



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Last night at our annual Awards Night, the College celebrated the achievements of 2016 by acknowledging the diligence of our students, many who have gone beyond what they might ever have imagined.

Nothing is of any worth if we are not in this business of providing hope and a quality education for the young people who walk through our gates. Awards Night is not a self-congratulatory event about how “good” a school we are compared with others. We are not in the business of comparison; we are about inclusion.

While not everyone can win a “prize” as the highest achiever in a subject, or a top sportsman, or someone that we can admire because of what they do, our Awards Night seeks to celebrate who we are as a school.

As Principal, I am also delighted to use this event to thank key people who, through their efforts, have created an environment for change and hope for our young people. And thank them, we must. I am constantly humbled by the level of dedication of staff. Apart from their teaching expertise demonstrated in the classroom, they go out on a limb for our kids; they spend personal time with them on the playground to be there for them; they agonise over our kids’ sometimes difficult circumstances; they see it as crucial to their job to be in contact with parents in the educative process; they even give of their own resources to ensure no-one misses out.

But the response from students and the support from our wider community of the College Board, parents and Edmund Rice Education Australia has justified all the effort. This needs to be acknowledged and celebrated.

Ignatius Park is not a place where kids have to fit a pre-existing mould; it is a place that shapes itself and adapts itself around those who choose to come here: surely this is a re-definition of what schools these days should be on about!

I would like to congratulate our First Academic XV for 2016. They are (in alphabetical order):

Jason Alsemgeest, Mackenzie Bagley, Brendan Blair, Timothy Bloxsom, Connor Boon, Lachlan Burgess-Orton (Captain), Patrick de Waele, Joshua Eaton, Corey Evans, Nicholas Healy, Callum McDonald, Lachlan O’Dwyer, Jack Reddicliffe, Joseph Roepke (Vice Captain), Elijah Sanderson and Samuel Stewart. Congratulations and well done, gentlemen.

Michael Conn | **Principal**

VET & Industry Placement

Last week was the last Industry Placement week for the year. The feedback from employers was very positive and once again the students proudly represented the College.

Congratulations to those Year 12 students who have secured apprenticeships or full time employment for next year. For those that haven't, please continue being proactive in distributing your resume, as many companies employ before the start of next year. Listen out to notices and check Moodle for apprenticeship and employment opportunities.

Year 11 VET students are due to hand in their placement choices (blue form) for 2017. They are due no later than 7th November, but the earlier the better.

The Industry Placement dates for 2017 are listed below. You will notice that the students will go on Industry Placement 4 weeks a year, instead of 6 weeks as they have done in the past. If a student free date falls in Industry Placement week, students are still expected to attend work. Please make special note of the dates for 2017 below, as the Term 1 dates have changed since the blue form was distributed.

Dates for Majority of Students

Monday 27 to Friday 31 March changed to
Monday 20 to Friday 24 February
Monday 19 to Friday 23 June
Monday 11 to Friday 15 September
Monday 16 to Friday 20 October



Shane Dove | **Program Leader – VET**

Pego's Cafe

Over the last six placements I have opened *Pego's Cafe* from 8:30 am-3:00pm for all staff to enjoy. I decided upon all menu items including coffees, teas, frappes and snacks, including raspberry white chocolate muffins and pizza pinwheels, along with traditional sandwiches and wraps.

Special guests to the cafe included Mrs Allan, Mr O'Donoghue and Mrs Jervis from the toast room. I was also surprised by a visit to my cafe from my Dad, Nanna and Nonno.

In the past I have donated the earnings of *Pego's Cafe* to the Toast Room. The money I earned last week will be going towards my Hospitality tour to SeaWorld Nara Resort next year.

I want to say a special thank you to Ms Squire for all of your help and support.

Jacob Pegoraro | **Student**



Year 11 English Communication (ECOM)

First lunch and the boys were ready to go. The 11 ECOM classes had their lollies bagged, Zooper Doopers at the ready and spider drinks already bubbling over onto the tables. They were raising money for *Making A Difference Day*. Through this unit they have researched a charity of their choice and then committed to raising money and awareness for that charity. Some of the groups educated Year 7 classes with short, sharp presentations of the many wonderful organisations that support others. A special thank you to Janelle from North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc who accepted Hamish's invitation to visit the event.

Drew Thompson and Carmel Cannon | **Teachers**



Paddy Carew Shield Winners - Rice House

The Paddy Carew Shield is awarded to the House that has accumulated most points for sport, cultural and academic participation and success. Rice House were the winners for the second year in a row.



