



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I trust that you and your family are refreshed after the break and your sons are ready to face the challenge of another term. Easter is a time for renewal and rebirth, providing us with the opportunity to reflect on our commitment to our faith and other aspects of our lives. I am sure the boys will welcome this opportunity to reflect on their performance over the last term. Report cards have been distributed to students via email to parents so please take this opportunity to help your son identify both positive and less positive aspects of his academic progress.

During Term 2 we will be making a number of changes to our College timetable with a number of staff taking and returning from leave.

To ensure that all the teachers in our classrooms are specialists and trained in their fields, we have made some changes to the allocation of teachers to classes across some grades. Any changes to the Year 11 and 12 timetables have been kept to a minimum and the majority will remain unchanged for the remainder of this year.

The most significant changes will be occurring in the Year 7-12 Japanese and Italian classes, as two of our LOTE Teachers will be taking maternity leave from the beginning of Term 2. We welcome Melanie Steynberg to the College. She will act as Teacher in Charge - Languages and brings a wealth of experience to our community. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in finding another suitable educator to undertake some of our junior classes. However, we are hopeful that we can fill the position for Term 3. In the interim, we will be making the following adjustments:

- Our current LOTE teachers will be reallocated to cover classes from Years 9 to 12 in Italian and Japanese, to ensure continuity of the program for our students in the senior and upper middle school;
- In Year 7, the Italian single term rotation subjects will be temporarily replaced with a Language Literacy program.

The Language Literacy program that will be implemented in Year 7, will focus on developing our students' ability to analyse, evaluate and infer. Internal and external educational data show that these are areas where our boys can further develop their knowledge and skill.

These are not changes to be made hastily and extensive planning throughout Term 1 has gone into ensuring that your son's classes, if impacted, are taken by experienced and qualified teachers. We apologise for any disruption to your son's learning that these changes may have caused. However, please be assured that we have considered all the available options before moving ahead.

Yours sincerely

Michael Conn | **Principal**



## Praying with Edmund

Lord, help me to be inspired by Edmund Rice. Help me to understand that justice starts with me; that a truly humane society is created by people with compassionate hearts, who act justly and love deeply. Amen

A sincere and warm welcome back to everyone. It is indeed a privilege to serve you as the Acting Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission for the rest of the year. Term 2 holds many occasions worth celebrating together and I look forward to being a part of those celebrations. Dates to be aware of in the first three weeks are:

- ANZAC Day Commemoration and Military Mass - Monday 24 April
- The ordination of Bishop-elect Timothy Harris - Wednesday 3 May
- The Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice - Friday 5 May

Please feel welcome at any, and all, of our community gatherings.

## Liturgy News – ANZAC Day Commemoration & Military Mass

On Monday 24 April, we will be celebrating ANZAC Day with a Commemoration and Military Mass. It will be held in the Edmund Rice Hall and begins at 9am. We are hoping to welcome guests from the RSL, Mates 4 Mates, parents who are currently serving in the ADF and other community members. If you are able to join us, please remember to leave the Holy Spirit Parish carpark free – the Parish also has a Mass at 9am.

## Faith in Action News

Our final push to meet the \$5000 target for Caritas' Project Compassion will be the sale of Hot Chips on Thursday 4 May (Week 3) Morning Tea. Chips & gravy are \$3.00, soft drinks are \$2.00, or a meal deal is \$4.00.

Watch this space for information about Faith in Action hours...

## Retreat News

The Year 10 Retreat is Friday 11 August (Term 3), not Thursday 27 April as it may appear on your calendar. This Retreat will be a great opportunity for the Year 10s to see people really making a difference in the wider community. An opportunity to look forward to!

## Religious Education News

Welcome to Ms Amy Proud and Mrs Sandra Hughes, who will share the role of Acting Faculty Leader – Religious Education for the rest of the year. Parents of Years 7 to 9 students – assessment tasks will be coming home this or next week.

