Dear Parents and Friends,
This week statewide, Catholic Schools celebrate the achievements and diversity of Catholic Education in Tasmania. As Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic community we acknowledge all the wonderful things God has given us. A school where we can grow in God’s love. We are very blessed to have a special school where we are equally valued by all. I am very privileged to be the Principal of such a great school.

**Congratulations Miss Stephanie King**
On Wednesday 30 July, Miss Stephanie King was presented the inaugural Kate O’Driscoll Aspiring Leadership Award. The Catholic Principal Association of Tasmania selects the award recipient. Stephanie delivered a brilliant acceptance speech that was admired by everyone at the presentation. This award allowed Miss King to attend a seminar in Melbourne so she could train to be a “Tuning into Kids” facilitator. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Steph!

**MJR Gotcha Certificates**
This term we have introduced “Making Jesus Real” Gotcha Certificates. Grade 6’s awards these certificates to other students in the school that they see displaying positive behaviour around the school. These certificates are presented at our school gathering every Monday.

**Parking Officer**
I would like to thank all parents for the great way we have been dealing with the disruption of the building program. Due to the high frequency of traffic that is occurring on McCann Crescent, we have appointed a volunteer traffic officer to assist with the congestion. It is extremely important that we obey the traffic and parking rules, as the safety of our children is paramount. Also in the best interest of safety, I am asking that all pedestrians please cross over on McCann Crescent in the afternoon at the driveway to the office. This is where we will have our traffic officer in place. Thank you in anticipation.

**Grade 6 Netball and Football Representatives**
I would like to congratulate Amy Hill, Ellouise Kop, Jakob White and Caleb Munn for being selected in the Denison Catholic Representative Team for netball and football. They will be playing next Wednesday afternoon at Dominic College. We wish them all the best!

**ICT Assembly**
Last Tuesday 5th August we held a very successful assembly where all classes presented an aspect of ICT to the rest of the school. It is great to see all classes incorporating ICT into all subject areas. I would like to thank all teachers for their hard work and Glynis from the TCEO for her mentoring of students and staff members. We are definitely one of the leading schools in incorporating ICT into everyday lessons.

**Cake Stall**
I would like to thank all the parents who donated cakes to our cake stall last Monday. It is great to see the enjoyment of the children when they purchase a cake. I would also like to thank the Parents & Friends Association for their organisation of this fundraiser.

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.”*  
 *(John 14:6)*
Father Shammi Returns
I welcome Father Shammi back to Tasmania after two months away visiting his family back in Sri Lanka. I am very pleased to hear that his time away was very rewarding. Father Shammi will celebrate mass with our Grade 3 to 6’s next Thursday in our brand new Chapel.

Gardening Project
It is great to see the vegetable garden renovation has begun. Sister Joseph is very passionate in leading this and the students who are involved are doing a fantastic job. Students who may be interested in gardening in 4th Term will be notified later in the term.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day
Last Friday 8th of August we celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. All students participated in a prayerful liturgy that was organised by Ms Bridget Cairns. I would like to thank Bridget and the Grade 5 and 6 leaders who did a fantastic job in leading the liturgy.

School Cross Country
We are holding our school cross-country carnival on Friday 29th of August at Cornelian Bay. I ask that parents please reserve this date. A more specific note will be sent home to parents early next week. A team will be chosen from this carnival to represent the school at the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Primary School Cross Country Carnival on Friday 19th of September.

Illness of a student
I ask all community members to pray for a Kindergarten student, Tobiasz Kozlowski, who has been in hospital with a diagnosed illness. I also ask that we keep Mrs Cathy Joyce in our prayers as she prepares for an operation in the next few weeks.

Take care and God bless,

Nick McGann
Principal
St Vincent de Paul Blanket Collection
The Prep and Grade 1 children would like to thank you all so much for all the blankets you sent into school. We actually got forty four blankets to give to St Vincent de Paul. We know that they will keep people from getting cold this winter. On Monday at Gathering, a gentleman from St Vincent de Paul came to collect the blankets. He was very impressed and talked to the whole school about how much the blankets would help people. He told us that they would not just help the homeless but also all those who could not afford to have their heating on at home.
Thanks again
Prep and Grade 1

PBS (Positive Behaviour Support)
The Positive Behaviour Support approach focuses on explicitly teaching expectations and appropriate behaviours in the school setting. At Immaculate Heart of Mary we teach, model and support the students to be successful with the 3Rs: Respect, Responsibility and Relationships, in all aspects of school life.