Edmund Rice Christian Leadership Awards Recipients



Zachary Judge

Antony Jobby

James Babao

Oliver Gibson

Zachary Thomson

Thomas Duffy

Year 12 Students V Teachers Basketball

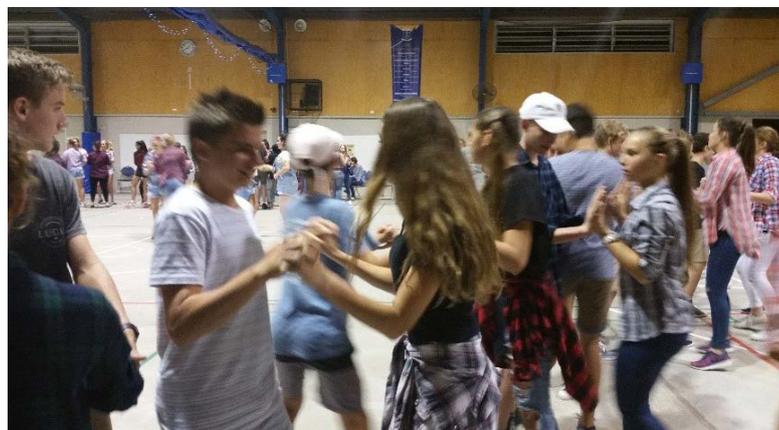
Our Seniors are enjoying the final weeks of lunch time sport playing a House competition. They finishing with a hotly contested match against staff. We are looking forward to the annual Dodgeball match next week!



Year 8 Bush Dance

Last Friday night, our Year 8 boys had a night of socialising with the students from St Margaret Mary's College, St Patricks College and St Teresa's College Abergowrie. They enjoyed a night of dancing, fun games and an excellent supper. They also participated in a number of traditional bush dances. A fun night was had by all as you can tell by the photos.

Craig Brown | **Dean of Middle School**



Administration

Ignatius Park College	Calendar Dates 2016	Term 4
	28	Year 10 Retreat Evening
	30	Year 12 Dance Practice
	NOVEMBER	
	1	All Saints Day
	2	All Souls Day
	2-6	Open Rugby League Development Tour
	5-6	Open Rugby Tour
	7-11	Year 12 Exams
	11	Remembrance Day
NB – New Date	12-13	Father/Son Overnight Camp
	13	Valedictory
		Year 12 Dance Practice (Mothers only)
	16-22	Year 11 Exams
	16	Year 12 Graduation 7.00pm
	18	End of Year Mass 11.00am
	21-25	Year 7-10 Exams
	21	Year 6 Orientation Day
		Year 6 Parent Information Night 7.00pm
	23-24	Year 11 Leadership Camp
	23	SAIs Published
	25	Year 10 Transition Day
	25	CLASSES FINISH
	DECEMBER	
	2	Year 7-12 Reports Issued
	9	Office Closes

Australian STEM Video Game Challenge Winners



Two students, Lachlan Weis and Harry Waldon, have won the Year 9-12 Unity Team category for 2016 in the *Australian STEM Game Challenge* (a challenge led by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) through the ACER Foundation). The Australian STEM Video Game Challenge is a national competition open to all Australian students in Years 5-12.



The two boys spent a lot of their spare time last term working on their game and their efforts have certainly paid off.

They have both accepted the invitation to attend the official Australian STEM Video Game Challenge awards ceremony in Melbourne where they will be presented

with a brand new HP laptop each to help further their skills in game design and development. They will also attend PAX Australia - one of Australia's biggest games and interactive entertainment exhibitions. The exhibition runs for 3 days and their game will be showcased and made available for play on the Australian STEM Video Game Challenge stand for the duration of PAX Australia.

The say that coding is the new literacy, so surely this means that these two students are on their way to becoming authors of an ever changing digital world. Congratulations and well done!

Bruce Denny | **Faculty Leader - Information Technology**

IPC Junior Rugby League Development Tour

A total of 51 boys travelled on the Development trip stopping off at Mackay to play Mercy College. The 13 year boys tried very hard but were a little rusty in defence allowing Mercy to score some soft tries, eventually going down 24-12. Stand out players were CJ Hill, Harry Reid (scored a sneaky try!), Jordan Davies, Malachi Ware (until forced off with injury), and Trey Valentino. In the 14 years, the boys started quickly scoring a 60m try from the first set. However, Mercy came back and put on the next 20 points. During the second half, the boys knuckled down and chipped away at the lead finally getting up 22-20. A great team win was helped by strong performances by Tyson Booth (Wing), Matty Sharpe (Centres), Marley Iorangi (Centres) and Bingen Balanzategui (Hooker).

The boys then travelled to Yeppoon where they came up against St Brendan's. The 13 years team started very strongly and continued the momentum for two impressive halves of footy. Tries to Lucas Dummett, Tom Duffy and Kmani Levi were outstanding, with IPC running over the top of SBC 30-6. MVP was awarded to Lucas Dummett although he was backed up by stand out performances by Jack Mines, Jake McAuliffe, James Yardley, Maverick Pegoraro and Ryan Booth. In the 14 years, the boys started slowly with Brendan's scoring the first try and keeping us under the pump. After working our way through that, the boys worked hard to get and stay on a roll, running in 6 unanswered tries with Tai Reece Hill kicking 5 out of 6 for a final score of 34 -4. Another very good effort across the park with big games from Jarrod Bubner, Izack McClean, Alain Mukasa, Tyson Booth, Tino Lafoga, Connor Snow, John Nawara and Tai Laidlow.

