From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Mother’s Day to all Mums for Sunday. Mother’s Day is a time I reflect on just how much a positive influence my own mother (and grandmother) have been on my life. My Mum tried to instil in me many fine values such as patience, the value of maintaining a sense of humour, ensuring we look after the less fortunate and a genuine spirituality based on the basic goodness of life itself. For that I will always be grateful. The following is a reflection about Mums.

Mothers

While the good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of ‘overtime’ when the angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And the Lord said, “Have you read the spec on this order?” She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts .... all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. Have a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And have six pairs of hands.

The angel shook her head slowly and said, “Six pairs of hands ... not possible.” “It’s not the hands that are causing me problems,” said the Lord. “That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. “One pair that can see through closed doors when she asks, “What are you kids doing in there?” when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that see what she shouldn’t, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and reflect, ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

“Lord,” said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, “come to bed. Tomorrow …….”

“I can’t,” said the Lord, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick ... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under the shower.”

The angel circled the model of the Mother very slowly. “It’s too soft,” she sighed. “But tough,” said the Lord excitedly. “You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?” “Not only think, but can reason and compromise,” said the Creator. Finally, the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the check. “There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model. You can’t ignore the stress factor ...”

The Lord moved in for a closer look and gently lifted the drop of moisture to his finger where it glistened and sparkled in the light. “It’s not a leak,” He said, “It’s a tear.” “A tear?” said the angel. “What is it for?” “It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, compassion, pain, loneliness and pride.” “You are a genius,” said the angel. The Lord looked sombre. “I didn’t put it there.”
I would like to finish with the following reflection from our Executive Director, Dr Wayne Tinsey, on Edmund Rice Feast Day which occurred last Thursday.

“Dear Friends and Colleagues

The warmest of greetings from Edmund Rice Education Australia and happy Edmund Rice Day!

What a privilege it is for me to offer these few words of congratulations and encouragement as our communities celebrate the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice.

We are so proud of your great College. You share a long and proud tradition of excellence in Catholic education and the formation of young Australians. Your commitment to our Gospel, and the Charter and Touchstones of Edmund Rice education, is testament to your ongoing passion for excellence in Catholic education.

You recognise that the achievement and the true success of our schools will not solely be measured by exam results and by university admission scores achieved by your students. A world built on prestige and social status has distorted the true meaning of success. In the end it is not what we have done that is important. It is whether or not anything we did was really worth doing. Has it made a difference for others? The quality of success we experience in life ultimately depends upon the tiny choices we make every minute of every hour of every day. A meaningful life is made up of a series of daily acts of decency and kindness, which, ironically, add up to something truly great over the course of a lifetime. This is the message we want our young to hear.

Edmund Rice schools remind students that the road to true and lasting happiness lies through living a life of service for others. For some this service might be on the ‘big stage’. I have no doubt that there are those among you who will be formally recognised for their contribution to your nation in the future. This is wonderful! But for most of us, our contribution and service will be most needed and recognised in our families, friendship groups and local communities. No less important! Mother Teresa reminded us that it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving. Her legacy can perhaps be summed up in her words: “We need not do great things; only small things with great love.”

So dear friends, continue to strive to be the inclusive and faith centred community that our Gospel and Charter challenge us to be. Know that the Christian Brothers, our Council and Board, and your brother and sister schools in Edmund Rice are so proud of you and recognize your importance in and contribution to our family.

Congratulations!! With every best wish and much appreciation

Wayne Tinsey”

Yours sincerely

Michael Conn | Principal
Coloured Clothes Day Friday, 29 April
Thanks to all who supported the Coloured Clothes Day last Friday. This was a commendable initiative of the student leadership group. Through student donations and the BBQ over $1000 was raised to donate to those suffering hardship after recent redundancies. The funds will be donated to St Vincent de Paul to help people in need in our local community.

Year 7 Retreat
Last Friday saw the first group of our Year 7 students participate in their one-day retreat. Retreats are great opportunities for us to approach life through a different lens – through God’s lens. Last Friday students from the Putney, Carew and Treacy homerooms participated in the program. This Friday, Baillie, Nolan, Rice and Reid will participate in their retreat. The photos below are an example of the wonderful way that these young men entered into their retreat day. Special thanks to the staff who facilitated this day for them.

