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, Ignatius Park College held our first formal whole school Assembly, acknowledging the contribution to the College of Mrs Kath Allan, with Papal Blessing for her 20 years’ service to the Toast Room and Br Jon Hanson cfc who celebrated his jubilee as 50 years as a Christian Brother. Congratulations to Kath and Br Jon.

The focus of our Assembly was the 50th Anniversary of our College. This year is an important milestone with events such as Masses, Blue and White Ball, student activities, Fete and gatherings with Old Boys, Christian Brothers and staff. However, celebrating these 50 years is not just about celebrating events. It is about celebrating our tradition, in other words, what still makes Iggy Park such a special place that has touched the hearts of over 8,000 students who have graduated throughout the history of this College.

Tradition has a critical place to play in the culture of our school. To graduate and be an “Iggy Boy” is not a function of the buildings and infrastructure within the College but the legacy that has been left to us by past students, staff and families. It is the values and attitudes they leave behind that is passed on by countless students who shared a common experience, an experience that binds them together, irrespective which year they graduated. Our culture is defined by our tradition, which shapes who we are today and who we are likely to become. If we ignore the meaning of our traditions, we’re in danger of damaging the underpinning of our identity.

This year provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect with our traditions and culture - with what has made Ignatius Park an outstanding boy’s school in Townsville. Tradition allows us to shape character and culture. It brings to this school:

• A strong sense of comfort and belonging to families whose son’s share a common experience of being at Iggy Park;
• Our tradition reinforces values through our Touchstones such as justice, faith, integrity, a good education, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic, and the value of being selfless;
• Our Edmund Rice tradition provides a forum for us all to be liberators, to reach out to those in need and to celebrate the things that really matter in life;
• Tradition offers a chance to say “thank you” for the contribution that people have made to our community and we will be doing this through our events this year;
• Tradition enables us to showcase the principles of our Founding Fathers which are the Christian Brothers, to celebrate diversity, and unite us together as one community or what we call here at Iggy Park “Brotherhood”; and
• Tradition serves as an avenue for creating lasting memories for our staff, students and families.
As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition we have something unique here in Townsville, a tradition that no other school can replicate. It is important, however, that we ensure that our tradition doesn’t block us moving forward, that we are continually progressive where we draw from the past and moves us to the future.

Tradition is not something which is essentially static or backward looking. Tradition calls us to look at the past and seeks to learn from its inheritance; but it looks equally to the present and the future. Looking forward, this year Ignatius Park College has become an Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) Lead school. The EREBB is an international network of Catholic schools educating young people from many different faiths and cultures. The purpose of the collegiate is to bring together all Edmund Rice schools, located in over 30 countries around the world, to promote global solidarity and offer a transformational education for justice and liberation.

Edmund Rice had a dream to provide education for boys who lived in poverty and had little opportunity to move out of the vicious circle of marginalisation. In 1803 he opened his first school at Mount Sion with a small number of students. By 1809 there were 700 children attending Mount Sion. The most important lesson of each day, Edmund said, was time spent in religious instruction. Edmund had to devise an educational system that thoroughly educated the boys but emphasised spiritual and gospel values. His vision for education continued to grow throughout Ireland with 12 schools operating in 1822, educating over some 5,500 students. By 1825, Edmund’s liberating educational system began to move beyond the shores of Ireland to live his mission globally. Over the past 200 years the Christian Brothers and members of the Edmund Rice Network have continued to build upon the dream of Edmund.

Today, there are over 285 Edmund Rice schools around the world, educating over 170,000 students globally. In Australia over 53,000 students are educated in Edmund Rice schools. All schools were invited globally to be lead schools in the mission of the EREBB program. Ignatius Park College has been selected by EREA as a lead school in Australia and will work both regionally and internationally to build justice and solidarity with our partner schools in developing countries. This year our College will be connecting our Houses with different International Edmund Rice schools around the world, students will be invited to participate in an exchange with another EREA school in Australia and in Term 3 we will have a teacher from Stella Maris College in Uruguay on our staff. Throughout the various Edmund Rice schools, we will be acknowledging our 50th Year on both Facebook and our website.