Johanna Smith | **Acting Deputy Principal - Identity And Mission**



Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Timothy Harris as the Sixth Bishop of Townsville – Wednesday 3 May commencing at 10.30am at Ryan Catholic College, Emmaus Hall – Morindo Drive, Kirwan. Parking will be available at the Mary MacKillop Centre and also 1300 Smiles Stadium Northern Carpark. There will be a disabled drop-off area on Morindo Drive. Lunch will be available after the Ordination.

Please register your attendance [HERE](#)



# College Staff



Mark Laguna  
**Teacher**



Amanda Loechel  
**Teacher**



Brendan Logan  
**Teacher**



Thomas Lucas  
**Teacher**



Leanne Mahoney  
**Defence Transition  
Mentor**



Paul Marano  
**Teacher**



David McKenzie  
**Information Technology  
Manager**



Irene McLaughlin  
**Teacher**



Kaitlin McMahon  
**School Officer  
Library Aide**



Patrick McMahon  
**Teacher**



Margaret Mitchell  
**Facilities Officer  
Cleaning**



Vicki Moloney  
**School Officer  
Parent Reception**

## CQU - Science and Technology Holiday Program

CQU conducted a Science & Technology Workshop during the school holidays. NQUAV's slogan "Enabling and using technology that soars" is a very appropriate summary of the day.

An emergency situation was simulated and the boys were able to pilot a Drone to view real-time footage in order to analyse and respond to the situation. An Emergency HQ was established and paramedic and hospital teams used data to respond and treat patients.

The boys had an amazing day and used advanced technologies in real-world scenarios. They also learnt about many of the courses on offer at CQU and about careers that use technologies in the field. A great experience for all involved!

Jacinta Foley | **Acting Faculty Leader - Mathematics**



Drew Boniface, James Oh, Julian Rasmussen-O'Keefe and Benjamin Judge

## VET and Industry Placement News

A huge congratulation to Joseph Tropea (12 Baillie) on the signing of his School Based Apprenticeship with Pier Restaurant and Bar.

Joseph will attend his apprenticeship one day a week, while completing his schooling at the College.

Shane Dove | **Program Leader - VET**



## Literacy Corner

Young people should read between 15 and 30 minutes every day. Choosing something to read that is easy is important to ensure that there is always success. Encourage your son to schedule a regular reading time and in a place where he can concentrate. When reading information for homework, ask them to start with titles, names or larger print items on the page.

This focuses them for reading the information. Encourage your son to read the page carefully, don't rush. Ask them to read as much as they can. Re-read information that they know they need for exams or assessment.

Nadine Burnett | **Teacher**





## Year 11 Pastoral Evening - Trivia Night

All Year 11 students are invited to attend the annual Trivia Night, which is a tradition held with their peers from St Margaret Mary's College and St Patrick's College.

The College strongly encourages students to attend. The price of tickets includes pizza and prizes.

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|--------------|--|
| <b>DATE</b>  | Friday 28 April  |
| <b>TIME</b>  | 6.00pm - 9.00pm  |
| <b>PLACE</b> | St Patrick's College   |
| <b>DRESS</b> | Casual   |
| <b>COST</b>  | \$5 - Drinks will be on sale for \$1<br>Payable at Finance Desk in Main Office |
| <b>DUE</b>   | Monday 24 April  |



John Doolan | **Deputy Principal - Pastoral**

## ANZAC Day

A letter has been emailed out to parents regarding the College's participation in the ANZAC Day commemorations next Tuesday on the Strand.

All students are encouraged to join the College group marching at 9.00am.

The College will also be conducting our own ceremony at the College on Monday.

See the College Facebook page and the emailed letter for more details.

