Come Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people.

We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

Dear Community Members,

As we prepare for the final two weeks of school, everything is becoming very busy at school. The building program is almost complete and some classrooms will be moving. I encourage all students to finish off the last few weeks in a positive manner and look to help out others.

Uniform Store – Jackie Fleischmann

The school is in the final stages of establishing our own Uniform Store. The Uniform Store will be located under the Prep and Grade 1 classrooms. Mrs Cindy Askey-Doran has been appointed as our Uniform Manager.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Jackie Fleischman for the wonderful job she has done this year as the co-ordinator of the uniform. Jackie has volunteered many hours of her time to establish our new uniform, talk to suppliers, etc. Her communication and dedication to our school is brilliant.

George McLeod – Australian All Schools Athletics Championships

Congratulations to George who finished fifth (4.73m) in the Long Jump for his age at the Australian All Schools Athletics Carnival that was held in Penguin last weekend. He also finished 100th of a second out of the bronze medal position in the 100m relay and ran his 100m in 13.96 and 200m in 28.77 – all personal bests! This was a fierce competition and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Community is very proud of his efforts. Well done George!

Music Teacher – Kate Gray

Ms Kate Gray has been appointed as the maternity leave replacement for Mrs Claire Williams. Kate has had years of experience in the music sector. We welcome Kate to our school.

We would also like to thank Mrs Claire Williams for the outstanding job she has done as our Music teacher over the past two years. We wish her all the best for her new arrival. Claire will return at the start of Term 3 in 2015.

End of Year Reports

The End of Year Reports will be distributed tomorrow. I would like to thank all the teachers for the time spent in writing their class reports. If you have any questions or queries about your child’s report please contact your classroom teacher directly to set up an interview at a mutually convenient time.
iPad Information Evening
On Tuesday night (2nd December) we held the second iPad Information Session. It was a fantastic turnout. During this meeting we informed the parents of many ideas. These were: iPad protocols, Apps and iTunes, the role of parents, purchasing and plans, insurance, specifications, cyber-awareness, acceptable user agreements and teacher and student use.

If you happened to miss the meeting a handout will be sent home with students from Grade 2 and 3.

I would like to thank Miss Stephanie King and Ms Glynis Tully (TCEO) for work they have both done preparing the Information Evenings. We will have one more meeting to introduce the student owned iPad initiative early in 2015.

End of Year Events
As we are about to enter the final two weeks of school, we would like to remind all community members of the following events:

Friday 5th December: Reports are distributed

Monday 8th December: Talent Quest
This event has been initiated by the Grade 4 students. This will be held in the Hall after recess (11.30am). Parents are invited to attend this event.

Tuesday 9th December: Kinder Nativity
This is a wonderful annual event where the Kindergarten class re-enact the Nativity. All Kinder parents are invited to attend (10am -12pm)

Wednesday 10th December: Pantomime at the Botanical Gardens
All classes will be bussed to the Botanical Gardens to watch “Sinbad the Sailor”. We will then catch the bus to Mount Stuart Park and walk back to school from there.

Thursday 11th December: Thanksgiving and Leavers Mass
We will be holding our End of Year Mass in the School Hall at 10am. The Grade 6’s will be presented with their leavers certificates and two of the school awards will be announced.

Thursday 11th December: Parent Appreciation Afternoon Tea
This is an invitation to all our school volunteers to join us for a special afternoon tea. Even if you believe your contribution may have been only small, it is very much appreciated and we would love to have your company in our Hall (3.15pm-4.00pm)

Friday 12th December: PBS Excursion – Students with 150 or more tokens
During this day the students who have earned 150 or more tokens will be going on a special excursion. Parents of these children will be notified before this event.

Friday 12th December: Disco
Please check the notice attached to this newsletter.

Monday 15th December: PBS Party – Students with 100 or more tokens
At 12.45pm on this day there will be a special party for all students who have received 100 or more tokens. Party food will be provided by the school.

Tuesday 16th of December: End of Year Assembly – including awards
This will take place in the Hall at 1.30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday 17th December: Big Day Out – Grade 6
The children will be celebrating their year by going on an excursion and participating in several fun activities on this day. More information will be sent out to parents prior to this day.

Thursday 18th December: End of Year BBQ
The P&F are holding a Family BBQ at 12pm on the final day of school. Students are free to leave with their parents after this BBQ. Further details are attached to this newsletter.
Board Members

As 2014 draws to a close we have a few Board members who are resigning. I would like to thank all the Board members for their continued loyal support of our school.

Three board members who are resigning are Duncan Brain, Vanessa Gill (Treasurer) and Bernadette Pogorzelski (Chair). Duncan is fortunate to have accepted a position teaching at an International School in Singapore. We wish Duncan, Jane, Clancy and Frances all the best as they embark on this new adventure. Vanessa has accepted a new role in her job and she won’t have the time to commit to the Board. We thank her for her role as Treasurer over the past two years.

I would like to make a special thank you to Bernadette for the wonderful, loyal support she has given me this year and the school over the past years. As our inaugural Board Chair she has worked tirelessly over the past two years in helping our school continue to head in the right direction. Bernadette will leave the Board as her youngest child, Molly, will be heading to Sacred Heart in Grade 7. I wish her all the best for the future.

Take care,
Mr Nick McGann
Principal

St Mary’s Cathedral Parish Christmas Cards for Sale

$2 a card $20 for set of 10

(All cards are blank for your own personal message)

The card to the right depicts a magnificent stained glass Nativity window of Sacred Heart Church, New Town and the cards below are from St Mary’s Cathedral, Hobart (there are also more designs to choose from)

All proceeds go to St Mary’s Cathedral restoration

cathedraloffice@bigpond.com
CHRISTMAS BEANIES - FIND US ON FACEBOOK OR mslbeanies.com.au or mslsports.com.au  
email: msl@mslsports.com.au

Adult Size - $30  
Children’s Size - $20

SNOWMAN  REINDEER  SANTA’S ELF (also in green)  PUDDING  TREE

LOST PROPERTY
2 x pairs of black wire rimmed glasses  
1 x Nike and 1x Oakley
If found please return to the School Office

Now would be a great time to check our Lost Property tub in the Office and also check items that are at home in case you have someone else’s item by mistake.

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IHMCS Parents & Friends
End of Year Christmas Disco

Friday 12th December
School Hall
6:30 – 8:00pm *amended time*

$3.00 - single entry
$5.00 card - entry, drink and popcorn
$10.00 card – entry, drink, popcorn, face painting and photo

Entry cards can be purchased from the office or at the door on the night

Also included:
• DJ
• Lucky door, dancing and best dressed “Christmas” prizes, mini raffle
• Glow products for sale
• Face painting - $3.00
• Photo - $2.00

Please note that younger siblings are welcome if supervised by an adult. Supervision will be provided for school children, but they must be dropped off and picked up from inside the School Hall.

*Please be sure to collect children on time*
IHMCS Parents & Friends
End of Year Family BBQ

Thursday 18th December
12 noon onwards

$2.00 hamburgers
$1.50 sausages
$1.00 drinks

A special guest will be visiting and there will also be lots of fun activities!

To help with catering, please complete the slip below and return to the office by Monday 15th December – don’t send your money with this form, bring it along to the BBQ

Name: ____________________________________________ Grade ________

Number of family members attending:_________
Number of sausages: ___________
  hamburgers: ___________
  drinks: _______________