Ignatius Park College
Newsletter
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A Catholic Secondary College in the Edmund Rice Tradition
The Edmund Rice Community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the College stands, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future.

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.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more", was a phrase, or more of a challenge, issued by Archbishop Oscar Romero to the whole world. Like Edmund Rice, he was a man driven to bring about a more just society, whereby empowerment of the poor not only came about from educating them, but reforming the attitudes of others. Education is the key to eliminating gender inequality, to reducing poverty, to creating a sustainable planet, to preventing needless deaths and illness, fostering peace and developing an understanding of different cultures and religions in our world. He further stated: “Let us not develop an education that creates in the mind of the students a hope of becoming rich and having power to dominate, but one that forms the lofty ideal of loving, of preparing oneself to serve and give oneself to others”.

Education is an investment, and one of the most critical investments we can make. However, it is also a spiritual one, whereby our culture and learning allows our students to reflect on the plight of others and stand in solidarity for the voiceless and isolated. This can be challenging in our world today where our students are overloaded with information through various social media that can convey controversial images, values and extreme ideologies. The New Zealand massacre two weeks ago is an example where the fanatical extremist was able to live stream for 17 minutes his carnage, resulting in 50 Muslims being killed while they were praying. As a College, our four Touchstones are authentically linked with the charism of Edmund Rice which allows us to reflect and to seek to make the Gospel a living reality in our Iggy Park community. These Touchstones are foundational, they call us to be counter cultural, to be a community that is educated and through this education collectively stand in solidarity with those who are on the margins in our society.

A reflection of this was last week where our College not only had a two minutes silence for the entire school to pray for the victims, families and Muslim community in New Zealand but also held a prayer service at lunchtime under the Mango tree near the Chapel. I was touched by the many students who gathered under the tree to pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters affected by this ordeal. In addition, Thomas Harte (College Captain) and Jean-Luc Denyer-Lazaredes (Prefect) have sent a video on behalf of Ignatius Park College to St Thomas Canterbury College in Christchurch, which is an Edmund Rice school, conveying our solidarity with their school and the community (see the video to the right). Our Touchstones call us as a community to stand up and have our voice heard, so those marginalised can too, and in living by this principle, we can help advocate and alleviate the structures and processes that disrupt peace and justice in our world.
From the Principal (continued)

This week we have seven rowers from Ignatius Park College who will compete in the National Rowing Regatta, at Penrith in Sydney. The students representing the College are Jake Gilmore, Zachary Skipp, Atticus D’Mello, Zachary Judge, Joshua Holcroft, Elliott Basso and Anthony Grech. The rowers will compete in both schoolboy and age group quad races. This is the first time that the College has entered a quad crew in a national event and the largest number of rowers who have competed at this level. Despite the closure of the Ross River earlier this term due to the flooding, the rowers have been training six days a week and have balanced both their rigorous training and school work. This year has been a successful year for our rowers, competing in the Queensland Open State Championships in January gaining both medals and their personal best. They are to be congratulated on their effort, dedication and support of each other. I would like to personally thank all parents and the Rowing Committee who have supported the rowers this term which is the off season. If students wish to experience rowing the College is offering a “Learn to Row” program to all students. Please contact Mrs Tracy Klaassen at rowing@ipc.qld.edu.au. We wish the rowers competing at the Nationals all the best and hopefully a medal for Ignatius Park College.

This week is the fourth week of Lent. In the Gospel reading this Sunday from Luke (15:1-3, 11-32) we hear the parable of “The Prodigal Son” where Jesus shares this story with tax collectors and sinners while the Pharisees and scribes are looking on. His message is that nobody earns entrance into God’s kingdom by their status or power, but it is a gift given to us all. He tells this through a story of two brothers, one who rejected his father, his family and religious practice while the other brother displayed anger and aggression to him due to his father’s willingness to reaccept him into the family. Both brothers are sinners and the parable, in this time of Lent, calls us to hold God’s family together. It invites us to reach out in mercy and forgiveness to others and to open our heart to God’s unconditional love which we can sometimes take for granted. I would invite all families during this Lenten season to support Project Compassion and contribute generously to Caritas Australia, supporting those in need in our world.

