



Ignatius Park College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

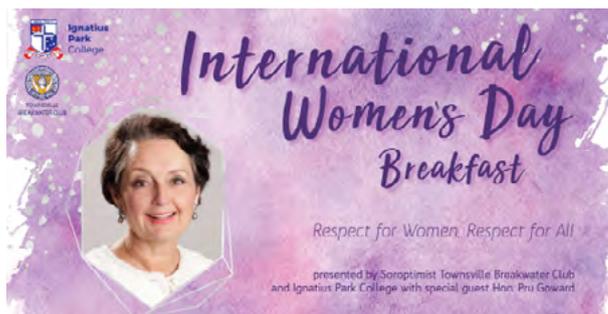
The Ignatius Park College Community would like to humbly acknowledge the Wulgurukaba peoples on whose land our College is located, as well as the Bindal peoples on whose land many of us live and travel across daily. We respectfully thank the elders of this traditional land both past and present for guiding us through the journey of time to where we are today. This spiritual and cultural journey is significant in allowing the freedoms our society has today. As a community we reflect on the history of Australia and its First Nations peoples and ask all elders to guide us to a promising and enriching future. As a community we will continue to develop our minds to be respectful and learn from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders as well as all people who make up this country of Australia.

Yesterday, the College hosted our Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Our Swimming Carnival is an iconic part of our Ignatius Park calendar and represents our spirit and culture. The different Houses dressed in themes, the senior students in the Pool encouraging the younger students who weren't fluent swimmers and the camaraderie between all students is what makes the day a standout. It is this culture that makes Iggy Park such a special place, where our students feel a sense of belonging and they feel valued. Our Swimming Carnival reflected a culture of 'connectedness'. This connectedness was visible in the cohesive interactions of the students, the distinctive bond and pride that was demonstrated in each House, and acceptance of all competitors, irrespective of their swimming ability.

This year we presented the Br. Jon Hansen Spirit Shield. This shield recognised the House that demonstrated our College beliefs, values and actions. This was awarded based on the involvement of the House in dressing up with their destined theme, supporting their own House and others in races and showing correct behaviour on the day. Congratulations to the Rice House who won the Br. Jon Hansen Spirit Award. Each year, as I witness our Swimming Carnival, I am always impressed with the absolute involvement, commitment and enthusiasm of our students, who live the spirit of 'brotherhood' within our Iggy Park community. A culture that has been shaped by our history, context and the legacy of our students who make the Swimming Carnival a memorable event each year. Again, congratulations to the Baillie House who have won the Swimming Carnival for the third year in a row. Thank you to Mr John Alloway and his team for organising the Swimming Carnival.

The overall results were:

Baillie	1989
Rice	1917
Putney	1785
Carew	1707
Treacy	1700
Nolan	1321
Reid	1271



**BUY
TICKETS
TODAY!**



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 (continued)

Thank you to the parents who attended our VET, Indigenous, Year 11 and Year 12 Information Evenings last week. It was wonderful to see the large number of parents who attended the workshops. This year our Year 12 students will be the first group undertaking ATAR in Queensland with our external examinations bringing a new dimension of assessment for our students. The goal for all our students is to achieve their QCE whether this is through a VET pathway or focus on an ATAR result allowing them to gain tertiary education. Our teachers have worked extremely hard over the last three years to ensure we are ATAR ready. A part of this preparation is clear monitoring of our students through our academic mentoring program and clear explanation of the expectations of the QCAA in reference to completing tasks and submission of work. I do want to thank Mrs Allison Elcoate – Deputy Principal - Curriculum and Data, Mr Shane Dove – Dean of Teaching and Learning and Faculty Leaders in their preparation for ATAR.

We have also seen, with the introduction of the new QCE, the opportunity for students to include some VET qualifications as an option in the calculation of the ATAR. This now opens the door for many students who might want to take a pathway to university that is built on a range of capabilities and could include a VET qualification. Later this year we will be offering some parent information evenings on VET options at the College, preparing ATAR exams and the new QCE. These sessions will be available to all members of our College community to attend and will be advertised later this term.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Parish is offering preparation programs for students at Ignatius Park College for the Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Confirmation and First Eucharist. Confirmation and First Eucharist (Communion) will be conducted by Bishop Tim Harris at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville on Sunday, 23 August 2020. The first preparation session will be held on Saturday, 9 May 2020 commencing at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, 28 Ingham Road, West End. I would encourage all students, with a Catholic background, who have not received their sacraments to participate in this sacramental program which will be provided by the Parish. Further information is available by contacting cathedralparish@tsv.catholic.org.au or please contact Fr Rod Ward, the College Chaplain.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Ignatius Park College, in conjunction with the Breakwater Island Soroptimist group, will be hosting a breakfast on Thursday, 5 March in the Edmund Rice Hall, commencing at 6.30am for International Women's Day. Our guest speaker is The Honourable Pru Goward who was a former Cabinet Minister, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and was a pioneering television reporter with the ABC. Pru will give us her insights into the topic 'Respect for Women, Respect for All'. As a College community this year we have decided to host this breakfast so our young men can be educated as future leaders within our community to value equity and respect the contribution of all. The Senior Hospitality students will be preparing and serving breakfast. All members of our College community are welcomed to attend the breakfast and I would ask you to invite friends and relatives to this significant event. Tickets are available for \$50 each, with tables of ten available.