John Doolan | **Deputy Principal - Pastoral**



| Ignatius Park College |                     |       | Calendar Dates 2017                        | Term 2 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|--|--------|
| <b>WEEK 2</b>         | <b><u>APRIL</u></b> | 24    | ANZAC Day Mass: 9am-10.30am                |        |
|                       |                     | 25    | ANZAC Day                                  |        |
|                       |                     | 26    | Naplan Practice                            |        |
|                       |                     | 26    | Parent Teacher Interviews 1.30-9pm         |        |
|                       |                     | 26    | School finishes 12.30pm                    |        |
|                       |                     | 28    | Year 11 Pastoral Evening                   |        |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>         | <b><u>MAY</u></b>   | 1     | Labour Day Public Holiday                  |        |
|                       |                     | 3     | P & F Meeting 6-7pm                        |        |
|                       |                     | 3-5   | Outdoor Support Camp                       |        |
|                       |                     | 5     | Edmund Rice Feast Day / Cross Country      |        |
|                       |                     | 6     | Disco                                      |        |
| <b>WEEK 4</b>         |                     | 8     | Open Day                                   |        |
|                       |                     | 9-11  | NAPLAN testing Year 7 & 9 students         |        |
|                       |                     | 10    | Year 12 Dinner                             |        |
|                       |                     | 12    | Year 7 Vaccinations                        |        |
|                       |                     | 12    | Year 7 Pastoral Evening                    |        |
|                       |                     | 14    | Mother's Day                               |        |
| <b>WEEK 5</b>         |                     | 17    | Interschool Chess                          |        |
|                       |                     | 17-19 | Year 8 Camp 1– Baillie, Nolan, Reid & Rice |        |
|                       |                     | 20    | Mums' and Sons' Dance 6-9pm                |        |
| <b>WEEK 6</b>         |                     | 23    | TSSSA Cross Country Carnival               |        |
|                       |                     | 24-27 | Year 8 Camp 2 – Carew, Putney & Treacy     |        |
|                       |                     | 25    | Year 9 Retreat                             |        |
|                       |                     | 26    | Australia's Biggest Morning Tea            |        |
|                       |                     | 27-3  | National Reconciliation Week               |        |
| <b>WEEK 7</b>         | <b><u>JUNE</u></b>  | 1-3   | Production                                 |        |
|                       |                     | 4     | Pentecost Sunday                           |        |
| <b>WEEK 8</b>         |                     | 8     | IPC Athletics Carnival – Field Events      |        |
|                       |                     | 9     | IPC Athletics Carnival – Track Events      |        |
| <b>WEEK 9</b>         |                     | 16-22 | Exams Year 7--12                           |        |
|                       |                     | 18    | Father/Son Day                             |        |
|                       |                     | 19-23 | Industry Placement Week                    |        |
|                       |                     | 22    | <b>Classes Finish 3pm</b>                  |        |
|                       |                     | 17-9  | UK Cricket Tour                            |        |
|                       |                     | 23    | Student Free Day                           |        |
|                       |                     | 26-30 | Confraternity                              |        |
|                       | <b><u>JULY</u></b>  | 10    | Student Free Day                           |        |
| <b>WEEK 1</b>         |                     | 11    | <b>TERM 3 COMMENCES</b>                    |        |

## Uniform Shop News

Beat the rush! Winter is on its' way..... Jackets available \$45.

### Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 8am - 10.45am

Wednesday 8am - 10.45am

Friday 8am - 10.45am

(Excluding Pupil free days)