We keep in our prayers and thoughts all senior students who are currently sitting exams.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever

Shaun Clarke | Principal

Our Staff

Introducing…

This week, Reuben Roberts (Touchstone Prefect – Liberating Education) would like you to meet two staff members:

Mr Laguna
- He has worked at IPC for two years now, but is an Iggy Old Boy
- He believes IPC is inclusive because there is a plethora of extracurricular activities that cater for all students
- His hope for 2019 is that the Seniors set themselves up for post-school life
- The thing he does around the school that nobody knows about is playing handball with Year 12 Math C at lunchtime

Mr Jervis
- Is currently in his 9th year at Ignatius Park College
- His hope for 2019 is to survive through it!
- The thing he does that nobody knows about is protecting the baby plovers that live on the oval
Identity and Mission

Prayer for an Inclusive Community
Living and True God, you created all that is good and holy in your image. Be close to us, your servants. Be our constant help and protection as we lovingly reach out to welcome and embrace all of our community members. Bless our students as they grow together in faith, knowledge and friendship. Bless the parents and College staff who guide them through challenges, who celebrate their special gifts and who encourage them to reach their potential.
AMEN

Mass to acknowledge the Triduum
On Thursday 4 April, the College will celebrate Mass in Period 5. The Triduum is one liturgy that is celebrated over the period of three days. It begins with the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday, commemorates the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of the school holidays, our school cannot celebrate this 3-day liturgy together. Easter is the most important time of our liturgical year, so it is nice we can acknowledge this time as a community. Please join us from 1.15pm next Thursday.

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission

PROJECT COMPASSION
Fourth Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balm and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

EARTH HOUR
Wednesday Mornings 8am
Our Lady of the Mount Chapel
Redefining the Education of Young Men

Iggy Park Fete
11 May 2:00 - 6:30PM

Celebrating 50 years

Tickets to the Blue and White Ball are available now!

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS OF IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019
EDMUND RICE HALL
IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE

BAR OPENS FROM 5:00PM
HORS D’OEUVRES SERVED FROM 5:45PM DURING MEET & GREET
SEATING WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30PM

FORMAL ATTIRE

RSVP - 14 JUNE 2019
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BBLSW

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Celebrate our 50 years with us!
Ignatius Park College invites Old Boys, Past Staff and all those involved with the College to celebrate 50 years of Iggy Park.

22 February 2019
Parents & Friends Morning Tea
All past and current parents involved in the RLF are welcome to attend.

4 March 2019
Open Day
All welcome.

3 May 2019
Edmund Rice Mass
All welcome.

11 May 2019
Iggy Park Fete
All welcome.

22 June 2019
Blue and White Ball
All welcome.

15 August 2019
Anniversary Mass
All welcome.

24 August 2019
Iggy Stars under the Stars (TBC)
All welcome.

5 October
Old Boys ‘Oldtimers’ Reunion
Old boys, current and past staff are invited to the annual reunion.

Whole School Photography available for purchase.
50 year merchandise available for purchase.
VET and Industry Placement

Industry Placement

This week approximately 117 of our Year 11 and 12 VET students have been in the community doing industry placement. By all reports, the week has gone well, and the boys are gaining valuable work and life skills.

Our students have been working in areas such as: carpentry, information technology, plumbing, hospitality, butchery, nursing, electrical, refrigeration mechanic, baking, painting, boilermaking, fitter and turner, animal care, cabinetmaking, landscaping, mechanical, marine and diesel fitting.

This would not be possible without the support of our many wonderful employers that take the time and effort to accommodate our students. We would like to thank them for offering our students this opportunity:

Grant Rossiter | Acting VET Program Leader
Film, Television and New Media

Students in Year 10 Film, Television and New Media are putting the finishing touches to their photography folios. This term, the boys who selected this elective subject have been studying digital photography and experimenting with capturing representations of Australia in their work. They have been studying compositional elements such as the Rule of Thirds, Leading Lines, Symmetry and Pattern and making use of these techniques in their photographs to create balance and aesthetic appeal. Year 10 student, Eden Mordike, draws on modern American influences when capturing his representation of Australian contemporary culture.