On Wednesday we celebrated the commencement of Lent with the distribution of ashes. The ashes, which the College community received in our House groups, are a sign of our humanity; that from ashes we come and ashes we will pass. The ashes are made from the burning of palms from a previous Palm Sunday. At Ignatius Park, the Phoenix is an important symbol within our College and this bird, from Greek mythology, is a stunning representation of what Lent really means. The symbolic meaning of Lent, where there is a cycle of death and rebirth, so too the Phoenix. Once they turn old, catch on fire, burns, and from the ashes becomes a new being. During our Ash Wednesday liturgy, we are often reminded that we are merely ash. The Phoenix is a symbol of rebirth and Lent calls us to be people who strengthen our relationship with God and to give ourselves to others.

This year the theme of Project Compassion is “Give Lent 100%” and money raised will support Caritas Australia in working together with vulnerable people, helping them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities.

Tomorrow the College will celebrate International Women’s Day. The theme for this year is “Balance for Better” and is calling us to action for gender balance across the world. Our senior leaders will be giving our female staff members a flower to recognise the important contribution they make in an all-boys school. To all mothers and women in our College community, I wish you a happy International Women’s Day.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever

Shaun Clarke | Principal

Click on the image below to watch the video from Parade College as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary..
Identity and Mission

Praying for an inclusive Community

God, today may we live in the moment, taking joy in our opportunity to re-commit ourselves to each other and to You. Let us remember we are friends with common beliefs about the importance of the other, we pledge that we will continue to make a difference in the lives of the people of our community and our world. We express our gratitude for the gifts of life, and our community. For these things and more, we are thankful. AMEN

On 6 March, we celebrated Ash Wednesday. Our community was able to engage in this day in three ways:

• Mass at 8am in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel,
• Liturgies in House groups,
• Ashes available throughout the day.

Christians use ashes as an external sign of repentance. Ash Wednesday allows Christians to publicly show they are beginning a 40-day process of returning to God.

Lent is the 40 days of preparation for Easter. It is a time of fasting, spiritual observation/prayer and giving to those in need. We are ‘invited to return ... to God’s vision of a world where love, compassion, justice and peace are the bottom line.’ Please engage with this over the next 6 weeks. What aspects of your life do you need to return to/turn around this Lent?

I hope you find Lent life-giving and meaningful.

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

• Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
• Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
• Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
• Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
• Fast from worries and have trust in God.
• Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
• Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
• Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
• Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
• Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
• Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Meet the Senior Leaders

James Oh
Vice Captain

I am a proud Nolan House student. Outside of my studies, I am very competitive at Powerlifting. Recently I competed at the Townsville Open and took first place and the under 18s 77kg class bench press record. I hope to continue lifting and make it to Worlds one day. I applied for leadership because I feel like this school is special. I have experienced many character-building experiences like the Homeless Sleep Out and Sony Camp and they have greatly shaped my perspectives on life. However, the best gift this school has given me is my mates and the feeling of brotherhood we all have as Iggy boys.

Reuben Roberts
Liberating Education

I have been at Ignatius Park since Year 8 and I am a proud member of the Putney house. I am dedicated to my studies and hope to share my passion of learning with the younger grades of my school. I am a part of the school Water Polo and AFL teams. Outside of school, I enjoy mountain biking, road cycling and weight training. I intend to enter the Air Force as a pilot when I leave school to build on my passion for aviation.

Joshua Pether
Gospel Spirituality

I have been attending Ignatius Park College since Year 8. This school has provided me with endless opportunities in both sporting and academics. In particular, I have been a part of many public speaking activities such as Debating and Rostrum. Outside of school, I enjoy fishing, snowboarding and snorkelling, just to name a few.

Harvey Smith
Inclusive Community

When I first came to Ignatius Park College I was in Year 8. I did not initially know anyone, but after a few days felt already like I belonged here. A bit of insight into my life is that I play Cricket both out of school and for Iggy. I would have to say my favorite subject is by far the best subject, Physics. After school I would like to go to University at UQ and study either Physiotherapy or Architecture.

Jean-Luc Denyer Lazaredes
Justice & Solidarity

I have been studying at Ignatius Park College for over 4 years and I am proud to say that I’m a member of the Ignatius Park College community. I enjoy playing Basketball and performing in front of a crowd. I like to think of myself as a relatively joyful and positive person. I always aim to make the best out of every situation. The great thing about The Park is the endless opportunities always offered to us and the incredible amount of support from every person in the community. After I finish my schooling I wish to apply for university and I’m aiming for a job in finance and/or economics. I am excited to see what the future holds for me and exhilarated to take on as many new experiences as I can.
World’s Greatest Shave

The World’s Greatest Shave is happening next Friday, 15 March 2019. This is a great cause and the students and staff are looking forward to event and the support from the community.

