"I am the light of the world! Follow Me and you won’t be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives light.” (John 8:12)

Dear Parents,

It is great to wander the corridors to hear and see children being engaged in learning that is happening in the classrooms. It is also fantastic to hear how students from several classes have learnt many things outside the classrooms, especially the Grade 2’s on their recent Mount Wellington Excursion, the Grade 1’s on their Marine Discovery Excursion and the Grade 4’s on their camp. Next Tuesday 18th March to Thursday 20th March the Grade 5’s will venture down to Port Arthur for their camp. I will be looking forward to sharing this experience with them.

Grade 4 Camp to Far South

Last week I was very much privileged to attend the excellent Grade 4 Camp to Far South Wilderness that was organised by Mrs Emma Coad. It was a superb camp with all children thoroughly enjoying themselves. I would like to commend all the students on the way they behaved. Every student represented our school with great pride and should be congratulated for this! Thank you goes out to Mrs Emma Coad on her commitment and organisation to the Grade 4 class and our parent helpers Andrew Devine, Trudi Merkel, Kylie Guinan and Simon Fleischmann for their enthusiasm and help whilst away.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was great to see a positive response to the Parent/Teacher Interviews. These meetings are important to assist in the two-way communication between home and school. I thank all the parents for making a concerted effort to attend this important meeting. A thank you goes out to all the teachers for their continued commitment in educating the students of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School.

Condolences to Mr Craig Deayton (Principal of Sacred Heart College)

This week we received the sad news that the mother of Mr Craig Deayton (Principal of Sacred Heart College) passed away. We keep Craig and his family in our prayers during this time of need.

STCPSSA Swimming Carnival – Monday 17 March

Next Monday 17th of March, several students from Grade 3 to 6 have been selected to represent our school at the Catholic Swimming Carnival. This is a great honour and I am sure the children will do Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School proud. I thank Mr Eric Monaghan and Miss Amy Westwood for their organisation with our swimming team. The team is as follows:


Car Stickers

As part of promoting the school, all families now should have received a sticker to put on their car. We have a great school that very few people in the Hobart community know about, so I please ask that all
families display this sticker on their car. If your family missed out on a sticker then please see Casey in the Office. Additional stickers are also been sold from the Office for $1.00.

**School Bus Drivers**
We are looking for parents and friends who have a light rigid or higher licence type to drive our bus on excursions or camps. We will be shortly bringing our bus back up to our school from Sacred Heart and having it detailed and re-branded with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School details and logo.

If you may be able to help out with some driving, could you please give your details (name, best contact, along with a copy of your licence -front & back) to the office for passing onto either Steven Latham (WH&S Manager) or me.

**Working Bee**
Next Saturday 22\(^{nd}\) of March Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School will be holding a Working Bee at school from 9am – 12pm. The more help we have on the day, the more things we can achieve during the day. No prior experience is necessary. If you have a wheelbarrow, spade or rake, please bring this along. If you can spare some time to assist on this day it would be very much appreciated.

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to our groundsman Nathan Foale and his wife Kristi on the arrival of their second child Katie. A lovely little sister for Darcy!

_Cheers_  
_Nick McGann_  
_Principal_

**Grade 2 Excursion**
On Friday 28\(^{th}\) February Grade 2 spent the day looking at different forest environments on Mt Wellington. First we started at the Forest Education Centre where we talked about the different types of rock, lichen, mammals, birds and beetles that live in Tasmania’s forests. Next we identified different trees using their bark, leaves and flowers. On the way up the mountain we passed through forests with very tall trees. On the top there were no trees just lots of rocks, low scrub and tourists! After lunch at the Springs we went on a long walk through a wet forest. It was dark and mossy. At the end of the walk we saw the octopus tree. A big thank you to Jai’s grandmother Shirley, Stevie and Kaelem’s mum Leanne, Joshua’s mum Bec, James’ mum Rosemary, Rueben’s mum Michelle and Dad Julius and Isabella’s grandmother Margaret. We had a great day.

**Grade 4 Camp**  
**Day 1 Monday 3\(^{rd}\) of March**
On the morning of Monday the 3\(^{rd}\) of March, Grade 4 was getting ready to leave for camp at Far South Wilderness Lodge, Dover. We left school at about 9am. At about 10:30, we arrived at Sacred Heart Geeveston for recess. We had recess with the Sacred Heart Grade 4s and also shared a cake prepared by Brodie’s Aunt as it was Brodie’s birthday. It was yummy chocolate cake! We then had a play in their playground and played soccer on their oval. Soon after, we went to the Aboriginal campsite that they had made themselves. It had 3 huts, 1 finished, 1 they are going to finish and 1 they are leaving bare so people can see how it was made. There were some hand-painted rocks, a campfire, a windbreak and the stripped stringy bark logs (that supplied the bark for covering the hut).

We then said our thanks and hopped back on the bus to keep going.