Katrina Guazzo | Teacher
**Co-Curricular**

**Mental Health - LIVIN**

In 2019, we are again raising awareness in our College community about mental health and the importance of speaking up if you are experiencing difficulties. In Term 2, the students will be encouraged to wear their gear to declare that “it ain’t weak to speak”. As part of their Pastoral Care lessons in Week 2 next term, the students will be learning more about how to be mentally healthy and strategies to implement if they are struggling. LIVIN merchandise promoting that “it ain’t weak to speak” is being sold by Mrs Charge in her office.

_Dannielle Charge and Marilyn Parsons | Student Counsellors_

**Shave for a Cure**

Thank you to all who supported the IPC Shave for a Cure. We have raised $27,317.55 and counting!

_Pudy Timbs | Learning Resource Coordinator_
Pastoral

Toast Room - Donations Needed
As part of the ongoing nature of the Toast Room, we are asking for donations of spreads (butter, vegemite, jam, cream cheese, etc. *no nut spreads please*). If you are willing to help, please bring a spread to the Toast Room any weekday morning from 7:45am - 8:30am.

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

Uniform Shop
Iggy Supporter Shirts are available for purchase:
Mens – Sizes large and extra large
Ladies - Sizes 10, 12, 14 and 16
$45.00 – purchase through the Uniform Shop
Opening Times – Monday/Wednesday/Friday – 8am to 11am

Larissa Moule | School Officer - Uniform Shop

Defence - ADFA Roadshow

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**DEFENCE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Considering a career with the Navy, Army or Air Force? Defence Force Recruiting Townsville are holding a number of information sessions in April, come along to find out what you can achieve in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

**CHAT WITH THE NAVY, INFORMATION SESSION**
Wednesday 10th April, 6pm
Be an invaluable part of protecting Australia’s waters and travel the seas with a role in the Navy. Learn more about the Navy lifestyle and chat with Navy Technicians, Engineers and Submariners at the upcoming info session.

**PILOT AND AVIATION INFORMATION SESSION**
Tuesday 16th April, 6pm
There aren’t many people who can say they work with some of the most advanced aircraft and aviation technology in the world, but you could be one of them. Come and learn more about Pilot & Aviation careers in the ADF at the upcoming info session.

**ENGINEERING INFORMATION SESSION**
Tuesday 23rd April, 6pm
Work at the forefront of your chosen engineering field, keeping the ADF’s world-class aircraft, armoured vehicles and weapon systems at peak capability. Join us for the information session to find out more from the Specialist Recruitment Team, Engineering.

*Events are occurring at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre - 71 Stanley Street, Townsville

Interested in any of these sessions?
Visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/events to find the event and register or email CPTTOWNSVILLE@dfrc.com.au

Leanne Mahoney | Defence School Mentor
Convince me - Behaviour - by Michael Grose

Kids of all ages are excellent at wearing down the resistance of a parent who denies permission for them to go somewhere due to lack of safety or suitability concerns. Unfortunately many kids use annoying methods such as:

- repetition (Can I go? Can I go? Can I go?);
- questioning (Why can’t I go?);
- guilt (You never let me go anywhere!);
- nagging (Can I, can I, can I go, please!)
- and
- whining (Ahhh! Whyyyy Caanaan’t I gooo!)

Often we are so tired that we give just to gain some peace, which makes pester power a useful strategy as kids achieve what they want.

Our hope is that our kids are able to avoid or counter the risk as much as humanly possible. One way of assessing this is asking them to convince you that they are responsible, old enough and possess sufficient awareness to go into new situations and places.

One way to avoid this obnoxious pestering is to ask them to convince you that they are responsible enough, old (read mature) enough or aware enough to be allowed to go somewhere.