Sue Brock | **Uniform Shop**

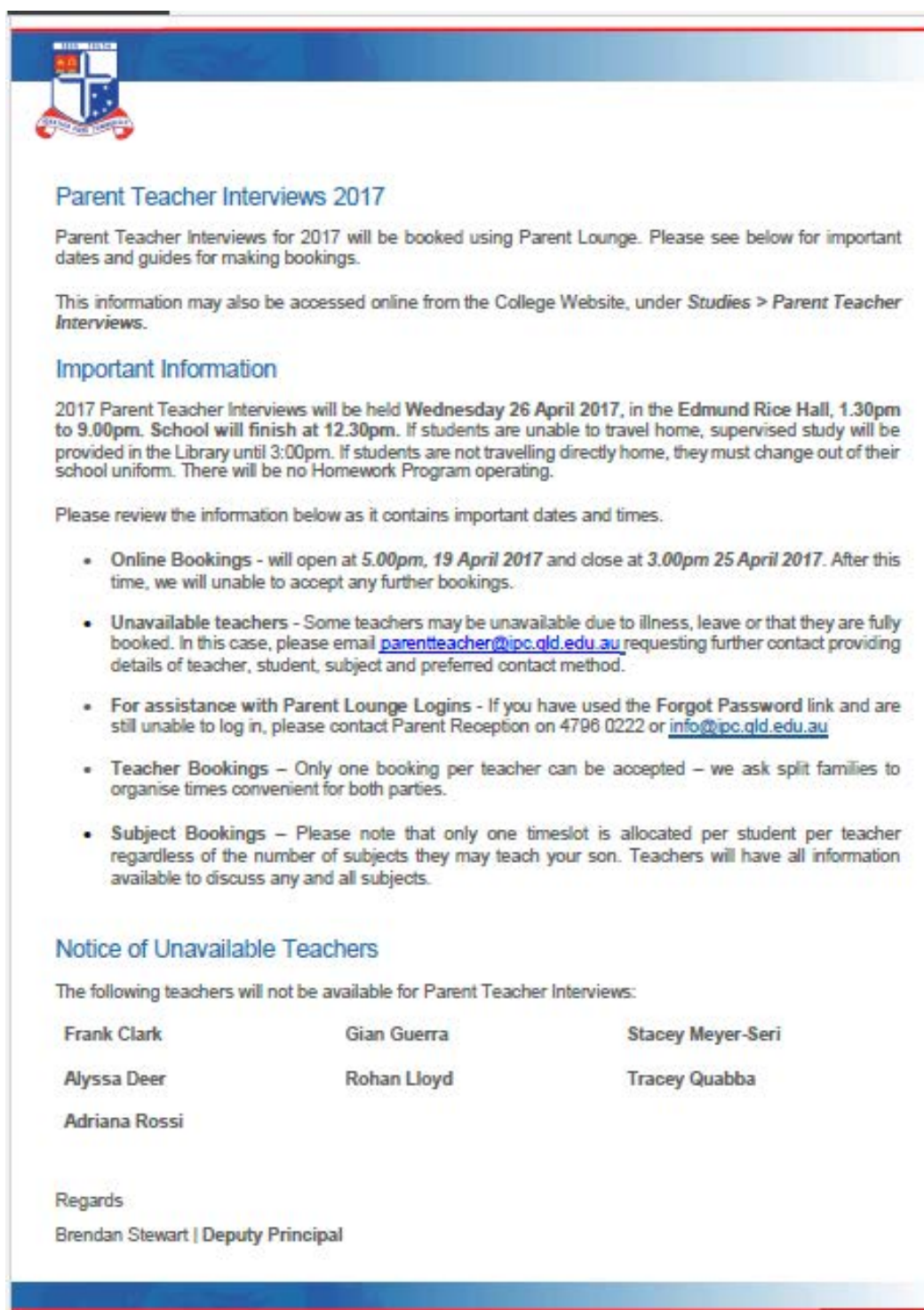
## Parent Teacher Interviews

Yesterday afternoon your son's report was emailed to you. The reports were originally due to be sent at the beginning of the Easter holidays but, due to Cyclone Debbie, exams and marking were delayed. Unfortunately, this has meant that the window to book parent-teacher interviews has now been significantly reduced. Please make your bookings as soon as possible as we are aware of how important the partnership with parents and carers is, and how much open and constructive communication assists student learning outcomes.

Parent Teacher bookings opened at 5pm yesterday and are accessed through the Parent Lounge portal on the College website ([www.ipc.qld.edu.au](http://www.ipc.qld.edu.au)). Bookings will close on Tuesday 25 April 2017 (Anzac Day) at 3pm.

Documentation regarding dates, assistance and instructions relevant to the Parent Teacher Interview process was emailed yesterday and may also be accessed on the College website. For your convenience, we have also attached it to this Newsletter email.

