Dear community members,

There is exactly four weeks to go until the end of the school year. It is the time of the year that the school ramps up, instead of winding down! I encourage all students to power on to the end of the year and continue to be responsible learning members of our school.

Fair – What an Event!!!!
I would like to thank all members of our school community for their assistance with the School Fair on Friday 4th November. In particular, I would like to thank Samantha Ransley, Emily Dargue, Shannon Thomas, Mel Knuckey and Lisa Gibson who were our main organisers. Their leadership and commitment to our school was very inspiring. The Fair was a fantastic community builder. I know the profit hasn’t been finalised yet, but it looks to be around $5,000. With the Christmas Raffle proceeds still to come. One raffle book per family was sent home today to sell. If they are returned sold then your name will go into a bookseller’s prize draw.

Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00.

We will look to organise the shade area in the near future. It would be great to have this ready for the start of 2017.

Learn to Swim
We will begin our Learn to Swim sessions from Monday 28th November to Friday 9th December. The Prep to Grade 6 program will consist of 9 lessons. On Thursday 8th December we will not be holding LTS lessons as we have our Thanksgiving Mass. Also, a reminder that students require swimming caps for these sessions. School swimming caps are available from the Uniform Store for $6.00.

Grade 5 Camp
The Grade 5s will be heading to Southport for Camp next Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd November. During this time, they will visit Tahune Airwalk, Hastings Caves and Pool and the Ida Bay Railway. We are sure they will have a fantastic time and we pray that the weather is fine for their trip.

Specialist Award Assembly
The specialist awards were handed out yesterday for students from every class. The awards that were handed out were Music, PE, Indonesian, Art and Library. I congratulate all the award recipients. The class awards will be handed out at our last assembly on Tuesday 13th December at 1pm. The Grade 6 awards will be distributed at the Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday 8th December at 10am.
STCPSSA Athletics Carnival
Last Friday 11th November, 46 students represented our school at the Southern Tasmania Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival, at the Domain Athletics Centre. The children performed exceptionally well at the carnival. We really dominated our division. The amount of placegetters was higher than expected. It really shows that we are an active school.

Staffing for 2017
After much consideration and deliberation the teachers for 2017 are:
Kinder – Shelly Horne (3 days)
Prep – Carmel Woolley (4 days) Meg Kitchen (1 day)
Grade 1 – Cathy Joyce (3 days) Emma Coad (2 days)
Grade 2 – Stephanie Bruce (4 days) Meg Kitchen (1 day)
Grade 3 – Kate Jackson (2.5 days) Therese Kelly (2.5 days)
Grade 4 – Jane Davies (5 days)
Grade 5 – Eric Monaghan (4 days) Bridget Cairns (1 day)
Grade 6 – Paul Egan (4 days) Bridget Cairns (1 day)
PE – Eric Monaghan (1 day)
Learning Support – Louise Davidson (3 days)
Music – TBA (1 day)
Art – Louise Davidson (1 day)
LOTE – Kate Jackson (1 day) (Japanese)
Curriculum Officer – Stephanie Bruce (1 day)
AP/LT – Paul Egan (1 day)
AP/RE – Bridget Cairns (1 day)
Aboriginal Support Teacher – Kate Jackson (1/2 day)

2017 School Fees
Due to increasing budget constraints there will be a slight increase for 2017 school fees. The fees have not increased since 2012.

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In 2017 there will also be a Camp levy of $60 for all students from Grades 4 to 6. This will be payable before the students go on camp.

God bless
Mr Nick McGann
Principal
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Christmas Raffle
Over $3,000 worth of Prizes!
Drawn at the end of year assembly
Tuesday 13th December
Tickets available from the school office
$2 each or 3 for $5
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Christmas Raffle

Over $3,000 worth of Prizes!

