



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*“Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”
(Exodus 20:12)*

Dear Community Members,

Last week the students from Grade 3 and 5 have been very busy in completing the Federal NAPLAN test. The results will be sent home to parents in the coming months.

It was great to see the 2017 Kindergarten class officially join the rest of the school for several events in the past week. The older children, particularly the Grade 5 and 6 students, made the “Kinders” feel very welcome. This was very pleasing to see!

Winter School Uniform

As the cold weather starts to set in, it is a timely reminder that all students need to be in their full school winter uniform. The winter uniform for Grade 3 to 6 consists of:

Winter – Boys

Grey trousers, white long sleeved shirt, tie, grey socks, soft shell jacket and winter coat (optional)

Winter – Girls

Tartan skirt (preferred), or trousers, white long sleeved blouse, bow tie, navy stockings, soft shell jacket and winter coat (optional). *Please note that trousers will need to be purchased from the Sacred Heart College Uniform Shop.*

Mother’s Day Stall

Last Wednesday (10 May) the Parents and Friends held their annual Mother’s Day Stall in the Hall. We were very impressed with the excellent parent help who assisted in this event. I know all children were extremely “chuffed” in the gifts they bought their mother, grandmother, etc. I thank all the helpers who assisted with this day.

School Cross Country

Yesterday at John Turnbull Oval our Kindergarten to Grade Six classes competed in our school cross-country carnival. In cold weather conditions all students participated well and really enjoyed the occasion. Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who helped out on the day and the Grade 8 students from Sacred Heart College who did a great job. A massive thank you goes to Mr Eric Monaghan and Mr Paul Egan for his organisation in making this a wonderful experience for all students. A team of students from Grade Three to Six have been selected to compete at the Catholic Schools Cross-Country carnival on Friday 9th June at the Rokeby Police Academy

New Student

We welcome Marissa Cooper (Grade 3) to our lovely school. I am sure all the students will make her feel very welcome.



Board Member Resignation

After four years of service, Mrs Tanya Keating (mother of Nicholas – Grade 5) has officially resigned from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School's Advisory Board. I would like to thank Tanya for her excellent service to our school's over these years. Tanya was the Secretary of the Board for the first three years of the Inaugural Board and was a very reliable, valued and organised member. We look forward to your continued support of our wonderful school.



New Board Members

I officially welcome Ms Samantha Ransley, Mrs Kate Dixon, Mrs Nerida Clifford and Sr Monica (Parish Representative) to our School Advisory Board. I am sure your presence on our board will be very much valued. I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Continuing Board Members

I thank Mr Andrew Thomas, Mrs Lisa Gibson, Mr Trent Henderson, Mr Scott Knuckey and Mrs Emily Dargue for their continued support on our Board. Your dedication and honesty is very much appreciated by me and the school.

Soleo Sunscreen

At Immaculate Heart we are the first school to stock the fully organic sunscreen in our Uniform Store. If your child has sensitive skin this sunscreen is for them. We are also the cheapest stockist of this producer. Please see Bec in the Uniform Shop for more information.



School Registration

Last Monday 8 May, we had the Tasmanian School Registration Board (SRB) visit to validate our school as we were up for re-registration. They were very happy with our progress and we will officially know the verdict in June. With all our conversations during the day the SRB was very impressed. Many hour of work went in this re-registration and I would like to thank Ms Bridget Cairns, Mr Paul Egan, Mrs Stephanie Bruce and Miss Casey Mullen for their excellent leadership with this process. I would also like to thank the entire Staff for the work they placed into this re-registration. We will officially know the result in June, however, the SRB were happy with our documentation and our programs we are running at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

Mrs Emma Coad

Mrs Emma Coad was officially meant to be beginning her maternity leave next Friday 26 May, however, under doctor's advice she has begun this immediately. We will be interviewing for her replacement very shortly (one day a week in Grade 1 and Grade 2). We wish Emma and Damien all the best as they prepare for the arrival of the new addition to their family.



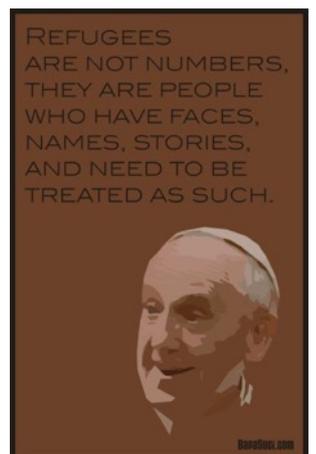
School Photos

Next Wednesday 24th May the entire school will be having their photo taken. We ask that all students wear full school winter uniform on this day (not House coloured shirts).

Have a great couple of weeks.

God bless.

Mr Nick McGann
Principal



Representatives from the Australian Red Cross met with the Year Six students on Monday to facilitate an engaging presentation on asylum seekers and refugees. Alison explored human rights and multiculturalism through discussions and activities. Hekmat spoke to us about his experience of being an asylum seeker and his journey. It was very informative and gave us a lot to think about.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 21 st May	City to Casino Fun Run
Wednesday 24 th May	School Photo Day
Wednesday 24 th May	Subway Lunch Day
Wednesday 31 st May	G3 Mass at SHC 9am
Wednesday 31 st May	Assembly – G4 Prayer. K, G1, G3 & G5 to share - 1.50pm
Thursday 1 st June	Delta Dog Safe visiting Kindergarten
Sunday 4 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary Feast Day
Wednesday 7 th June	Feast Day Mass and Activities
Wednesday 7 th June	Whole School Mass at the Cathedral 10am
Friday 9 th June	STCPSSA Cross Country
Monday 12 th June	Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 th June	Subway Lunch Day
Tuesday 13 th June	Cake Stall
Wednesday 14 th June	ATSI Discovery Day
Tuesday 20 th June	Kinder & G3 Liturgy 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd June	School Disco

Aboriginal Cultural Discovery Day

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community members,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School would like to warmly extend an invitation to you and your family to join us for our Aboriginal Cultural Discovery Day.

When: Wednesday 14th June, 2017 from 8.45am- 3.00pm

Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

On this day the whole school will be experiencing a variety of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal cultural activities including song, language (palawa-kani), rope making, story-telling and dance. All activities will be provided by mina-nina an Indigenous owned company specialising in cultural education.

“mina-nina believes community starts with cultural belonging and removes itself from all political avenues and conversations. We thrive to put culture at the center of our conversations. We identify connections through emotions and feelings in an environment where we all feel safe, empowered, and responsible. We create pride in our ancient culture by moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation encouraging all peoples to share our amazing history and culture. We hope to inspire cultural connections and heal the spirit of this land for all people to stand together strong by closing the gap of understanding through profound cultural experiences unique to Tasmania. mina-nina means me and you in palawa-kani, Tasmanian Aboriginal language.”

For lunch we will be providing a taste of wallaby sausages and mutton birds (if available). If you and your family and friends would like to join us for an interesting and educational cultural experience, please RSVP to IHMCS by Friday 9th June.

Due to current Tasmanian legislation, any person working with children are required to register with a Working with Children check. This can be obtained online by applying at http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application at a cost of \$18.36 (for volunteers).

Any concerns or questions please contact Kate Jackson kate.jackson@catholic.tas.edu.au
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Tasmania and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the elders past and present.