Brendan Stewart | **Deputy Principal**



The screenshot shows an email from the Ipswich Public College. It features the college's crest at the top left. The main heading is 'Parent Teacher Interviews 2017'. The text explains that bookings are made via the Parent Lounge and provides a link to the online information. A section titled 'Important Information' details the interview date (Wednesday 26 April 2017, 1.30pm to 9.00pm) and school finish time (12.30pm). It also lists five key points: online booking times (5.00pm to 3.00pm on April 19-25), teacher availability (some may be unavailable due to illness or leave), assistance with Parent Lounge logins (contact Parent Reception on 4796 0222 or [info@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@ipc.qld.edu.au)), teacher booking rules (one booking per teacher, split families to organise times), and subject booking rules (one timeslot per student per teacher). A 'Notice of Unavailable Teachers' lists six teachers: Frank Clark, Alyssa Deer, Adriana Rossi, Gian Guerra, Rohan Lloyd, Stacey Meyer-Seri, and Tracey Quabba. The email concludes with 'Regards' and the signature of Brendan Stewart, Deputy Principal.

**Parent Teacher Interviews 2017**

Parent Teacher Interviews for 2017 will be booked using Parent Lounge. Please see below for important dates and guides for making bookings.

This information may also be accessed online from the College Website, under *Studies > Parent Teacher Interviews*.

**Important Information**

2017 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held **Wednesday 26 April 2017**, in the Edmund Rice Hall, **1.30pm to 9.00pm**. School will finish at **12.30pm**. If students are unable to travel home, supervised study will be provided in the Library until 3:00pm. If students are not travelling directly home, they must change out of their school uniform. There will be no Homework Program operating.

Please review the information below as it contains important dates and times.

- **Online Bookings** - will open at **5.00pm, 19 April 2017** and close at **3.00pm 25 April 2017**. After this time, we will be unable to accept any further bookings.
- **Unavailable teachers** - Some teachers may be unavailable due to illness, leave or that they are fully booked. In this case, please email [parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au) requesting further contact providing details of teacher, student, subject and preferred contact method.
- **For assistance with Parent Lounge Logins** - If you have used the Forgot Password link and are still unable to log in, please contact Parent Reception on 4796 0222 or [info@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@ipc.qld.edu.au)
- **Teacher Bookings** – Only one booking per teacher can be accepted – we ask split families to organise times convenient for both parties.
- **Subject Bookings** – Please note that only one timeslot is allocated per student per teacher regardless of the number of subjects they may teach your son. Teachers will have all information available to discuss any and all subjects.

**Notice of Unavailable Teachers**

The following teachers will not be available for Parent Teacher Interviews:

|               |             |                   |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Frank Clark   | Gian Guerra | Stacey Meyer-Seri |
| Alyssa Deer   | Rohan Lloyd | Tracey Quabba     |
| Adriana Rossi |             |                   |

Regards  
Brendan Stewart | Deputy Principal



## Parent Lounge - Logging In

**Username** - Your username is your Parent Code. This is found on your latest *Statement of Account* or by looking at your son's ID Card (first 5 digits of the student number)

### Student Card

Parent Code is the first 5 digits of the Student Number (01234 in this example)



### Statement of Account

Parent Code is the Account Number (01234 in this example)



**Passwords** - If you have forgotten your password please use the *Forgot Password* link at the top of the login page.



## Need Help?

For unavailable teachers please email [parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au)

For Parent Lounge Assistance please email [info@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@ipc.qld.edu.au)





## Using Parent Teacher Online

Once Logged in - select **Parent Teacher Interviews** from the top menu.



In the Parent Teacher Interviews menu - select **Book an Appointment** next to the teacher / subject you wish to make a booking for. Please note - if a teacher is fully booked they will no longer appear, you may email [parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au](mailto:parentteacher@ipc.qld.edu.au) to request contact at a later stage.



In the next window, select an appointment time and then confirm.  
Repeat these steps for each teacher you wish to book and interview for.



## Basketball News

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected in the **North Queensland 12 and Under Basketball Team**:



Cody Brown



Matt Evans



Henry Judge



Lleyton Ward



Matthew Wheeler

The team plays in Brisbane in the first week of June.