We arrived at camp at about 1pm. We had a little relax and explore before heading to Lunaris Gemstones. When we got there, we first had a little look in the shop at all the gemstones, fossils and other things, before going out the back and looking at how they were cut, carved, and polished. We then got to go to the pile of gemstones in the front yard. I chose petrified wood and Cassie chose some sitchite in serpentine. We then headed back to camp but we stopped at a beach on the way. We got to
Day 2 Tuesday 4th of March

On Tuesday we woke up, did our usual morning things then hopped on the bus and headed into Geeveston to have a look at the museum there. The first part was a wood museum which had lots of interactive things. The second part was some oil paintings which told a lovely story of an old bush town. It was a lovely museum and everyone enjoyed it. After that, we went to a nearby park and had a morning tea of apple and raspberry crumble muffins (last nights dessert) and a play. We then got on the bus and drove to the Tahune Airwalk. We got there went to the toilet and then met our guide, Jim. We walked two a set of stairs, and were asked to count them as we went up. There were 112! Jim showed us a tree which was probably around in the Jurassic period! It was a shame though because it was hollow and dangerous so next month they are blowing it up. We then actually got to the airwalk. As we got higher a couple of people got scared but they conquered their fears. After that we had lunch and then started of to the swinging bridges. Mr McGann and Andrew were shaking it really hard. It was so fun! We drove back to camp and we went geocaching in groups. After that Toby and Cassie found a bag of giant plastic bugs and secretly snuck into Mr McGann’s cabin, and put them there. After geocaching, the other cabins went fishing. We had a yummy dinner of chicken curry, rice, papadams and Andrew cooked us some seafood. We all then went down to the campfire. We then had a reflection time and sheared some ‘God moments’. Afterwards, we got into partners and toasted marshmallows. They were yummy! On the way back we had a short spotlight but didn’t see any animals, because everyone was too noisy. We had supper and went to bed.

Day 3 Wednesday the 5th of March

Almost as soon as we got up we had to tidy our cabins, pack our bags and get on the bus, which was sad because we would of liked to stay there longer. We got on the bus and started driving to Hastings Caves. When we got there we had a toilet stop and walked up to the caves, listening for lyrebirds along the way. We went into the caves and were immediately awed. It was a good thing there was a railing because it was a long, long drop. We went down lots of stairs, and when we got to the bottom, our loud voices echoed all around the cave. Our guide said it was the largest chamber. There was only one touching stone. We couldn’t touch any of the other ones because it stops the growth of the stalactite/stalagmite/helictite/column. How they grow: Water drips down from the forest above with a substance called calcite in it. It takes about one million years to crystalise, but it gets there eventually. We have oils on our skin that stops the calcite from crystalising so it stops the growth. We then went around and looked at the wettest and prettiest part of the cave. The prettiest part had glowstone on the floor! We then came back to the first part of the cave and we got to hold a stalactite that they had to cut off so people could walk around in the cave. It was heavy! We exited the cave, said our thanks and went to the thermal pool. We stayed there for a couple of hours. Then we got back on the bus and drove the long drive home. Grade 4 would like to say thank you to: Mrs Coad, Mr McGann, Trudi Merkel, Andrew Devine, Kylie Guinan, Simon Fleischmann, Sacred Heart Geeveston, Hastings Caves, Tahune Airwalk, Nigel and Far South Wilderness Lodge, and Lunaris Gemstones. THANK YOU! 😊
IHMS Parents and Friends Association
Hi everyone, the Term is starting to fly by but we have some exciting events coming up:

- The Canteen will open next week (Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} March) we will have more information to come out soon
- The Cake Stall will be postponed until Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} March as the 17\textsuperscript{th} is the Catholic Swimming Carnival. A plate will be sent home to each child shortly.
- Any businesses who would like to sell fundraising chocolates for the P & F at their workplace, please contact the Office.
- We have organised a Easter Bun Fundraiser with Banjo’s Moonah. A notice will be sent home soon.
- We need to start looking at our Mother’s Day Stall which will be held early Term 2. For this to be a success we need donations of gifts from families. The stall will sell gifts priced between 50cents and $5.00. Please send your gift donation to the Office.

Thank you to everyone for your support this year.

Susan McLeod

Subway Lunch Orders
In addition to Canteen orders we are going to trial Subway lunch orders. The first day will be next Tuesday (18th March). For $5.50 children can order a 6” sub with their choice of toppings, a drink and a treat.

Order envelopes have been sent home today detailing the list of choices. Completed orders with the correct money must be given to class teachers (not the office) by Monday. Late orders cannot be accepted as Subway collect the orders from the school on Monday.

If this proves popular we will make a decision on how regularly we will have this as a lunch time option.

Grade 7 2015 Enrolments – Sacred Heart College
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School students receive automatic acceptance at Sacred Heart College for high school. If you wish for your child to transition to Sacred Heart in 2015, please complete the enrolment forms that were sent home recently and return them with the relevant attachments to the Immaculate Heart Office or the Sacred Heart Office by mid April 2014. If you need another copy of the enrolment form, it can be downloaded at [www.shc.tas.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.shc.tas.edu.au/enrolment)

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