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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

Ignatius Park College acknowledges that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People as the traditional custodians of the Townsville region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Bindal and Wulgurukaba People today.

This week, we celebrate National Child Protection Week which starts annually on Father's Day. Child abuse and neglect is one of Australia's most significant social problems, with over 35,000 Australian children who were proven to have been abused or neglected last year. This includes physical, psychological, sexual abuse, neglect and children's exposure to family violence. This week reminds us, as a College community, that our school needs to be a safe place where our students are protected from harm and we promote the safety and wellbeing of all in our care. The release of the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, at the end of last year, identified the hurt that has happened in the past in institutionalised places. Our Executive Director of EREA, Dr Wayne Tinsey, stated the following (edited) message to our school community in response to the Royal Commission's Final Report released.

The Royal Commission addressed allegations of child abuse by a range of institutions, government agencies and church organisations from all denominations that are responsible for the care of young people. Dr Tinsey said



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EREA had collaborated and cooperated with the Commission throughout the public hearings process and would fully support any recommendations which have relevance for EREA and its schools. 'What is clear from the Commission's Final Report is that all schools must adhere to the highest standards of child protection,' he said.

Dr Tinsey said abuse of young people can never be excused or accepted in society. 'We cannot tolerate the breach of trust of impressionable young people and the devastating and long-lasting consequences on them and their families,' he said. Dr Tinsey said EREA offered its unreserved and deepest apologies to those people who had suffered because of the child sexual abuse that had occurred in the context of its schools.

'In particular, EREA has apologised to survivors of abuse and their families for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused throughout their lives. It is our hope that our apology, given publicly in June 2017, will go some way to addressing and healing this long-standing omission and hurt, and will be a step towards re-establishing trust. We understand our apology is just one step in the journey towards healing. EREA would continue to support survivors of abuse in its schools in any way it could. EREA is committed to embedding an organisational culture of child safety, continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures, and supporting schools in this work'.

Ignatius Park College continues to work in collaboration with EREA to ensure our policies, practices and training of staff ensure we remain vigilant, compliant and deeply mindful of the responsibility we have in holding the minds, hearts and souls of our students in our care. Further information on National Child Protection Week is on the following link: https://www.napcan.org.au/national-child-protection-week/

This week we farewell from our College community Ms Tara Henderson, our Publications Officer. This has been a new position in the school and Tara has brought wonderful creativity and professionalism to this role at Ignatius Park College. We wish her all the best in her new full-time position.

Congratulations to Christian Payne who recently won the AFL Townsville league Under 13 Best and Fairest and will be travelling to Maroochydore to play in the Central Queensland Under 14 representative AFL team. Well done, Christian.

Reminder to all parents they should have received an email to complete an Ignatius Park College survey. This follows similar surveys that have been conducted with staff and students this term to gain insight into the culture of the College, strengths and challenges and will provide essential data in our development of the College's new strategic plan for the next four years. **This survey will be open until this Friday, 7 September.** All responses are confidential and will be collated by an external consultant who will not supply any identifying information to the school. Please take some time to complete the survey.

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts our Year 12 students who sat the QCS tests on Tuesday and Wednesday. We wish our Year 12 students all the best in their OP results.

Earlier this term over some 20 students from Year 10 volunteered to assist in supervising and organising activities for "The Challenge Games". The games this year celebrated 25 years of supporting disabled children in Northern Queensland. This week the College received a letter from Lynne Derry, the Chairperson of the games stating:

It was wonderful that you were able to send students to volunteer. They were very polite and hard-working throughout the two days. There were so many positive comments from parents, teachers and carers. I would like to personally thank you for your support as it was a very important part of The Challenge Games. Ignatius Park College has been volunteering for many years and I hope we can work closely again next year.