**Pudy Timbs** | Learning Resource Coordinator

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Year 10 Immunisations

All Year 10 students would have received their Consent Forms for the scheduled immunisations in conjunction with the Queensland Government. These forms are to be completed and returned to the College as soon as possible for collation and return to the immunisation team.

Year 10s will receive a one off vaccination for Meningococcal ACWY on 30 April 2019. All immunisations are conducted on campus during school time.

If you have any questions in regards to this, please contact Johanna Smith, johanna.smith@ipc.qld.edu.au.

**Johanna Smith** | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

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Mulkadee 2019

Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival, through Townsville Catholic Education, proudly presents: Peter Pan. This will be a great experience for all and is a significant event in the life of our Diocese. They have a spectacular line-up of Arts professionals engaged to work with your sons. Mulkadee is on 22-26 July 2019 (including a concert on the Friday night).

For more information please see Mrs Tillack or Arts Department staff.

**Kylie Tillack** | Faculty Leader - The Arts

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*Click on the image below to watch the video to St Edmund’s College, Ipswich for their generosity.*
Open Day

Thank you to our staff, students and everyone who attended our Open Day which was held on Monday, 4 March 2019. We hope you had a wonderful time exploring the College and we look forward to welcoming you next year.
Year 10 Music
This term the Year 10 music class have been studying the global music industry and modern music recording techniques. The Creative Arts Department at Ignatius Park was fortunate that they could call on former students and local music producers, Maverick Parker and Reagan Koelman, to drop in and chat with the boys about creating new and innovative sounds and turning these projects into hits. The duo, along with former classmate, Matt Jefferies, are setting the Townsville music scene alight with their cutting edge sounds and trending beats. Graduating in 2017, the boys have spent the past 18 months writing, producing and performing music.

Matthew Thiele | Teacher

VET and Industry Placement

School Based Apprenticeship
This week saw yet another of our students signed up for a school-based apprenticeship. Benjamin Herrero (11ER) is now an apprentice hairdresser with Liberte Hair. We would like to congratulate Ben and wish him all the best. Also, we need to thank Fabian at Liberte Hair and MEGT for getting Benjamin’s career off to a great start.

Industry Placement
Week 9 (25 to 29 March) will see the VET students attending their first industry placement for the year. In the case of Year 11s, it could be their first opportunity to have a real-life working experience, so we ask they embrace it and make the most of the opportunity.

Here are some important things to remember about industry placement:

- Year 11s - Parent/student agreements must be returned prior to attending industry placement. We have only had approximately 50% return rate, so far.
- Next week (Week 7) all students attending industry placement will be issued with a logbook. Logbooks are to be kept in excellent condition and to be completed daily. On the last day of placement, students will need to have their supervisor sign the logbook. Upon returning to school in Week 10, logbooks will need to be sighted/signed at the VET Office.
- The following week (Week 8) all industry placement students will be expected to call their employers, by Wednesday at the latest. They will confirm the address, working hours, clothing requirements etc. during this call. This will be their chance to make a good ‘first impression’ with their employer. In their logbooks there is a suggested conversation and we will also talk them through this in class. However, if any students are nervous about making this first call, they are welcome to come to the VET office for assistance.

If you or your son have any questions regarding industry placement we ask them to see myself or Mrs Owen in the VET office asap.

Grant Rossiter | VET Program Leader
First XIII

After months of hard work and preparation in the gym and on the training paddock, the day had finally arrived for First XIII to take on Kirwan State High School in game one of the Aaron Payne Cup. As is always the case in the Ignatius Park V Kirwan rivalry games, tensions were high early as both sides tried to assert dominance over the other in what proved to be a hot March morning with the 10:40am kick off time.

After an opening 10 minutes where Ignatius Park were asked to defend their line time and time again due to a string of mistakes, the game was hanging in the balance as both packs of forwards started to tire. After finally rolling down field and gaining some much needed field position, Kirwan went in under the post to lead 6 nil.

As the heavy contact continued through the middle of the field, both teams were guilty of conceding too many errors which provided both teams with several try scoring opportunities. Time and time again, the Ignatius Park defence held strong, continually holding their line in tact, in what was an excellent display of defensive resolve. After the IPC boys finally gained some possession, it was big forward Isaiah Vailalo who carted the ball through the middle of the Kirwan High defence, carrying several would be tacklers over the advantage line, but IPC couldn't convert these to points. We were held up or dropped the ball over the line on a number of occasions.

