonderful job in ensuring the evening was a huge success. The students, including their invited guests all presented well, were tightly connected throughout the evening and enjoyed a most magical night. Congratulations to Mackenzie White and Kade Elkington who were voted by their peers as being the best dressed on the night. A special thank you to our wonderful P&F and our College Board who generously donated monies so that our students could attend by way of discounted ticket prices. To also see so many of our college staff from both primary and secondary schools in attendance, was very special indeed – especially because they had to pay the full price of their tickets. It was a testament yet again to the students, how much our college staff care and support all our students.

Two surveys recently went out to our community: one on the use of SEQTA within our college and the other from Big Childcare, aimed at gathering numbers of support for Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) at IHC. As previously confirmed, our initial provider was unable to continue in the original arrangement and therefore the college had sought other providers who may be interested. As soon as we have more confirmed news, please ensure that you have responded to the survey and register your interest.

You may have noticed that we finally got our shade sails completed over our playground adjacent to Our Lady of Lourdes Centre (Years 3, 4, 5 and Latin classrooms). We are also waiting for shire approval before remediation work can occur on our amphitheatre. I am happy to report that investigations and plans are continuing for some additional recreational equipment for our ELC and Secondary areas. Working closely with our P&F who are busy sourcing additional grants and other resources to help improve our school facilities has been a great help to us. Please assist them in whichever way you can as the group is only a small one and we don't want to burn them out!

We look forward to launching our new College website soon as we finalise late changes to our media library. We are facing exciting times ahead in our development of the college and can't wait to share these with you all very soon. Due to the cooler changes in our weather, formal Winter uniform will be expected from Week 4 onwards. If students wish to wear their jumpers or blazers ahead of time to stay warm, that will be acceptable. I have been assured by Lowes that they do have all our items in stock.

Take care until next time,

God bless.

Save the Dates

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

Week 3

Wed 1 May: Cicerellos Tour and Lunch - Year 1 & 2
Wed 1 May: Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Thu 2 May: Primary School Assembly - Year 6
Thu 2 May: Extra-curricular Program Begins
Fri 3 May: Year 7 to 12 Mass

Week 4

Wed 8 May: K & PP Mother's Day Afternoon
Thu 9 May: PK Mother's Day Afternoon
Thu 9 May: Pre-primary to Year 2 Mass
Thu 9 May: Secondary School Assembly
Fri 10 May: Whole School Cross Country

Week 5

Thu 16 May: Primary School Assembly - Year 4
Thu 16 May: Careers Expo - Years to 12
Fri 17 May: Years 3 to 6 Mass

Week 6

Wed 22 May: National Simultaneous Storytime
Fri 24 May: Years 7 to 12 Mass



From the Heart

Week 2 of Term 2 begins with Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a very comforting description of our relationship with Jesus. Yes, Our Blessed Lord is the Just Judge. Yes, we will all ultimately have to stand before the Judgement Seat of God. But, by inviting us to consider the Good Shepherd, our Holy Mother the Church wants us to focus on Jesus the Merciful Saviour. In the parable of the Lost Sheep, God, the Shepherd of our souls, does something that, on the face of it, appears to be quite foolish. He leaves 99 sheep in His Flock to find the one lost sheep. Such is the love Jesus has for each of us, such are the extraordinary lengths He will go to in order to bring us back to His fold. This is the kind of love that says: "Greater love has no man than this, that he would lay down his life for his friends".



How appropriate it is therefore, that Thursday of the same week is ANZC Day. A time to remember all those Australian military personnel who gave up their lives to save their mates. It epitomises what is best about the Australian Spirit. The College will commemorate Anzac Day on Wednesday with the usual Ode and Last Post. Interestingly, The Ode ends with words taken from the Bible: "At the going down of the sun ..." (Deuteronomy 16), it is actually a remembrance of the Hebrews escaping slavery in Egypt. The Ode is followed by the Last Post which signals death and the Reveille represents the Resurrection. Between both is the minute's silence when we pray for all those who have passed away; it is a time to ponder on the great hope we all have of reaching Heaven and being united with our loved ones.

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

Secondary Stories

Ms Katelyn Hegarty

It has only been seven school days of Term 2, yet we have packed in so much!

The Year 7 and 8 students have started their second taster rotation, and the Year 9 and 10 cohort leaped into their new projects in Textiles, Visual Arts, Woodwork, Mechanical Workshop and Latin.

The Year 11 ATAR students have started preparing for Semester 1 exams, and the General Year 11 and 12s have started their work placements. These will continue on Thursdays throughout Terms 2 and 3.

Week 2 ended with the Senior students dancing the night away at the Year 11 and 12 College Ball. From spectacular arrival vehicles to colourful gowns and energetic dancing the students represented themselves and the college admirably. Many thanks to the Ball Committee who, with the tireless efforts of Mrs Robinson, were able to coordinate a truly memorable evening.

In the next few weeks we will continue preparing for the Cross Country, have our Year 10 Parent Information Evening (Wednesday Week 3, 5:30pm to 6:30pm) and take all Senior students to the Careers Expo at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. This excursion leads nicely into the Year 10 course counselling for Year 11, 2025.

Finally we will be presenting our 2024 new look Student Council at an assembly in Week 4.

Keep your eye on SEQTA and Facebook for more Secondary Stories.



IHC Representation at Greek Consular Event

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

Immaculate Heart College was represented, once again, at the Greek Consular Wreath-laying Ceremony for Greek Independence Day (25 March) on Sunday 24 March at the State War Memorial in Kings Park.

Mr George Anastassiadis, Mr Nino Raju, and Board Member and Foundation Principal, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, also representing the West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association (WAMGLTA), were accompanied by Primary Head Boy, James Joubert, Primary Head Girl, Lucie Jarvis, Elijah Kealy, and Elliot Giblin. The four students represented IHC with aplomb, not only through their smart school uniform but also through their impeccable behaviour.

Elijah addressed the audience of dignitaries and other members of the Greek and wider community in beautifully articulated Greek, speaking on the topic of the Greek Revolution. He received a hearty applause from the audience and made his teacher, Mr Anastassiadis, his family, and his school proud.

Thanks are extended to Mr Anastassiadis and Mr Raju for their efforts in preparing the students, and in organising the representation of IHC at this Greek National Day event. Special thanks are also extended to the family members who made the effort to bring their children to Kings Park on a Sunday to honour the occasion. Hearing the school's name being articulated by the Consul of Greece and other dignitaries in their speeches is always moving and rewarding!