Here’s an example:

“Amelia, I’m not sure that I should allow you to take the train into the city with friends. I’m worried that it might not be safe. Convince me that you can do so safely.”

This response puts the onus back on the child or young person to think to counter your concerns. Listen carefully to their response as it will indicate whether they really have considered your concerns and are aware of the depth or range of potential difficulties.

Simplistic responses don’t cut it

If they respond with simplistic comments such as; “I’ll be okay”, “we’ll stick together” and “I won’t do anything stupid” then they are probably unaware or unprepared for contingencies that may arise.

However if they provide a response with more depth, they may demonstrate their readiness. An example for this might be “I know you are worried that we might get picked on by older kids on the train. That worries me too. We’ll make sure we pick a carriage with plenty of adults and if kids hop on that look like they’ll give us a hard time, we’ll get off at the next station.”

Minimising Risk

Answers such as the above show they understand your concerns and also that they have some strategies in mind to minimise risk. As a parent we’d like to remove risk from our kids’ lives but this is unrealistic. As kids grow up their world rapidly expands taking them further away from the safe confines of home, and exposing them to new and potentially risky situations and people. Our hope is that our kids are able to avoid or counter the risk as much as humanly possible. One way of assessing this is asking them to convince you that they are responsible, old enough and possess sufficient awareness to go into new situations and places.

“Convince me!” may well be the smartest two words you’ll ever use as a parent. It may stop pester-power in its tracks and at the same time induce your child or young person to think ahead and better prepare for spreading their wings when you don’t feel they are quite ready.

Dannielle Charge I Counsellor

Co-Curricular

Mulkadee

Mulkadee 2019 is heading off to Never, Never Land with Peter Pan – Applications close 1 April 2019.

Why do Mulkadee? Year 10 students James Clarke, Zac Brunetto and Lachlan Symss have previously attended Mulkadee had this to say about their experience:

Zac “Mulkadee is the best time of year”

James “You get to meet new people”

Lachlan “Learn to work in a team”

Want to develop your artistic talents then sign up to be part of Mulkadee 2019? Applications are closing next Monday 1 April. Go to the IPC website for registration information https://www.ipc.qld.edu.au/community/permission-forms/mulkadee/

Kylie Tillack I Faculty Leader - The Arts
Cross Country
The IPC interhouse Cross Country will be held on Friday 26 April during Period 5 and 6. School will start as normal on the day and there will be an ANZAC Memorial Service in Period 4. The Cross Country will start and finish in Cranbrook Park. All students are encouraged to participate.

Teachers will walk the boys down to the park at the end of second recess. There will be water provided on the course and at the finish line and the boys will be encouraged to hydrate before they leave school. Student with medical concerns should see their Pastoral Leader.

At the completion of the Interhouse competition the boys are asked to walk back to school. The road way intersections on the return journey are supervised by staff, as well, the school ovals will be supervised.

A school representative team will be chosen to compete at the Townsville and NQ Interschool Competition and a number of warm up events in Townsville.

John Alloway I Program Leader - Sport

Basketball
Congratulations to the boys that represented the College in the three Year 7/8 Basketball teams. It was very pleasing to see individuals and teams make significant improvement over the term. All teachers were impressed with the way the boys conducted themselves and enjoyed each other’s company.

To finish up the competition, IPC Blue and IPC Red had a close encounter against one another. With the score being even for most of the contest, Blue were able to maintain a comfortable five point margin for the last quarter, eventually winning by 6 points. Unfortunately, the game for IPC White at Southern Cross was washed out.

A big thank you to Amanda Loechel, Annette Gregory, Rohan Lloyd and Leo Hogan for their efforts in coaching the teams. Thanks also to Cody Brown, Joseph Gregory and Daniel Gregory for there assistance in coaching, umpiring and scoring for the games.