## Queensland North U18 Team.

A big congratulations to Callum Parsons (Yr 10 Carew) who represented Queensland North in the recent Australian Championships held in Townsville. The Queensland North boys performed very well at the Carnival and were unfortunate to lose in the final to a strong Victorian Metro outfit. Logan Kyle (Yr 11 Nolan) and Jalen Ward (Yr 11 Baillie) were reserves and enjoyed their experience working closely with the team.

Gary Hughes | **Teacher**

## Rugby Union News

### Play Rugby for IPC

On Friday, 21 April, the Ignatius Park College Rugby Union Program will be holding their sign-on for the Interschool competition that we will be held throughout Term 2. The sign on will take place in the Edmund Rice Hall on Friday at lunchtime (second break).

This year, the participation cost for the Rugby Union program will be \$50, which will include the 2017 IPC training shirt, playing shorts and socks.

IPC would like to acknowledge their sponsors: Zambreros, Brothers Rugby Union and BLK, for allowing this kit to be provided to your sons at a heavily subsidised price.

Michael Turner | **Teacher**





## Music Notes

Mr Roberts' Guitar lessons and Mrs Chambers' Woodwind lessons will start in Week 2.

Piano and Drum lessons will resume Week 1.

Your tutors will email your timetable so be sure to check when your first lesson is on.

There are still places available for all instruments if you would like to learn.

Instrumental Music enrolment forms are available at the Student Reception.

There is a noticeboard between the Drama Room and the Band Practice Room. This is where instrumental lesson timetables and ensemble information will be posted.

Students are encouraged to check this noticeboard regularly.

## Choir Practice

Choir rehearsals will commence in Week 2 on Monday at 3.15pm in the Band Practice Room. Encourage your son to come along and bring a friend! We need more voices!



### Introducing..... Ben Green

Ben Green has been teaching music in the Townsville region for about 12 years, with a primary focus on drum set and percussion. Playing drums for over 20 years, his rock background has led him to play many festivals and venues state-wide, along with developing a solid reputation in North Queensland's music industry. Ben is passionate about music and, in particular, drumming and teaching the drum set.

He approaches his teaching with a focus on fun and engagement with his students, whilst also developing core fundamentals and theory necessary to developing a rich skill set on the drums. If you would like your son to learn drums then Ben Green is the man. Enrolment forms are available from Student Reception.

David Roberts | **Instrumental Coordinator** | david.roberts@ipc.qld.edu.au

## Musical News

Rehearsals finished well at the end of last term and we had a celebratory BBQ which was a great opportunity for students to socialise with each other. Thanks to Mrs Holland, Mr Roberts and Year 12 students, Joseph Bourne and Taylor O'Brien, for cooking!

Costumes are due this Sunday. If your son is a pirate, he would have received a letter detailing costuming requirements at our final rehearsal last term. Police costumes will be organised by the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me to clarify.

An updated rehearsal schedule was also distributed at our last rehearsal. Please use this as a guide to the rehearsals for this term.

### Rehearsals this Week:

|          |          |       |                              |
|----------|----------|-------|------------------------------|
| Thursday | 20 April | 4-6pm | <b>Pirate King, Frederic</b> |
| Sunday   | 23 April | 3-6pm | <b>Whole Cast</b>            |
| Tuesday  | 25 April |       | <b>No Rehearsal</b>          |
| Thursday | 27 April | 4-6pm | <b>Whole cast</b>            |
| Sunday   | 30 April |       | <b>No Rehearsal</b>          |

Tickets will be on sale shortly and more information will be given in the next few weeks so please stay connected to the newsletter and Facebook page for more information.

Zara McGregor | **Faculty Leader - The Arts**



## Careers Corner

Please find below tips for your son on how to be successful at a job interview. Steps 1,2 and 3 were covered in previous Newsletters, here is Step 4:

### Step 4 The INTERVIEW

Most interviews start with introductions, handshakes, and casual conversation. Remember that the interviewer may be nervous too! This conversation helps everyone relax a bit. Be energetic and enthusiastic, smile, and offer a firm handshake. It is fine for you to initiate the handshake. If you are meeting someone who is unable to shake hands for some reason, it is still polite for you to offer your right hand.