1st Prize Value - $996.95
2x Human Nature Concert Tickets - $200.00
Tahune Air Walk Family Pass (includes hang-gliding) - $115.00
Jack Greene Dining Voucher - $100.00
Hill Street Grocer Gift Voucher - $100.00
Clark Rubber Swim Pack - $100.00
4x Bottles of Wine - $80.00
Bonorong Park Family Pass - $77.00
Hairdressers Accessories Pack (Principle Hair & Beauty) - $60.00
Just Cuts Show Bag (includes hair cut) - $50.00
Island Harvest Cook Book - $44.95
Bennetts Petroleum Gift Voucher - $25.00
YMCA Family Pass - $25.00
Hobart Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $20.00

2nd Prize Value - $810.00
Reborn Doll & Cradle - $400.00
Banana Bin Hire Voucher - $225.00
Hill Street Grocer Gift Voucher - $50.00
Providence Café Voucher - $50.00
Shear Delite Hair Voucher - $25.00
Hobart Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $20.00
2x Bottles Wine - $40.00

3rd Prize Value - $500.00
3x Friends Health & Fitness Class Pass - $90.00
Care Flight Bear - $75.00
Wrest Point Dining Voucher - $50.00
Skin & Tonic Voucher - $50.00
Big 4 Holiday Park Membership - $50.00
Hill Street Grocer Gift Voucher - $50.00
Just Cuts Show Bag (includes hair cut) - $50.00
2x Bottles Wine - $40.00
YMCA Family Pass - $25.00
Hobart Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $20.00

4th Prize Value - $488.00
Jodi Harrison Swim School - $100.00
3x Friends Health & Fitness Class Pass - $90.00
Island Health College 1hr Massage - $75.00
Valley Florist Plant - $50.00
Total Eye care Voucher - $50.00
ARBONNE Gift Voucher - $50.00
2x Bottles Wine - $40.00
Zoo Doo 1x Free Entry Pass - $13.00
Hobart Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $20.00

5th Prize Value - $258.00
Island Health College 1hr Massage - $75.00
2x Friends Health & Fitness Class Pass - $60.00
Total Eye care Voucher - $50.00
2x Bottles Wine - $40.00
Hobart Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $20.00
Zoo Doo 1x Free Entry Pass - $13.00

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Grade 6 Camp to Launceston

Day 1 and we had to get to Launceston. Along the way we stopped at Ross. We continued to listen to Music on our long trip; Lucas had the best music to listen to. When entering Launceston we stopped at McDonald's, there we mourned Brodie's absence from the camp. The campsite was very dark. Sleeping that night was difficult, especially as Caelan & Johnno liked to talk.

On Day 2 we got up early and ready for the day. In the morning we wandered down to river and took in the scenery nearby. Emmanuel learnt how to skim stone with the river stones. The first place we went was the mine at Beaconsfield. Lara was very attentive listening to Irene who took us on a tour of the Gold Mine. For lunch we walked across Batman Bridge, unfortunately Harrison forgot to duck and nearly knocked himself out. In the afternoon we visited Platypus House and Seahorse World. Declan was amazed at the echidnas that responded to their name. That evening we walked at Cataract Gorge and Toby was amazed at all the information Mr McGann shared about his old haunt, Launceston. That night all the girls braved the cold air to sleep outside in Amber’s tent.

Day 3 was very busy. After making lunch we travelled into Launceston to play Laser Tag. The students were very devious in finding hiding spots and Liam proved to be the most accurate huntsman. After that everyone bounced around at Airtime with Yanni demonstrating some interesting skills. Lunchtime, we visited the Launceston monkeys and Nicola loved their antics. The afternoon went swimmingly well at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. Angus proved that he was like a missile going down the water slide. On our way back to the campsite we visited Brady's Lookout and Ava & Nicola enjoyed the view. That evening in our Hide & Seek game Glorence proved to be the best, although Mekdes was very sneaky.

Our last day and there was a big clean up. Kodie and Isaac excelled picking up rubbish on the river beach. Our last destination was the museum where Cassie loved the ‘Life Before Dinosaurs’ exhibition. On the way home everyone loved chips and potato cakes at Ross before all exhausted souls arrived back at school. Thanks to Trudi Merkel, Andrew Devine & Mr McGann for all your help on camp.