The second half was again a very physical contest, the Ignatius Park College forward pack managed to gain control of the game after an initial early battle through the middle of the field in very hot conditions. The Ignatius Park pack was very physical in the early exchanges which brought the speed and skill of the backline into play during the second half. IPC leveled 6 – 6 after Tai Reece Hill crossed after some slick work from Jake Bourke. Later, Thomas Whiting showed some smart work to put John Nawara over on the short side to push the lead to 10 to 6. This was the final result, a great win to start the year.

The First XIII are to be commended for their brave performance on the day. While a host of handling errors coming out of their own end will need to be rectified heading into the St Brendan's game next term, the commitment from the boys defensively and their willingness to keep turning up for each other was a real feature of yesterday’s win.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for North Queensland Open Schoolboys: John Nawara, Ethan Haggerty, Jake Bourke, Ty Laidlow, Ethan Roberts, Dean Barnes, Kalen Keri Keri, Isaiah Vailalo

Steven Lansley  I  Teacher

U15 League

The U15s came away from the Kirwan game with a hard fought victory. The side continued to struggle with ball in hand in the first half. The boys committed defence was the sole reason for them staying in the game. The second half was quite hard to believe. After a very tough start, the side fell behind by three tries and looked like they would struggle to contain the highly enthusiastic boys from Kirwan. From this point on though, IPC put together the most polished 25 minutes of Rugby League that Mr Groves had seen in his time at the College. From slick backline moves to barnstorming front row charges, the boys did not let up and ran away with a 5 tries to 3 victory. All boys are to be commended on their spirit and commitment during the trip.

The following boys were selected in the North Queensland Representative Team:

Steven Lansley  I  Teacher

Cricket

Yesterday saw IPC defeat Ryan 6-120 to 30. With both IPC and Kirwan defeating RYAN, next weeks game is effectively a grand final between IPC and Kirwan.

Best Batters for the Game:  Harvey Smith and Travis Busch  
Best Bowler for the Game:   Jake Barwick

Brian Hawke  I  Teacher

Basketball

A depleted IPC Red were no match for a strong Calvary outfit. With only five players they put in a gallant effort, despite Calvary running out victors by 30 points. In a clash of the titans, the IPC White boys had the jump on their opposition at quarter time. IPC Blue fought their way back with the lead changing several times in the second half. At the final siren, scores were even. It was IPC White that prevailed in overtime.

Week 6 Results:  IPC White defeated IPC Blue in overtime  
IPC Red 14 lost Calvary 43

Week 7 Games:  4.00pm: IPC Blue v Grammar at North Ward Campus  
3.30pm: IPC White v IPC Red

Gary Hughes  I  Teacher
2019 IPC Rugby League Draws

**Year 7 Rugby League**
IPC Blue – Mr Christ/Mr Pollock  
IPC White – Mr Ilemma/Spina

**Training** – Monday 3:15 – 4:15  
Games - Tuesday

**Year 8 Rugby League**
IPC Blue – Mr Abdul-Rahman/Mr Llyod  
IPC White – Mr Power/Mr Anau

**Training** – Monday 3:15 – 4:15  
Games - Tuesday

**Year 9 Rugby League**
IPC Blue – Mr Parker/Ms McLaughlin  
IPC White – Mr Laguna/Mr Thompson

**2nd Rugby League**
Mr Nelliman-Adams/Mr Ahern

**Training** – Monday 3:15 – 4:15  
Games – Wednesday

**Training** – Tuesday & Friday 3:15 – 4:30  
Games – Wednesday @ TDJRL
Information for Parents

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TOWNSVILLE GOALKEEPER CLINIC

Brisbane City FC Goalkeeper Academy and its specialised team of GK coaches will be in Townsville for a Goalkeeper coaching clinic during the Easter Holidays!
Dates: Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April
Times: 8am - 12pm
Age Groups: U8 - U16
Location: Murray Sports Complex, Field 1, Mervyn Crossman Drive, Annandale, QLD 4814

To register visit www.brisbanecityfc.com.au/goalkeeper-academy
For more information contact Billy Lumley on 0451299136 or goalkeepercoach@brisbanecityfc.com.au

AN INVITATION

MADONNA KING
FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS

What do our girls think about their fathers? And what are fathers struggling with when it comes to their relationship with their teenage daughters?

The bestselling author of ‘BEING 14’ now tackles the complicated father/daughter relationship.

ALL PARENTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT WITH WELL KNOWN JOURNALIST & AUTHOR

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