Live Jesus in Our Heart, Forever.
Frank Clarke | Deputy Principal - Identity & Mission
Redefining the Education of Young Men

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Teacher

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Principal’s Personal Assistant

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Teacher

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Learning Support Aide

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Teacher

Rebecca Robertson
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Property and Services Staff

Melissa Sheppard
Tuckshop
Mathematics News

The Mathematics Department at Ignatius Park College is providing interested students with a number of opportunities to extend their problem solving and reasoning skills. If your son is interested in any of the following competitions, please encourage him to nominate by the following dates:

1. **Years 7 to 12: AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**  
   One competition in class time on Thursday, 28 July. Entries close 15 June ($6 + permission form).

2. **Years 7 to 10: MYCA CHALLENGE over three weeks in Term 2.**  
   Entries close Thursday, 16 June (no cost to student).

3. **Years 7 to 10: MCYA ENRICHMENT over 16 weeks in Terms 2 and 3.**  
   Entries close Thursday, 16 June (no cost to student).

4. **Years 7 and 8: APSMO Maths Olympiad.**  
   One mini competition in class time each month from May to September. Registration closes Tuesday, 10 May (no cost to student).

Students can nominate themselves to either his teacher or Mrs Lovisa by the specified date. Alternately, his Mathematics teacher may also encourage your son to take advantage of such excellent opportunities.

Bernadette Lovisa | Faculty Leader - Mathematics

Mathematics Challenge

The Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA) is a staged program designed to motivate, stimulate, encourage and develop mathematically interested students in Years 7 to 10 to bring forth the talent and potential within. The MCYA is an ideal program for extension studies and for students who would benefit from greater challenge.

There are two independent stages of the program being offered at Ignatius Park College which will provide problems and course work to extend and develop students in mathematical problem solving: the Challenge Stage and the Enrichment Stage.

**MYCA Challenge (three-week program)**

May – June (Term 2)

MCYA Challenge is held during a consecutive 3-week period this term. It comprises six problems that can be discussed in groups of two or three registered students before individual submission of solutions. There are separate problem sets for Junior (Year 7–8) and Intermediate (Year 9–10) students.

**MCYA Enrichment (16-week program)**

May – September (Terms 2, 3)

MCYA Enrichment is a 16-week program held flexibly between May and September. It comprises six parallel stages of comprehensive student and teacher support notes. Each student participates in one stage. These programs are designed for students in lower to middle secondary school (Years 7–10).

Each stage includes Student Notes designed to be a systematic structured course over the duration of the program, which students can keep for ongoing reference. The Enrichment stage is independent of the earlier Challenge stage; however, they have the common feature of providing challenging mathematics problems for students.
**Literacy Corner**

Encourage your son to read by talking about what he is reading. After he has finished reading a book, ask your son to give you a summary of the events that took place.

Nadine Burnett | **Learning Support Teacher**

**NQ Science and Engineering Challenge Team**

Congratulations to the participants!

**Administration**

**Immunisations**

Immunisations will continue as part of the Queensland Governments Vaccination Program. On Thursday, 12 May during Periods 1, 2 and 3, the Year 8s will have their second wave of vaccinations that include HPV Dose 1 and Boostrix. The Year 7s will receive the same vaccination on Friday, 13 May during Periods 1, 2 and 3. Students must be present on their allocated day to receive the vaccination. If your son is absent on the day or is not feeling well, there are alternative arrangements that can be made for them to continue on the Vaccination Program. Please contact Child Youth & Family Health Services on 07 4433 9090 for further information.

