“Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

(1 John 7:11)

Dear Parents and Friends,

We continue to pray for Mrs Cathy Joyce as she continues on her illness journey. Cathy had her important operation this week and we have been informed by Joe (Cathy’s husband) that the operation was a success and the chemotherapy and radiation has shrunk the tumour. Please keep Cathy in your prayers.

School Cross Country

Tomorrow (Friday 29th August) our Cross Country Carnival will take place at Cornelian Bay. Prep to Grade Six will be involved and a team from Grade Three to Six will be selected after the event to represent IHMS at the Southern Tasmania Catholic Primary School’s event on Friday 19th of September.

The day begins at 10:00am with the Prep race and concludes with the Grade Six Boys at approximately 12:20pm. At the conclusion of the event the students from Grade Three to Six will be having lunch and a play before heading back to school at 2:30 pm. All students need to wear their PE uniform on this day and if possible wear their house coloured top.

ORDER OF EVENTS:
10:00 am- Prep
10:10- Grade One
10:25- Grade Two

10:45-Grade Three Girls
10:50- Grade Three Boys

11:05- Grade Four Girls
11:10- Grade Four Boys

11:25- Grade Five Girls
11:30- Grade Five Boys

11:45-Grade Six Girls
11:50-Grade Six Boys

Grade 6 Science Fair

On Thursday, 14th of August, the Grade 6 class held a very successful Science Fair. The entire school was entertained and learnt many things. I would like to thank all the Grade 6’s for their preparation and excellent scientific minds, Mrs Therese Kelly and Mrs Jane Davies for their mentoring and encouragement of all the children. All the Grade 6’s spent many hours preparing their hands on experiments.

Book Week Parade

Last Tuesday 19 August, we witnessed a special day with the majority of the school dressing up as their favourite book character. We held the parade on the astro courts. I was personally so impressed with the school spirit. All classes were excellently represented. I would like to thank Mrs Natasha Webster (Library Technician) for her brilliant organisation and promotion of this event.
Chapel / Masses
We held a very successful first Mass in our recently re-furbished Chapel. We have restored the altar, placed a LCD screen on the wall, bought barriers to cordon of the space. We will be buying special chairs for the space and getting frosting on the glass. We are also looking at celebrating Mass in our Chapel once a month. We will invite parents and parishioners to this. I would like to thank Ms Bridget Cairns for all her organisation and Father Shammi for his assistance and leadership with the refurbishment of the Chapel.

Basketball
We held our first official training session on Tuesday at the Moonah Basketball Stadium for the Grade 3 to 6 students who have put their name down for the Primary School Tournament, which is to be held on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October at the Kingborough Sports Centre, Kingston. We will be training every Tuesday at the Moonah Stadium from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The school is happy to transport all the players to the Stadium for training on the school bus. However, all students will need to be picked up at the conclusion of training. I would like to thank Ms Jacqui Onn, Mr Julian Gill and Mrs Kellie Vinen for volunteering to coach and offering the students their basketball expertise.

Kindergarten – 2nd Teacher Assistant
We welcome Ms. Rosemary O'Rourke as the second teacher assistant in Kindergarten. Rosemary will be working at Immaculate Heart Mary Catholic School for the remainder of 2014.

Mrs Emma Coad’s Finishing
Mrs Emma Coad (AP – LT and Grade 4 teacher) has been instructed by her doctor to finish this week. I would like to thank Emma for her wonderful support and teaching she has given over all the years. On a personal note, she has been a brilliant Assistant Principal and has always been very supportive of me. She will be definitely missed by all of us. We welcome Mrs Claire Willcock who will increase her teaching load to full time for the remainder of 2015.

Uniform 2105 and Beyond
A letter was sent home to all families on Tuesday to inform the school community of the direction the school is heading with the uniform. In brief:
• We are re-badging the uniform with our own logo
• We will no longer have a blazer and will be replaced with a soft-shell jacket
• We are having our own tie
• We will no longer wear the girl’s summer dress. It will be replaced with a skirt that can be used all year round.
• In 2015 both Prep and Kinder students will be wearing full time PE uniform.

If you have any questions in regard to the uniform then please do not hesitate in contacting the school via email ihms@catholic.tas.edu.au or on 6228 3335

Kate Jackson – Long Service Leave
Mrs Kate Jackson will be taking long service leave for the final five weeks of Term 3. I am pleased to announce that Mr Jeff Camp has been appointed to teach Grade 3 during this time. Jeff is currently the Grade 4/5 teacher at John Paul II Catholic School and has kindly accepted the offer to teach at Immaculate Heart. I thank Jeff for accepting the position at our school and Jim Ireland (Principal of JPII) for allowing Jeff this opportunity. Jeff is an experienced teacher who has taught for over 10 years. We welcome him.