Next Tuesday, 25 February, is Shrove Tuesday - the day before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. Within our Christian tradition this is a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Traditionally, on this day people eat pancakes to utilise their food stock before fasting in the Lenten period. Our Toast Room will recommence this year on Shrove Tuesday.

God of feasting, we give you thanks for the richness of life.

As Jesus turned water into wine at Cana, we think of your desire for all your people to celebrate life.

Bless us as we celebrate the joy of being your people.

Send your Spirit to dance and sing with us.

As we enter the Season of Lent, may it, too, be a celebration of life:

of an inward journey of contemplation and wondering, of learning and exploring.

And in all of this, may we grow closer to Jesus, to one another, and to you.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts. Forever.

Shaun Clarke | Principal

Every Thursday students are required to wear Academic Uniform.

However, if there are other arrangements for particular students such as an excursion or field trip, then those students should wear the uniform specified in the note home.

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International Women's Day

5 March, 2020



Guest Speaker:

The Honourable Pru Goward is a former Cabinet Minister, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and was a pioneering television reporter with the ABC. Pru will give us her insights into the topic 'Respect for Women, Respect for All.'

RESPECT FOR WOMEN, RESPECT FOR ALL
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST
AT THE IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE HALL

Join the Soroptimist Townsville Breakwater Club and Ignatius Park College in celebrating International Women's Day 2020.

To show their gratitude and their respect for all, the gentlemen of Ignatius Park College will be preparing and serving a delicious hot breakfast.

Your morning will include discussions with renowned guest speakers, panel debate from peers and students, as well as networking with schools and business communities.

Join us at 6am for a 6:30am start. \$50/pp

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College**



Townsville Breakwater Club

Pastoral Leaders



Jodie Roberts | Baillie



Paul Bruce | Carew



Matthew Mitchell | Nolan



John Fuller | Putney



Chris Rigano | Reid



Matthew Groves | Rice



John Deer | Treacy



Gian Guerra | Cultural
Co-ordinator



Identity and Mission

Prayer for inclusion

God, We see the gap between rich and poor widen across the world and we hear reports of hundreds perishing as they try to reach a new home. Political leaders have kindled hatred and erected walls between rich and poor, young and old, those at home and those who have to migrate. The reality of children who have been abused, physically or sexually, is also painfully and personally present to us. We remember that Jesus suffered and was crucified. He told us to "Come, inherit the Kingdom." Help us remember we are all your children. Convert our hearts so we are alive and sensitive to the suffering of Christ in our midst. Help us make our community more hospitable and open, learning to live Jesus in our hearts forever. AMEN



Upcoming Identity Events

- Mass in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel – every Wednesday morning 8.00am
- Holy Spirit reading, Brooklea visits and Aitkenvale Breakfast Club - (Week 5 - sign up at the Red Door)
- Toast Room Launch, Shrove Tuesday 25 February (Week 5)
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy Wednesday 26 February (Week 5) - 8.40am in the Edmund Rice Hall. All welcome.

Johanna Smith | Deputy Principal - Identity and Mission



VET

White Card Course

We would like to congratulate all the participants in the White Card course for successfully completing the qualification. Bluedog will now process the White Cards and we hope to distribute them to the students on Friday of Week 5 when they do their work experience induction.

VET Uniforms

We have been advised by Totally Workwear that our VET/ Industrial Art uniforms that were ordered this year should be here this week. We will let the students know when they have arrived via Student Notices as well as via their Industrial Arts/ VET teachers.

School Based Apprenticeship

This week we would like to congratulate Mitchell Doyle (Year 11) on being signed up as a school-based apprentice with Mendi Group. Mitchell will attend his apprenticeship one day each week to work towards completing his Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations. Thank you to all parties concerned for this great opportunity.

