"For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Dear Parents and Friends,

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank all the teachers, staff and students for the productive term we have had. During the term we have participated in many things and achieved so much! We have also been hit with much sickness and we hope that the two weeks of holidays will give everyone in our community time to recuperate and get ready for the final term of the year. I pray that we all have a restful and safe holiday and return to our beautiful school ready and raring to have a productive Term 4.

**Late Pass – after 8.45am**

Next term we will be beginning to track student arrivals at school. We will be introducing a “Late Pass”. If students arrive after the morning bell at 8.45am they will be required to collect a “Late Pass” from the Office and then give it to their teacher. The teacher will then record this on the weekly attendance sheet.

If your child is absent or sick from school then it is a requirement that the school is notified. Daily attendance will be taken around 9.05am and parents of absent students who have not notified their class teacher or the Office will be phoned around 9.30am. We take the education and safety of the students very seriously and this will assist us in this.

**Uniform**

The changeover to summer uniform will be Week 1 of Term 4 (Monday 12 to Friday 16 October). All students will be required to be in summer uniform by Tuesday 20 October. The new summer shirts and blouses are now stocked in the Uniform Store. These can be bought every Monday and Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The cost of the logoed shirt is $21.00 and logoed blouse is $28.00.

If we have a really cold day, then students are able to wear their full winter uniform on this day. However, a mixture of summer and winter uniform will not be allowed.

**Hats**

A reminder that we are a Sun Safe school and it is compulsory to wear hats outside in Term 1 and 4. If you need to purchase a new hat then please see Cindy in the Uniform Store. The Store is open every Monday and Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

**Buddy Groups**

On Wednesdays during Term 4, all students in the school will meet in their Buddy Groups. Every group is made up of students from all grades. Students are able to wear their PE uniforms on Wednesdays with their school house coloured top.
AFL Day
Tomorrow **Friday (25th September)** Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is celebrating AFL Day by having a parade and a Meal-Deal lunch at school. The Parade will be at 9am in the Hall. All students and parents are invited to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours.

**Please note**: Students do not have to wear AFL gear to be part of the parade. Wearing clothes that are the colour of your AFL team is a wonderful and inexpensive exercise.

**Athletics Carnival**
On Wednesday the 21st October the School Athletics Carnival will be held at John Turnbull Oval. Events commence at 9:30am and Kinder - Grade 2 will conclude by approximately 12:30 pm. Grade 3 to 6 will be finalised by 2:30pm. Students from Grade 3 to 6 will be competing for the IHMCS House Shield. All students are encouraged to wear their House colours on the day.

At the completion of the event a team will be selected from Grades 3 to 6 to compete in the Southern Tasmania Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival, to be held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Friday 13th November.

This should be a great day and I invite all parents to our carnival.

**Soccer BBQ**
Last Friday 18th September the Immaculate Heart of Mary Soccer teams celebrated the end of the season by having a BBQ and a medallion ceremony at school. It was a lovely occasion with the majority of players attending. I would like to thank all the coaches, managers, parents and Mr Eric Monaghan for the fantastic job they did this season. The school was very proud with the way all students represented the school on a Saturday.

**Primary Schools Basketball Tournament**
Many students have been training in preparation to play in the Southern Primary School Basketball Championships, which will be held on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October. All students have been practicing very well and we are all looking forward to the tournament. I would like to thank Ms. Jacqui Onn, Mrs. Kelly Vinen, Mr. Nathan Kingston and Ms. Bridget Cairns for their commitment in coaching and organising the teams.

**Show Day and Student Free Day**
Just a reminder that Friday 23rd October (day after Show Day) is a Student Free Day.

**Working with Vulnerable Children Check**
By the 1 October 2015, all parents who volunteer for parent help, coach a sports team, P&F member, Board member are required by Tasmanian legislation to have “Working With Children Check”. The cost for the individual is $17.06 for three-year registration.

The website for more information is:

**Caelan Merkel - Fencing**
I would like to congratulate Caelan Merkel (Grade 5) for winning the Trowenna Shield in the sport of fencing. Here he competed with children and adults from the ages of 11 and 30. Well Done Caelan!