It is this spirit of outreach that makes me so proud of our "Iggy Boys" who live our Touchstone of Justice and Solidarity, to walk in partnership with those on the margins. The Gospel reading from Mark 7: 31-17 for this Sunday reminds us of our call to have ears to listen for those who cannot hear. In the scripture, the deaf man's ears were opened and his tongue was loosened. Jesus not only cures him of his physical disability but opens the way for him to be fully accepted into the community from which fear and prejudice has excluded him. As a College community, the scripture challenges us to ask God to help us, to be opened from our fears, our self-certainty, our security and arrogance in thinking that we are right – all those attitudes that make us deaf to the voice of God in our midst, and speechless when it comes to supporting those with little or no voice in our society and responding to the cries of those calling for our help.

Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever

Shaun Clarke | Principal



Identity and Mission



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Praying for Justice & Solidarity

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of Earth as our home. Help us to discern how we have polluted our planet and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of God pulsing through Earth as a living green blue sanctuary. Teach us to love Earth as our home. In the name of Christ, the Word of God, who is the creative impulse in all creation. AMEN



Justice and Solidarity

We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and Earth itself.



Does IPC recognise that its members are part of a global community and actively support the development of all humanity?

Sustainability



1 September was proclaimed as a day of prayer for the environment by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I in 1989. The Orthodox Church year starts that day with a commemoration of how God created the world. On 4 October, Roman Catholics and other Churches from the Western traditions commemorate Francis of Assisi, known to many as the author of the Canticle of the Creatures.

The proposal to celebrate a "Time for Creation" during these five weeks was made by the Third European Ecumenical Assembly in Sibiu in 2007. The following year, the WCC Central Committee invited Churches to observe "Time for Creation" through prayers and actions. In 2015, Pope Francis has designated 1 September as a World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation for the worldwide Roman Catholic Church as well.

Throughout the years, major Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Anglican organisations have joined to encourage the 2.2 billion Christians worldwide to pray and act on ecological issues.

In 2016, Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew I released their special messages for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, kicking off the month-long Season of Creation celebrations. Both leaders used strong language to stress the urgency of the ecological crisis and the need to take action on climate change.



Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation will be offered at Ignatius Park College in or around Our Lady of the Mount Chapel (under the mango tree) twice a week:

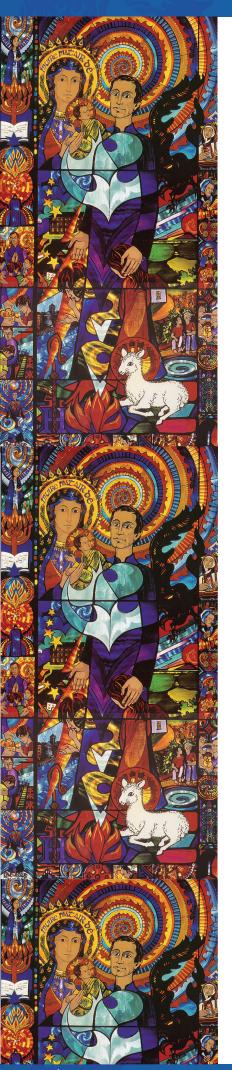
- Tuesday 8.10am
- Thursday 12.50pm

Liturgy News

We celebrated our second Wednesday morning Mass in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel this week. Please join us next week at 8am. Mass is finished by 8.20am, plenty of time to get to Homeroom on time!



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Retreat News

Year 8 and Year 11 Retreats will be held early in Term 4. Watch this space for information as the time approaches.

Faith in Action News

Thank you for all the wonderful breakfast items you donated. This term's whole school fundraiser for the Townsville Drop in Centre was a great success. Please see email from the Centre Manager:

I would like to thank you for your very generous breakfast food collection. This donation will go a long way to assist with breakfasts at the centre (up to 25 meals served for breakfast each morning) and allow us to put together some food hampers for people in need within our community. I know that you were running this within each house at the school and when you said it was ready for collection, I never in my wildest dreams expected such generosity. WOWZERS that ute was full!!!!!



Please also thank the teachers who accompanied your students each day to the centre to assist with breakfast preparations, serving and clean up, and of course the Year 12s who volunteered to give up some sleep in order to come to the centre to help, they are a group young men that the school should be proud of and please thank the parents and children who kindly donated these items to

the Drop in Centre. This is my first year of having the pleasure of meeting with your school and I look forward to an ongoing relationship.