Grant Rossiter | Program Leader - Vocational Education and Training



Building Healthy Relationships with Teachers (Part Two)

Last week, I introduced you to the first installment of a recent post from Michael Grose on his web-site, Parenting Ideas. This week, I have included the second part of this post.

The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" could not be truer than in today's society. As a staff, we recognise the need to work with parents for the best outcomes for our students.

John Doolan | Deputy Principal (Pastoral)

HOW TO BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas

Utilise their resources

Teachers and schools often put a lot of work into sourcing and sharing credible resources that they think will help parents. Take the time to read, utilise and enjoy the information provided to you. It's intended to make your parenting journey easier, which will also benefit your child not just at school, but at home.

Build links to student learning

There's a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent engagement in student learning and their educational success. If you want your child to improve their learning, take an interest in what they are doing. Follow school and teacher guidelines about helping at home and attend as many conferences, meetings and events involving your child as possible. This strategy has a significant, long-term impact on your child's attitude to learning.

Stay in touch

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids of any age. Family circumstances change. Friends move away. Illness happens. Mental health challenges can hit anyone at any time. These changes affect learning. Make sure that you keep teachers up to date with significant changes or difficulties that your child or young person experiences so they can accommodate your child's emotional and learning needs at school.

Be loyal

Show your loyalty to your child's teachers by being an advocate. Talk positively about your child's teacher and school, rather than being negative about them when speaking in the wider community. Teachers hold very public positions and generally work hard to build good reputations both within their school and their wider education community. Consider a teacher's reputation among the community and also with children when you discuss educational matters with others.

Building healthy parent-teacher relationships doesn't just happen

It takes goodwill from both sides, a commitment to setting aside the time necessary to support the home-based learning tasks that are expected, and a willingness to communicate both concerns and commendations through the correct channels.

School Photographs

Photographs can be ordered online via www.advancedlife.com.au using the online code of **XGN L8P RBG** or by the returning the photography envelope your son has brought home, which is also available from the College Office.

Photograph orders are now due by 28 February 2020. After this date, a \$15 late fee is attracted to the order. If you have been charged a late fee through online ordering, could you please let me know via email and I will arrange for this to be refunded - marg.hodgson@ipc.qld.edu.au.

Marg Hodgson | Deputy Principal - Community and Staff Development

Visiting the College

All visitors are required to sign in and out of the College Office during school hours.

Please be aware that this includes parents.

Representative Sport

Townsville Secondary Schools are conducting trials to select representative teams in the following sports:

- U15 Football (Soccer)
- U19 Football (Soccer)
- U15 Touch
- U18 Touch
- U14 AFL

These representative teams will progress to Northern Regional trials.

In addition, Northern Region are conducting the following trials:

- 10-15 years Squash
- 15- 19 years Squash

Nominations for all the above can be collected from the cultural room at first recess. Specific details of the trials are on the nomination forms.

John Alloway | Program Leader - Sport

Swimming Carnival





OPEN DAY
2 MARCH
3.15-6.00PM

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Ignatius Park College



 **ST MARGARET MARY'S COLLEGE**

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH
3.30PM – 6.00PM

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TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020
5.30 PM - 7.30 PM
Principal's Address 6.30 PM

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THINKING ABOUT A **TRADE CAREER?**

FRIDAY 13 MARCH, 2020
9AM–12PM

TOWNSVILLE TAFE, PIMLICO CAMPUS
D BLOCK, ROOMS D0.40 + D0.41, HUGH STREET + FULHAM ROAD, TOWNSVILLE
Food + drinks provided.

RSVP to wot@nawic.com.au by Friday 6 March, 2020

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If you are a high school girl looking to build your career on a trade such as carpentry, building, electrical or even automotive and mechanical, then NAWIC would love you to join them for an exciting speed careering event.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Women in trades report a high level of job and personal satisfaction
- By completing a trade apprenticeship, you will receive a nationally recognised qualification as well as a broad range of skills and opportunities that you can carry into any career
- Not only will you earn while you learn, a trade career also allows you to increase your own economic stability by earning double of many traditional female roles
- By learning a trade, you will acquire skills you can take anywhere around the world, allowing you to travel and broaden your horizons





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COME & TRY DAYS

SATURDAYS 7th, 14th & 21st March at 8.30am
At Townsville Hockey, Annandale

TUESDAYS 9th, 16th & 23rd March at 5.15pm
At Joe Kirwan Park, Kirwan

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Hockey Sticks available to use on the day!





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