**Quiz Night**
On Saturday 31st October, the P&F will be holding a Quiz Night in the Hall (7.00pm). This will be a fantastic social night and I encourage all parents and staff to attend. There will be a mixture of different types of questions and I promise they will not be too difficult. It would be great to see the hall at capacity. Please invite your friends!

God bless and take care

*Nick McGann*
*Principal*
WINNER OF THE IHMS SHORT STORY COMPETITION FOR 2015

This year our short story competition took the theme from Book Week 2015: Books Light Up Your World. Entrants had to write a story that included a light in it somewhere. Here is the fantastic winning entry by Kalvin Pitt, Gr 6.

Books light up your world
By: Kalvin Pitt

About two years ago my parents decided to take our family to the Great Lake for a camp. We planned the trip the night before we left. We’d been to the Great Lake once before and we had an amazing time so I felt exited. Although I was excited, I was able to sleep and it was like a normal night.

I sat in the very back of our Honda 4 wheel drive and there was a lot of clothes and luggage in the back with me. The trip took about four hours. I did get bored but I didn’t sleep and what made it even more boring was we didn’t stop but we normally pause on long drives to go to the toilet or stretch our legs.

We stayed at Great Lake for a couple of days, in a hut that was like a small house. After we booked our accommodation at the hut we raced inside and had a look at the house and chose our beds. Ebony and Rowan slept in a bunk bed and I slept in a double bed. After we chose our beds, we helped unpack the car and took everything inside the hut. Before dinner we went down to the lake edge and had a look at the sun set and saw a dead fish. After we returned to the hut, we had dinner. The hut had a fridge, a log fire, a TV, beds, couches, a table, an oven, and a small kitchen. The hut was in the bush next to the lake and it was very cold. The hut was pleasant and we could only see trees out the windows. Mummy lit the wood fire and it started getting warmer. Daddy kept the fire burning so it was always snug and cosy.

After dinner, daddy went outside to look at the deck and discovered a lot of stars and shooting stars. Daddy came inside and told us to come outside and see the stars. We all came outside except mummy, who stayed inside because it was too cold. We could see the stars at the Great Lake because there are fewer lights than the cities and less pollution.

There were millions of stars in the sky and they looked amazing. We saw about 5 shooting stars that night. We could see the Milky Way and it was like a column of stars going through the sky. The Milky Way was just over our heads going across the lake. Daddy was the first to see a shooting star and I was the second. The shooting stars lasted about a second. I felt exited to see my first shooting star.

The stars were glowing brightly and the surroundings were well-lit. The light from the stars was reflecting off the lake. The stars’ glowing radiance shone across the night sky. Space was beaming with bright light. The brilliant stars astonished me. It was the first time I had seen that many stars and shooting stars. I haven’t seen a shooting star since, the sight was amazing.
Preparation includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and first Holy Eucharist, and is open to all baptised children over the age of eight years.

Interested families are asked to attend our

**INFORMATION/ENROLMENT MEETING**
Wednesday, 14\textsuperscript{th} October 2015
6.00 – 7.30 pm
St Mary’s Cathedral Centre, 180 Harrington St, Hobart
Contact the Sacramental Team through: eva.dunn@gmail.com

If you have a child aged 7 years or older, who has **not been baptised or has been baptised in a different Christian tradition** and you wish her/him to become a Catholic Christian this period of preparation might be the most appropriate one for you as well.

Please contact the Sacramental Team and come to the Information Evening.
We extend the warmest invitation to you and your family.

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QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN
31st October 7:00 for 7:30 Start

WHERE
School Hall

Plenty of great prizes
Mystery competitions
Lucky Door Prizes
Spot Prizes
Multiple raffles
And much, much more!!!!

QUIZ MASTER
Nick McGann

BYO NIBBLES
Alcohol & soft drinks available to purchase (cash only)

TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE
$10 per person
Max 10 per table
Limited number of tickets available so get in quick!

DONATIONS
Donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated – for further information contact Nick McGann