Once again thank you for your kind and generous contributions to the Townsville Drop In Centre.





Pastoral

Child Protection Week

Following the launch of **Child Protection Week** at the College Assembly last Monday, with a video created by the Peer Mentors, this week a Child Protection Awareness Lesson was presented at each House meeting. To celebrate the week, there have been quizzes for the Homerooms each morning with a prize for the fastest responding Homeroom, as well as a search for Max, our big spotty dalmatian mascot for Child Protection. The week will be culminating in activities in the Mall and Hall on Friday to remind the College community that everyone plays a part in keeping our kids safe. Our Peer Mentors will be promoting Child Protection week at lunchtime on Friday in the Mall, along with a visit from our Adopt-a-Cops with personal safety messages.

Students are encouraged to wear RED shirts for a 'Day for Daniel' on Friday as a visual reminder of their right to feel safe all the time. A gold coin donation from students and staff will contribute to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and the valuable work of Bravehearts in community awareness and advocacy.

Marilyn Parsons | Student Counsellor

Ignatius Park College Student Protection Contacts

- Shaun Clarke | Principal
- Marilyn Parsons | Student Counsellor
- Pudy Timbs | Pastoral Leader

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Curriculum

Years 7 and 8 Mathematics Quiz

Congratulations to all of the boys that competed in the Year 7/8 Mathematics Competition. Two teams represented Ignatius Park College in the first round held at Kirwan State High School, 22 August. From this round, Stuart, Flynn and Vaughn progressed to the Regional Final. The boys demonstrated lightning speed in the competition and finished second in the region.

Mark Laguna | Teacher





Spaghetti Bridge Competition

As part of the James Cook University (JCU) Open Day, a Spaghetti Bridge Building Competition was held. This competition has a huge reputation across Queensland as the winners receive a huge cash prize of \$1000, attracting four of our Year 9 students!

Initially the College had four teams entered in the competition, however, the challenges of working with spaghetti quickly became apparent to our boys. Rules stipulate that bridges can only be constructed out of standard spaghetti (not fettuccini or any other variety of pasta) and either PVA, super glue or hot glue. Each bonding method has its strengths and weaknesses, especially given bridges must weigh less than 300g on the day!

In the end, only our Year 9 team persevered to see a final finished product, but our other teams should be commended for the time they put into constructing and investigating during lunch times and after school. A deep understanding of forces was developed during these sessions, perhaps we have some future Civil Engineers on our hands?

On the day, our Year 9s, Ryan Paine, Corey Baker, Joel Tully and Jack Connolly found their 280 gram bridge was able to hold a sizeable 6.2 kg! They were commended highly by the event organisers as it was a proud result for a first-time team. This meant an overall placing of second in the region out of eight school teams, and a state-wide position of 25th out of 107 teams. The boys are very proud of their efforts and are looking forward to improving their designs in 2019, hopeful that they might be able to take home a cash prize.

To the rest of our budding Engineers; do you think you might have what it takes? If so, see you next year!

Simon Di Giacomo | Teacher





Co-curricular

Year 9 Indigenous Excursion

Students in Year 9 were recently given the opportunity to participate in a cultural excursion to parts of Pallarenda and Mt Marlow with staff and community members. The excursion was part of the Pride in Identity and the Journey 2 Jobs programs running at the College, and was a chance to develop some cultural knowledge and to reflect on identity. A bush tucker session with Uncle Russell Butler, was one of the highlights of the day. Thanks to Mr John Alloway, Mr Paul Byrnes and Mr Tristan Nelliman-Adams for their valuable contribution and attendance on the day.

Andrew Kirkpatrick | Program Leader - Indigenous and Multicultural













Co-curricular

Six Barwicket Wonder!

A STUNNING six wickets from seamer, Jake Barwick, helped crown Ignatius Park Under-14s Cricket Champions of Townsville!