Take care and God bless,

Nick McGann
Principal
Grade Three’s Awesome Excursion to Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

On Wednesday the 13th of August 2014, Grade 3 went to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. We were organised into four groups - one group with Vanessa Gill, one with Mr McGann, one with Miss Westwood and one with Mrs Jackson. We took a clipboard and a pencil and we had a worksheet. We went to the museum as part of our History unit to look at the Aboriginal way of life.

First we hopped on the bus and Mr McGann drove really fast down the hill. When we got there, we walked around the building to the entrance. We had to wait six minutes for the gate to open.

Then we sat down in the courtyard and looked at the Muttaburrasaurus and the old elevator.

In our groups we went to a room called Ningina Tunapri. We saw mutton birds, a big bark canoe, a little bark canoe, shell necklaces, some telescopes with pictures, baskets, a bark hut and lots of information. We smelled some mutton bird oil and it was disgusting!

We went up some stairs and saw some interesting paintings.

After that we went up some stairs and saw a kangaroo and a sheep that symbolises Aboriginal people and European settlers.

The excursion was awesome! Thanks for helping out Vanessa.

Our thoughts on the excursion:

One Room had a stuffed owl and the eyes follow you where ever you go – Reuben

We went to see the art of the Aboriginal people and we had to find out who was the in picture – Stevie

My favourite part was the video clips of the white Europeans and the Aboriginals. It was sad but interesting – Charlotte

The necklaces were made out of tiny shells – Aslyn

The museum had these computers that had people on it and when you pressed one it would have a video about when the English attacked the Aboriginals and they were saying it in there own words – Eloise

I liked all the facts about the Aboriginals. There were things that you could listen to. These told us what was happening to the Aboriginals and their families and land – Declan

We had to find answers to some questions. We went upstairs and walked through a room with paintings. This is where I found my first answer. We looked at some interesting stuff – Jai

My favourite painting was the one with the 10 Aboriginal heads. It was really interesting - Joe

We saw a lot of Aboriginal stuff like spears. We went into a room where there was two holes to put your hand in. There was also this thing from a Mutton bird that smelt gross – Liam

I liked going there because people can learn more about the Aboriginals that have died – Abbie

The Blood War was the war of the battle of Europe and the Tasmanian Aboriginals. Between two and fifty people died – Axel

My favourite bit was when someone said “Look there is Mr McGann” and my Mum thought they were talking about the giant but they were actually talking about where you can look in from the other side of the window - Haylee

We saw a couch that was made out of leather and wood that said Maker- Unknown - Angus
Connections Magazine
The first issue of the new look Connections magazine is now available by visiting this page: bit.ly/connections_issue_34
Families are encouraged to subscribe to receive Connections directly via email each month via the website.

Soccer Reports
Under 8’s
It was a cool morning before a tough day at the office for the IHMCS Under 8's on 16th August 2014 at 11.00am.
We started the game well with Rowan Pitt scoring the opening goal of the match. Mid way through the first half we seemed to lose our way a little bit and found it hard to spread out on the smallest field we had played on this season.
Brodie Gordon was great in goals in the first half saving a number of long range shots from the Friends' players. Charlie Dargue had a solid game and took a couple of heavy knocks from the opposition in his stride. It was 3-1 at half time when we had some tasty watermelon and oranges from Jack Lloyd's Mum, at this point we all decided that we were still in the game.
Catherine Majak , Macey Oak , Harry Gibson and Finn McCaffery never gave up in the second half and tried hard till the end. The Friends players had plenty of things go their way in the last 20 minutes with some long range goals that were lucky to go in.

IHMCS Under 8's were unlucky to lose 7-1 in the end. However, this score line was far from a true indication of the match. See you at training.....
Ged McCaffery (Coach)

Under 7’s
On Saturday the under 7’s played at the Domain against St Therese’s. We finally had all our team members back after many weeks of illness. The u/7’s showed lots of energy and commitment to the ball. Everyone worked together to achieve our goals and showed big improvements in reading the ball play, moving towards the ball and defending against the other teams attackers. The final score 2-2 ending in a draw. A great game to watch and very impressive in how the players conducted themselves on and off the field.