Christopher Rigano | **Pastoral Leader - Reid House**

**Co-curricular**

**Lions Youth of the Year**

On Saturday, 23 April, Abhijith Abraham (Year 12 Nolan) travelled to Bundaberg to participate in the State Final of the Lions Youth of the Year competition. The competition was quite challenging, involving a panel interview and public speaking event. In a field of very talented young people, Abhijith performed very admirably and was a credit to the school. He was jointly announced as the winner at the end of the competition in a tied decision, before the judging panel were informed they needed to choose only one contestant to proceed to the national title. After lengthy deliberations, Abhijith was announced as the runner-up and given the Public Speaking prize. He is to be commended on his outstanding performance and commitment to challenging himself. As a College, we are very proud of his outstanding effort.

Andrea Tarttelin | **Faculty Leader - English**
Co-curricular

Rowing News

Ignatius Park College Rowing starts the competitive rowing season this weekend with the first Townsville All Schools Rowing Regatta to be held at the Riverside Gardens Community Centre Sunday, 8 May from 7am - 4pm.

Ignatius Park College rowers will compete against crews from Townsville Grammar School, The Cathedral School and Ryan Catholic College in the first of five Regatta carnivals. All are invited to come down and cheer on the boys.

Daniel O’Connor | Teacher Aide - Rowing

Rugby Union News

John Elders Country Rugby Cup

Seen as an opportunity to expose Ignatius Park College 1st XV to a number of high quality games early in the season, the coaching staff accepted an invitation to compete in the Elders Cup at Downlands College.

The Cup was named in honour of John Elders who was a member of the Downlands staff and 1st XV Coach from 1982 to 1992. He was very passionate about Schoolboy's Rugby and Country Rugby for young men.

Including Ignatius Park College, the tournament brought together 1st XV country school teams from Rockhampton Grammar School, James Nash High School Gympie, Scots PGC Warwick, Matthew Flinders College from the Sunshine Coast and, the hosting school, Downlands College.

The tournament was held over two days and the crowds were treated to a number of very entertaining encounters. The weekend was a great success and the boys had the opportunity to play against some well drilled opposition, in what would be their first games together as a team. They came away from Toowoomba with not only new and refined rugby skills, but also stronger relationships with each other.

The hospitality offered by Downlands College was outstanding. They provided accommodation and meals for all 22 students, as well as staff.
Rugby Union News

Game 1: v Downlands College (Toowoomba)

Ignatius Park College came up against an extremely well drilled Downlands College team in their first game for the year. Fresh back from a tour of New Zealand, the Downlands team proved too strong for Ignatius Park College winning the match 28 – 5. While this was our first game for the year, there were several patches of promising Rugby throughout the game and an inspirational effort which saw Ignatius Park College running in a try with only two minutes left on the clock. Overall, Ignatius Park College was dominated at the set piece and Downlands had too much power in the contact, which saw them run out winners in the end.

Try: Matthew Marshall-McGrath

Most Valuable Players: 3 - Daniel Conn, 2 – Christian Batic, 1 – Dexter Anderson

Game 2: v Matthew Flinders College (Sunshine Coast)

Ignatius Park College played Matthew Flinders College from the Sunshine Coast in their second game of the day and began to fine tune their shape which once again saw them playing some good Rugby at times throughout the game. Still ‘rusty’ from not playing many games together prior to the tournament, the team lacked cohesion which saw them fall into the trap of not keeping to the shape required to prevent the game from becoming a scrappy affair. However, while the game may have been scrappy at times, Ignatius Park College did create several opportunities which weren’t always capitalised upon. Once again, the effort was good and we won the game 12 – 7.

Tries: Charlie Matterson, Joshua Figg, Conversion: Charlie Matterson

Most Valuable players: 3 – Callum Bell, 2 – Joshua Figg, 1 – Dexter Anderson

Game 3: v Scots PGC Warwick

Having won one game and lost one, we went into the playoff for 3rd and 4th on Sunday morning. Coming up against a very committed James Nash High from Warwick, Ignatius Park College took a while to get into the game but showed some extremely gritty defence on their line. Parked on their line for 10 minutes, the boys had the chance to exit a couple of times but were unsuccessful until James Nash finally broke through. Once again, Ignatius Park College played with big hearts and their effort was plain to see. While we created several opportunities, we lacked the patience to convert them into points. In the end, while Ignatius Park College had improved considerably over the tournament we came away 4th, eventually going down 17 -12.