All boys were well behaved and mannered which made the trip even better.

Greg Christ | **Teacher**

New Zealand Ski Tour 2017

Planning is now underway for the New Zealand Ski Tour for 2017. We are calling for all interested families from the current Year 9, 10 and 11s to come along on the tour. The tour is eight days in the South Island of New Zealand adventuring and exploring the diverse ranges of a beautiful country scheduled from the 29 June to the 7 July. The trip caters for all skills levels on the snow. During the trip ,we snowboard or ski for five days across three mountains and partake in many other exciting activities along the way. The cost of the trip will ceiling out at \$3250, which includes everything on tour except for lunches. This means that board/ski hire, boots, jacket and pants, breakfast and dinner, flights, accommodation, lift passes, ski/board lessons and all activities are covered.

In my experience of running the tour, I have never had a student come home not wanting to go back. It is a memorable tour for the boys and a perfect opportunity to give your son their first chance at independence. If you are interested in the tour, please have your son see Mr Rigano or email cr@ipc.qld.edu.au

Chris Rigano | **Pastoral Leader - Reid**



Careers Corner

REMINDER - Educational Assistance Scheme - QTAC

If your son has applied to study next year via QTAC – he is eligible to apply for the EAS scheme under Educational Disruption (Category 5). This is because we live in a regional town.

They will receive 1 bonus rank point towards their University application (NOT 1 OP Point but 1 bonus rank point) giving them a better chance at entering the course of their choice. This does not apply for high demand courses, eg Law/Midwifery/ Medicine etc at UQ or Medicine/Dentistry/Physiotherapy at JCU BUT it will apply to their back up choices if they have completed their preferences correctly.

If your son is considering applying for this scheme (or any other category within the scheme), can you please encourage him to do so as soon as possible as the school has some information that we also need to attach. You will then also need to send the forms via Australia Post and this also may take some time.

Also a reminder that it's not too late to apply to QTAC. The cost is now \$138 but they still take applications.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate in contacting QTAC on 1300 467 822 or myself here at the College.

Job Opportunities/Traineeships/Apprenticeships

Please remind your sons to check Moodle under the Careers Section and to listen to Daily notices as that is where these opportunities are posted. A number of exciting opportunities have been mentioned in these formats recently.

James Cook Uni – Innovator Scholarships

\$5,000 scholarships for undergraduate studies in three specific programs:

- Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Systems and the Internet of Things
- Bachelor of Advanced Science
- Bachelor of Environmental Practice

Applications close: 23 December 2016.

For more information - <https://www.jcu.edu.au/innovator-scholarships>

Dannielle Charge | **Careers and Student Councillor**

Uniform Shop Volunteers January 2017

A BIG thank you to those who have already volunteered.

With the help of volunteers for our Back to School opening, we are able to keep our prices at a reasonable level and make the process more efficient. If you are able to help out during the following times:

Monday	16 January	9am – 1pm
Tuesday	17 January	9am – 12noon
Wednesday	18 January	1pm – 6pm (1-3.30pm, 3.30-6pm)
Thursday	19 January	9am – 12noon
Saturday	21 January	9am – 1pm
Monday	23 January	8am – 11am
Tuesday	24 January	8am – 11am
Wednesday	25 January	8am – 10.45am Business as usual

Please call Sue Brock on 4796 0222 or email sue.brock@ipc.qld.edu.au.

It is not a difficult job and you are able to come a little early and shop for your son.

Sue Brock | **Uniform Shop**

Father/Son Camp-out 2016

The annual Father/Son Camp-out is scheduled for Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2016.

This is an opportunity to spend quality family time together in the great outdoors and in a part of Townsville's semi-remote hinterland at Hervey's Range. The plan at this point in time is to meet at IPC Camp Gedling at 9.00am Saturday, spend a short activity time together at Camp Gedling and then head down to Keelbottom Creek bridge and set up for the night. This is subject to water level in the creek and likely weather conditions.

Should you wish to register, please reply email to either Steve Coleman - sc@ipc.qld.edu.au or lodge an expression of interest at the College Office. Please do include number of people attending from your household.

The camp-out is self-catering and BYO tents. General camping equipment will be provided by the College Outdoor Education Department. Further details about the camp-out will be forwarded on registration.

For planning purposes, RSVP by Friday 5 November.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Steve Coleman | **IPC Outdoor Education Consultant**



*Christmas Country Fair
Craft Market
Sunday 6th November
8.30am - 2.00pm*

*Holy Spirit School
Junior Assembly Shed
Ross River Road or Hatchett St
Cranbrook, Townsville*

*50 High Quality Stallholders
Enquiries – Kathryn 0420936721
Raffles and Café*

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