Sit up straight in the chair, leaning forward occasionally. Look the potential employer straight in the eye, because good eye contact means that you are interested in the person and confident in yourself. It is alright to smile and laugh during the interview, if it is appropriate.

The interviewer may give you a lot of detail about the job, or he or she may start by asking about you. Many times, job interviews turn into conversations, and that is fine. Feel free to ask questions throughout the interview. Remain composed and enthusiastic to show how well you work under pressure.

It is also important to articulate your skill set to the interviewer. Although you need to answer the questions they ask, it is essential to illustrate your skills and abilities through your answers to the questions and make your qualifications clear to the interviewer. It may feel uncomfortable to be so forward about your abilities, but this is not the time to be shy!

Expect that the interviewer will have a prepared list of questions and may take notes as you answer the questions. Do not be concerned if the interviewer is writing things down.

### Here are a few key tips on what to bring and what to do:

- Bring your portfolio.
- Go alone and arrive 10 to 15 minutes early.
- Be very courteous to receptionists.
- Visualize the interview going well, take deep breaths, and relax.
- Do not chew gum during an interview.
- Avoid swearing or using slang.

### Questions to Ask

The employer may ask directly if you have any questions about the job. It is very important that you have some questions to ask. It is helpful if you think of these questions in advance, using the information you learned when you researched the company. Keep in mind that while the interviewer is determining whether you are a good fit for the job, you are determining whether the job is a good fit for you.

Your questions should relate to the company or the job duties, but it is not appropriate to ask how much the job pays. Use the following questions to help you think about what you may want to ask your interviewer.

- When do you expect to fill the position?
- What education and training does the company provide?
- Why is this a good place to work?
- Will I work alone or with other people?
- Is there a probation period?
- What opportunities are there for advancement?
- What tools, safety gear, or uniforms are required? Do I purchase them, or does the company supply them?



## Careers Corner (continued)

### Discussing Salary

You may be asked, "What is your expected salary?" Keep your answer as general as possible, because employers would not consider you if your amount is too high. If you are pressed for a dollar amount, you could say, "I would like to earn approximately the average salary for someone with my experience."

### Finish with Confidence

At this point, the interviewer may ask you if you have anything else that you would like to tell them. This is a great opportunity to emphasize your skills and abilities in a concise and confident manner, and to share information that did not come up in the interview. Keep it brief, around 30 seconds to one minute. Remember, it is up to you to explain why you are the best person for the position. It is appropriate to shake the interviewer's hand again at the end of the interview, thank him or her for taking the time to interview you, and say goodbye.

**To thrive in life you need three bones: A wish bone, a backbone, and a funny bone!**

Philip Dembowski | **Teacher and Careers Advisor**

## Toast Room

The Toast Room relies heavily on donations and we are asking for your generosity in this regard. We require donations of bread and spreads including Strawberry Jam, Vegemite, Cream Cheese Spread and Nutella. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated from those who are unable to make it to the shops!

Your son can leave these donations at the Toast Room or the Tuckshop.  
Many thanks to those who have already left donations, it is greatly appreciated.

Kay O'Connor | **Tuckshop**



## IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE UK RUGBY UNION TOUR 2017

**DATE:** Saturday 13 May 2017  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**PLACE:** Edmund Rice Hall, IPC  
**COST:** \$10 per person (Tables of 10)

Tickets can be purchased by contacting  
Julie Owen via the College Office

***Prizes and Give-aways!***  
***Theme your table...***  
***Licensed Bar, BYO Nibbles!***

Fundraising for the 2017 UK Rugby Union Tour





Don't be late for our very important date!

IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE

presents

**Alice in Wonderland  
Mad Hatter Mother's Day  
High Tea**

Saturday 6 May 2017  
9:30 – 11:00 am

IPC Hospitality

Limited numbers  
\$30 tickets available  
from the College Office.  
Fundraising for the Indian  
Immersion Trip

- Cent Sale
- Raffles
- Guest speaker
- Prize for best  
hat

*It does not matter who you are  
because we're all mad here!*

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