Lost Property
A number of named uniform items have been lost lately. We ask that you please check uniform items at home in case your child has brought home someone else’s clothing by mistake.

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During this week all classes at Immaculate Heart have had a focus on Cyber Awareness. A brochure published by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) called “Cybersmart Parents’ Guide to online safety” was sent home to each family. Below there is a focus on what you, as parents and guardians, can do to help your children be safe online at home for 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11 – 13 years.

5 – 7 years olds
For this age group the internet and mobile devices are mainly for fun. They might enjoy catching up with their favourite TV characters or websites like ABC for Kids, CBeebies or The Wiggles. On mobile devices they will play games like The Wheels on the Bus, Cookie Doodle, Fun Phonics games and drawing activities. All of these can help children with hand and eye coordination and how to read better but because they’re young they need you, as parents and guardians, to be involved and engaged, offering guidance and supervision – Just as you would in the real world. They may want to spend hours on end on a particular website or they may have trouble working out the difference between reality and fantasy or what is advertising and what is editorial and because they’re young they may trust anyone. It is crucial that ground rules are put in place as early as possible.

Something to think about:
- Sit with your child and get involved and make them use computers/devices in a shared space
- Set up Parental controls and Safe Searching on devices
- Don’t assume your child is only assessing age appropriate websites
- Start teaching them why it is important to keep personal information to themselves
- Encourage them to come to you if they do come across anything that makes them uncomfortable

8 – 10 years olds
Children of this age will be very computer/IT savvy and know how to use most digital devices. Depending on the devices they own, or have access to, they will listen to music on their iPods, research on Wikipedia, write an article for a school blog, message on a mobile phone or play games. They may belong to virtual communities such as Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin or Stardoll where they can create their own worlds, interact with avatars and in some sites, buy stuff. Many, even though there are supposed to be age restrictions, access social networking sites such as Facebook and have ready access to YouTube. These young people are accessing new technologies both at home and at school and it’s a crucial time for parents to help them stay in control of their digital world. Cyberbullying, giving out personal information, playing violent games and meeting strangers online are among the issues that need to be discussed.

Something to think about:
- Remember that many devices now have internet access
- Don’t be pressured into buying something your child believes they should have if you think they’re too young
- eg if you only want your child to text and call, don’t get a phone with internet access and wi fi
- Set up Parental controls and Safe Search on devices that are age appropriate
- Remind them the internet is a public place and that what they post can be seen by anyone

11 – 13 years olds
This age group are growing up fast and to them the digital world might seem as important as the real world. They will spend lots of time texting or ‘chatting’ to friends on Facebook, even if, according to the rules, they are not age eligible, watching and uploading videos from YouTube or downloading tracks from iTunes or playing online games. At school they may be using lots of technology and therefore also using the internet to help with homework. As they get older they may begin to rely on online social networking sites to explore issues such as body image and relationships. They are keen to have independence and their digital world becomes more portable and more private. They may also take on the role of the ‘Technology expert’ at home eg programming Foxtel iQ but that doesn’t mean that as parents and guardians you can sit back and lose touch with what they are doing. They may think they are in control but they are still vulnerable to scams, cyber bullying and other online threats.

Something to think about:
- Ask your child where they are, and who they’re with online
- Teach them about behaving responsibly in their digital world eg downloading games and videos legally, respecting others on line, keeping personal information private
- Explain that any photos, comments or videos they post now could be seen by their teachers, complete strangers and later by universities and employers
- Set some rules for mobile use and explain how large bills can be rung up just by game downloads, ringtones, etc
- Give them the Kids Helpline Number 1800 55 1800, download the Cybersmart help button for their devices and bookmark the Cybersmart website www.cybersmart.gov.au for resources, help and reporting offensive content

Always set rules about the time spent on digital devices and remember children should have an hour before sleep time free of using digital devices.
DONATIONS PLEASE

The P & F are organising a
Father's Day Stall on Thursday 4th September

The children really enjoyed selecting gifts for Mum from the Mother Day Stall. They will be so excited to get a surprise for Dad! We need donations of gifts please.

The stall will sell gifts priced between 50c and $5.00

Please send your gift donation to the IHMS office

DONATIONS PLEASE:
Suggestions for gifts include: toiletries, chocolate / fudge, stationery, key rings, mugs, coolers / coasters, hankies, ties, socks, sports gear......

With thanks, IHMS PARENTS AND FRIENDS