The medium pace bowler was on fire as our College A side won each of its three contests against Grammar, Southern Cross and a valiant Iggy B side. Barwick's feat came against Southern Cross and helped end the Catholic school's innings with 62 runs on the board. Iggy A reached that figure within eight overs thanks to some solid batting from Luke Mageri (retired at 17), Ryan McCarron (retired at 15) and Reece Foley (21 not out).

If you had dollar for every mark scored against Barwick, you might not have enough to buy school dinner, as the teenager's quick-fire half-dozen came at an expense of just four runs. After an unfortunate start, which saw us lose a wicket on the first ball of the day, the boys relaxed and hit a commendable 154 for 6 against Grammar. Left hander, Cody Saddler, hit 32 before Joshua Ferns (36 not out) and Barwick, this time proving a nuisance with the bat (20 not out), blasted more than half a century between them.

Despite only losing two wickets, Grammar reached just 89, thanks to some tight bowling from spinner Paddy Glasheen, Captain, Tom Duffy and Pace Man, Ryan McCarron. Duffy was a selfless skipper on the day, standing back after game one and allowing his team mates to shine.

The highlight for our younger team, Iggy B, was a last ball victory over Southern Cross. Many of the B players will make up our A squad in 2019. We now face a school from either Charters Towers, Ayr or Ingham in the Regional Finals at Murray Sports Complex on 17 September.

The match starts after 1 pm. All are welcome. Iggy Park A: Cody Sadler, Ryan McCarron, Luke Mageri, Jake Barwick, Cooper Chislett, Tom Duffy (c), Hunter Lim, Reece Foley, Paddy Glasheen, Joshua Ferns, Jake Scherff, Dan Frannettovich, Max Davies. Coaches: Greg Christ, Jonny Pearce.

Iggy Park B: Mitch Doyle, Ben Dixon, Tye Foley, Joel Tully, Vaughn Tully, Dom Godbold, Matthew Dyer, Mitch Ross, Taj Petersen, Jeremy Morton, Justin Knewstub, Lachlan Holmes. Coaches: Bruce Denny, Drew Thompson.

Jonathon Pearce | Teacher



From left to right: Awesome foursome, Paddy Glasheen, captain Tom Duffy, Jake Barwick and Cody Sadler.



Iggy B boys Justin Knewstub (right) and Dominic Godbold (left) flank A spinner Daniel Franettovich.



Community

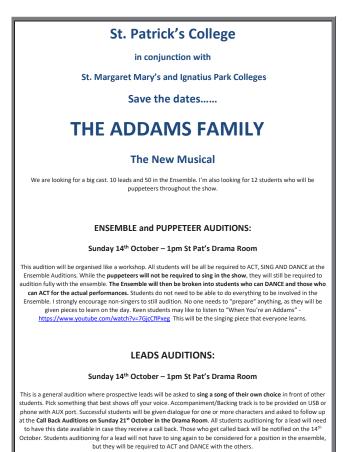
Deadly Destinations 4:30pm - 6pm ,17 October 2018

The J2J Program's inaugural Deadly Destinations offers the opportunity for parents and students to interactively engage with local organisations for possible career pathways.

As a part of the new Journey 2 Jobs Program, if there are any parents that work within unique fields of work that would be interested in assisting at a Careers Expo afternoon can you please email Tristan Nelliman-Adams at Tristan.nelliman-adams@ipc.qld.edu.au for more information.



JOURNEY 2 JOBS





Entertainer of the Year

Artie's Music is looking for a Junior and Senior Entertainer of the Year for 2018. Ignatius Park College will hold a competition, 13 September at 12.30 in the Drama Room. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awarded. The three winners will go on to represent Ignatius Park College at the finals, 21 October at Stockland.

Prizes for the school competition are:

1st \$50

2nd Medal

3rd Medal

Prizes for Stockland final are:

1st \$500 Stockland Gift Voucher, \$500 Artie's Music Gift Voucher for your school.

There will also be prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

For further information and to obtain an entry form please see Mr Thiele or Mr Roberts

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