Tries: Charlie Matterson, Kurt Cummins Conversion: Charlie Matterson

Most Valuable Players: 3 – Dexter Anderson, 2 – Daniel Conn, 1 – Christian Batic

Overall, the boys represented their families and the College with distinction, the Rugby was good, the weather great and the hospitality fantastic!

Mark Moxon | Pastoral Leader - Coach

Local Competition

The local Townsville competition kicks off this week at Hugh Street. The 1st XV, however, have their first game on 18 May against Pimlico. The 1st XV draw is included below.

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Rugby League News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Northern Rugby League Team to compete in the Queensland Championships at Runaway Bay in June:

- Jaxon Yow, Rory Hawke, Cooper Bishop, Lachlan Lerch, Eden Hess and Kuresa Pio.

Best of luck for the Championships.

John Alloway | Teacher - Head of Sport

Careers Corner

QTAC have released their dates for the upcoming year for students in Year 12.

2016-2017 Admissions - Key dates

Mid-June QTAC Guide and Tertiary Prerequisites distributed to schools.
Both publications to come in one delivery.

2 Aug Applications open.

27 Sept If paying by BPAY, lodge and pay for your application by today.
Your payment must reach QTAC by 30 Sept for Early-bird price.

30 Sept Early-bird applications due today.

1 Oct Application fee increases today (from $37 to $138 for Year 12s).

For further information email go.enquiries@qtac.edu.au or head to their website http://www.qtac.edu.au/

Upcoming events:
There are a number of Universities who are coming to visit our students in the coming weeks. These dates will be in school notices but if you could remind your sons that would be fantastic.

- CQ University will be attending for a lunch time session THIS Friday, 6 May 2016 – in B2 for any senior boys who are interested in learning more about the university and the courses they are offering.
- Bond University are coming to speak to the senior boys during lunch time on Wednesday, 18 May 2016
- And JCU will be attending for a lunch time session on Wednesday, 25 May 2016.

Please note in your diaries – Townsville Careers Expo is on Monday, 10 August at RSL Stadium from 4 -7pm. An excellent one-stop shop for local and state career and course information.

Scholarships
If your son is considering attending University, there are a number of scholarships that he can apply for. What do you have to lose?

Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

Dannielle Charge | Careers and Student Counsellor
Holy Family Parish
celebrating
10 Years of
Mothers Prayers

United in Prayer We Save Our Children

Please join us for a

THANKSGIVING MASS

SATURDAY 21 MAY 2016

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
(Palmerston Street, Gulliver)

9.00 am

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR MOTHERS, FATHERS & CHILDREN

ALL WELCOME

MORNING TEA AFTERWARDS

Contact: Robin Pennington Ph 4402 5286
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 1, 2016

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (* $25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2016.
Late applications cannot be accepted.

CENSUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN YOUR ELECTORATE MUNDINGBURRA

The Australian Bureau of Statistics will soon be looking for motivated and community spirited Australians from all types of backgrounds who want to make a contribution to their community.

Up to 30,000 Field Officers will be needed across the country to deliver and collect paper forms as well as follow up households who haven’t completed their Census form.

Applications for Field Officer Positions open on 2 May 2016.

Field Officers need to have access to, and be comfortable using, a home-based computer and vehicle, have strong communication skills and know their community well.

Applicants must also be an Australian citizen or hold the legal right to work in Australia.

Working hours will be flexible and on-the-job training will be provided to all successful applicants.

Field Officers will earn up to $21.61 per hour (inclusive of 25 per cent loading). Incidental and motor vehicle allowances are also paid.

Field Officers will be employed from communities across Australia, creating local jobs for local people.

In most urban areas, where Census materials will be mailed to households, Field Officers will be required from 11 August to 30 September 2016.

In rural areas, where Census material will be hand delivered to households, Field Officers will be required from 14 July to 30 September 2016.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information or to apply for a Field Officer position, visit www.abs.gov.au/trlcensus

I highly encourage you to apply or share these job opportunities with your friends and relatives.

Sir/Madam,

Hon Coralee O’Rourke MP
Member for Mundaring