Results from Week 8
IPC Blue 50 defeated IPC Red 44
IPC White v Southern Cross Washed Out

Gary Hughes I Teacher
Information for Parents

Redefining the Education of Young Men

TERM TWO Program 1
Saturday Mornings 8.30am
Townsville Hockey Grounds
Start: 27th April 2019
Finish: 29th June 2019

TERM TWO Program 2
Tuesday Afternoon 5.15pm
Joe Kirwan Park Corner of Charles Street & Bamford Lane, Kirwan.
Start: 30th April 2019
Finish: 25th June 2019

Costs Per Program:
$130 pp

New Enrolment Receives:
/ New Mason Junior 500 Hockey Stick
/ Playing Shirt
/ Playing Socks
/ Insurance and Registration fees to Hockey QLD

Re-enrolment Pack available for those already participated in a Mini sticks/ Kookaroo program 2018.

Returning Player — If you have already participated in Term 1 2019 $55
*If your child wishes to participate in both programs, cost will be an extra $50.

Please contact Briode for more information or to enrol in Term 2 register here:
Ph: 4778 4810 or email: office@townsvillehockey.com

WHAT IS ULTIMATE?
Ultimate is an up-and-coming fast-paced and strategic mixed sport. It’s a great way to build fitness, make friends, and be part of an international community.

HOW CAN I LEARN?
Join us at our free event at the Australian Ultimate Championships in Townsville and learn from the experts!

EVENT DETAILS
Join us on Friday, 26 March at Townsville Sports Complex at 6pm for a 6:30pm start.
Meet at Field 2. Bring a tight shirt, a dark shirt, and a water bottle. Wear closed-in sports shoes (no bare QG).
Public Liability Insurance Provided upon sign-in.

Mini Sticks & Kookaroos

Dante Alighieri Society Townsville
10 weeks Italian Language courses 2019

Beginners
Commencing Tuesday 26th March
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Intermediate
Commencing Wednesday 27th March
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Intermediate/Advanced
Commencing Monday 29th March
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: $320 plus Annual Membership to the Society if it’s not already paid
Cost of membership $30 individual / $50 Family

For more details and enrolment call Dante on: 0497 007 146
and visit our website http://www.dantedowntownsville.com
Aboriginals & Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science

2019 ATSIMS AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Applications are currently being accepted for two $1,000 Ambassador Awards with the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science (ATSIMS) program.

The ATSIMS program empowers Indigenous secondary students in North QLD to pursue study and careers in marine science and management.

ATSIMS Ambassadors will engage with Indigenous Year 9 and 10 students during the five modules of the 2019 ATSIMS program. These modules help bolster student’s interest, experience, confidence, knowledge and skills needed to initiate, and succeed in tertiary studies and careers in this field. Ambassadors will be expected to participate in as many of the five program modules as possible:

- In-class presentations: 30 April - 2 May
- Reef HQ Day: 9 May
- Australian Institute of Marine Science Day: 17 May
- Orpheus Island Field Trip: 25 May - 1 June
- James Cook University Day: 4 June

Program modules will occur in Townsville, Ingham and on Orpheus Island. Costs of participating in the ATSIMS modules such as entry fees, catering and boat transfers will be covered by ATSIMS.

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

See ATSIMS.com for more details on this exciting program. Get involved via the ATSIMS Facebook Page (@ATSIMS.com).

Nominations by email are due by 5pm, 14 APRIL 2019 to:

Email: kristy.brown1@jcu.edu.au

Kristy Brown | Project Officer
Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science Program
Email: kristy.brown1@jcu.edu.au

APM Employment Services

A message from APM:

APM is the largest Employment Services provider that works with people who have an injury, illness or disability. We support people back into the workforce, and we work with anyone aged 15 to 65. Potential clients do NOT need to be on Centrelink benefits to access our services, but they may need to be evaluated by Centrelink as needing our services. We are a proactive organisation that supports our jobseekers in practical ways, with training, PPE, interview clothes and more. We believe that everyone deserves a job, and its our job to help them find an employer that will support them no matter their health barrier. Interacting with our program as a young person will involve attending a meeting once a fortnight, either at the school or at our office, and looking for work/traineeship to help complete high school, or more work as needed. We will also support clients through study.

We also support employers through this process. We offer support through wage subsidies, as well as regular contact and support through employment for at least a year after placement.