We are committed in developing a positive school culture. However, this takes time and there are instances where a follow up needs to occur. At the end of last term, the staff met to revise, discuss and determine situations that they believe are minor behaviour incidents or major behaviour incidents. They considered a range of appropriate responses that may occur in these situations. This information has been developed into a document and is attached for parents to view/comment on. When following up behaviour incidents, staff use their professional discretion, treating all students and each behaviour incident fairly. However, this does not mean that each incident is treated alike.
Stephanie King
PBS Co-ordinator
stephanie.king@catholic.tas.edu.au

Toy Catalogue Fundraiser
Last week a bundle of toy fundraising catalogues – Educational Experience, Parent Direct and Chalk were sent home with children in the Early Childhood grades. By ordering from the Fundraising catalogues the school will receive 20% of sales to spend on educational resources from Australia’s leading educational suppliers.
If you would like to purchase from the catalogues, simply order online or complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return it to us with your payment. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect from school.
If you didn’t receive the catalogues and would like a copy please see Casey in the office.
Order forms are due back to school by 26th September 2014
Thank you for your support
Meg Kitchen
Teacher/ Catalogue Co-ordinator

Free Clothes Day
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Free Clothes Day and made a donation. We raised $306.75 for the Lagu family’s community church in Southern Sudan.
Catholic Education Cyber Awareness Week August 24 – 30.
During the week of August 24 - 30, all classes in our Catholic schools will have a focus on Cyber Awareness - an important issue in today’s world. Mobiles, iPads and the internet have certainly changed our world, becoming an essential part of our lives. But how do we balance all the great things that come from our digital and online world with the potential risks? Keeping children safe online, aware of what to do and how to behave online will be a focus of the Cyber Awareness Week. In the next newsletter there will a focus on what you, as parents and guardians, can do to help your children be safe online at home for children 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11 – 13 years. Also a brochure published by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) called “Cybersmart Parents’ Guide to online safety” will be sent home to each family.

Soccer Reports
Under 8’s
On Saturday 9th August after a time and location change, IHMS was happy to be finally playing in the sun at Mt Nelson pitch. Although the conditions were muddy, both teams played a competitive match chasing and kicking the ball up and down the field. Brodie Gordon in goals repeatedly put his hands, legs and body on the line blocking many South Hobart attempts. Charlie Dargue and Haig Kingston contested the ball persistently near goal. All of our players showed excellent defence midfield. Rowan Pitt was all over the pitch and scored our 3 hard fought first half goals whilst South Hobart also scored 3 goals.

In the second half Finn McCaffery changed to goal keeper and had a scorcher of a game blocking almost everything thrown at him by an aggressive South Hobart. Brodie, on field now, displayed determined kicking skills whilst Macey Oak, Charlie Dargue and Harry Gibson upheld tenacious defence midfield and down the sidelines as the game stretched on tired legs. Rowan Pitt scored again and the game was tied. Overall however, we lost a tough contest 5 goals to 4, the clock being our ultimate adversary as South Hobart scored again in the final minutes. Mr Monaghan generously refereed the second half for us and was greatly impressed with the high standard of play.

A big thank you must go to Simon Dargue for coaching as both Team Coach and Manager were absent. Thanks also to the parents for their vocal support and encouragement of our players throughout an exciting and eventful game.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Student Behaviour Process

Define Behaviour Expectations
• 3 Rs - Respect, Responsibility and Relationships clearly displayed.
  • In-service new staff and students

Model Appropriate Behaviour
• 3 Rs Explicitly Taught.
  • Encourage and Acknowledge

Observe Problem Behaviour
• Reminder of 3Rs
  • Use Correction Strategies

Is it a minor or major behaviour problem?

MINOR

Complete a Minor Behaviour Referral form

Is there a pattern of continued minor offenses?
If yes, follow procedures for Major behaviour problem.

Teacher contacts parents to inform

MAJOR

Phone call to the Leadership team
Removal of student from the classroom/playground

Complete a Major Behaviour Referral form

Leadership Team determines consequence
  e.g. Thinking time/reflection form
  Loss of Privilege
  Internal/External suspension

Leadership Team follows through on consequence

Leadership Team contacts parents to inform

Leadership Team provides teacher feedback
Re-entry plan and/or contract developed

MINOR Classroom Managed Behaviours
• Talking/Calling Out
• Disruption
• Defiance/Disrespect/Non Compliance
• Inappropriate Language
• Interrupting
• Rough Play/Minor Physical Contact
• Dishonesty
• Uniform Violation
• Property Misuse
• Late to Class
• Out of Bounds
• Minor Unsafe Conduct (e.g. Throwing)

MAJOR Leadership Team Managed Behaviours
• Continued Minor Infractions (e.g. 3 Minor violations)
• Property Damage
• Abusive or Sustained Inappropriate Language
• Fighting/Aggressive Physical Contact
• Physical Assault on School Staff
• Deliberate Disruption
• Deliberate Defiance/Disrespect/Non Compliance
• Bullying
• Harassment
• IT Policy Breach
• Leaving School Property Without Permission
• Stealing
• Vandalism
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