REFLECTION

Our neighbours holidayed in Tasmania a few weeks ago. They flew into Hobart with a contingent of fire fighters from New Zealand. These were mostly volunteers who had taken a large chunk out of their lives to serve people they didn’t know for no monetary reward. When the pilot announced their presence you can imagine the welcome they got…which continued into the terminal. These strangers were welcomed as friends, taken right into the heart of the Tassie community. Why? Because they offered to help where people were vulnerable, they offered their strength where people were weak. That is how true bonds of community are formed. In last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus gave his mission statement: it was all about touching people tenderly in their need. He didn’t set himself as ‘up, over and above people’ but rather as ‘alongside, supporting, encouraging’.

At the beginning of this school year, we can have hopes for what our school community could be. The best way this can come about is to allow our strengths and weaknesses to interweave between us: “I help you in this situation, you help me in another.” To do this we need to be alert and sensitive. We have it within us, each of us, to be the face of Jesus for each other. When we live and act like him, we will be forming in our midst the greatest and finest of communities for we will be forming the family of God.

Loving God, you know how deeply we desire to live in community yet we often find it so difficult. Send us your Spirit to guide our minds and hearts so that we can help each other with tenderness and strength. May our loving reflect the face of your Son Jesus. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

WELCOME BACK ALL!

I hope you all have had an enjoyable and restful holiday break with your children. I know the teachers have been very much looking forward to the children returning to school in anticipation of another exciting year of educating the students at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School.

A very warm welcome back to you all in 2013! I would like in particular to welcome our new Kindergarten students this year.

KINDergarten Students 2013

Ruby Antoniou
Hamish Beechey
Arielle Cannell
Palpasa Chapagain
Lucille Dargue
Pradip Dhungana
Isabella Fenton
Luca Forrest

Ana-Mercedes Fuentes
Tye Guinan
Lillian James
Madison Johnson
Deakan Kaye
Remi Luttrell
Marcelino Malonzo
Ashton Morgan

Elizabeth P’oryem
Aliyah Page
Jessica Porter
Ella Pritchard
Annabella Pullen
Bella Scott
Elijah Strange
Sarah Wastell
We also have a number of new students in other grades that commenced school life at Immaculate Heart last week and we welcome the following students and their families to our school:

Catherine Majak Grade 1
Declan Page Grade 2
Condelisa Majak Grade 3
Daniel Majak Grade 5
Caleb Munn Grade 5
Jemma Patterson Grade 6

We also welcome Mr Veitch (Grade 4 and PE) and Miss Defreitas (Music) who are joining our staff this year. Both teachers have come highly regarded from their previous schools and will be wonderful additions to our school community.

I would also like to thank the students, staff and families that have already made me feel so welcome to the school. I am very excited about 2013 and working together with you all to continue to provide the best possible learning outcomes and opportunities for the children.

2013 STAFFING

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SAM CAWTHORN’S VISIT TO IMMACULATE HEART

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School are delighted to announce that we have engaged Sam Cawthorn to visit our school community on Wednesday 20th February.

Sam was the Tasmanian ‘Young Australian of the Year’ in 2009 and his powerful message will challenge his listeners to be truly who they are and to believe in all that they have to give. He provides the skills to be resilient, overcome fears, and to achieve goals and dreams that we may think are unachievable.

I have had the pleasure of listening to Sam during a conference in 2012 and his life story is moving and inspirational. Sam will speak to the whole school and our Grade 6 students in the morning. He will also conduct a session for our staff in the afternoon (which will also be attended by staff from other Catholic Schools) and run a session for parents and older siblings in the evening.

I would encourage parents and older siblings to attend the evening session which is free for all Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School community members. The session will commence at 6.00pm in the St Therese’s School hall.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS NOW ON TWITTER!

In order to keep parents/carers and the wider community more informed about upcoming events and important notices such as changes to times or cancellation of events, the school now has a twitter account. So why not follow us on Twitter at @imhcs

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS

A reminder that all parents/carers should now have received a copy of the parent information booklets. These booklets have been prepared by the teachers and contain important information pertaining to your child’s class. We are committed to building a strong teacher/parent/carer relationship so that both parties are working together for the benefit of your child.

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD

Your child may be anxious of late after returning back to school. If so, one way of helping them is to talk through their fears:

• Set aside time to talk about school and take an interest in what they have been doing
• Listen carefully to any worries your child might have but build on their positive experiences
• Find out about what happens at school during the day so you have a realistic picture
• Keep a regular routine at home to keep stress to a minimum
• Use school newsletters and information to make sure your child knows what is happening and is informed and prepared about any changes to their routine
• Encourage your children to build friendships with children in their class

LOST PROPERTY

As the school year commences, just a reminder to please label all school uniform items. If a lost uniform item is clearly labelled the item is easy to return to the child’s classroom. A list of unnamed lost items will be displayed in each classroom and in the front office.
COMMUNICATION AROUND MEDICATION/IMPORTANT ISSUES

If there is any vital information that the school needs to be aware of in relation to providing the best care possible to your child can you please inform us, in writing. As you can appreciate it is not enough, in developing protocols and responses to situations if information is just passed on verbally. Some areas where we would like written information would include:

* Use of medication
* Family circumstances with living arrangements
* Access by family members to students during school hours
* Collection of children at the end of the school day

Thanks to many families who have already provided this information to us. Please contact the office if there are any queries around this.

Our newsletters will be distributed fortnightly this year and I would ask families to regularly check the newsletter and calendar (see below) for upcoming events. If you would prefer the newsletter be posted or emailed to you, please let the office know.

Cameron Brown
Principal

2013 School Dates
Term 1 - Wednesday 6th February- Friday 19th April
Term 1 Holidays- Monday 22nd April-Friday 3rd May
Term 2- Monday 6th May- Friday 5th July
Term 2 Holidays- Monday 8th July-Friday 19th July
Term 3-Monday 22nd July- Friday 27th September
Term 3 Holidays- Monday 30th September-Friday 11th October
Term 4- Monday 14th October-Thursday 19th December

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Thursday, 14th February, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Active After School Communities (AASC) is a federally funded program aimed at providing children with the opportunity to participate in free sporting activities after school with trained coaches. The children are also given a free, healthy afternoon tea. Sessions run for 7 weeks each term.

Listed below are the activities that will be offered at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Term 1.

Cricket: In conjunction with Milo cricket.
(Families may register with Milo cricket and pay $60 to receive the Milo cricket backpack, bat and hat or they may participate through AASC for free, but will not receive the cricket gear.)

Grades: Prep to Grade 3
Venue: Astro Turf – Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Coach: Mr Paul Guinane
Supervising Teacher: Mrs Therese Kelly
Time: 3:15 – 4:15 (Please pick up children promptly)
Dates: Tuesday, 26th Feb – 26th March (Easter Break)
Continuing 9th April - 16th April

Touch Football:

Coach: Touch Tasmania
Supervising Teacher: Miss Amy Westwood
Grades: Prep to Grade 6
Venue: Astro Turf – Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
Time: 3:15 – 4.15 pm (Please pick up children promptly)
Dates: Thursday, 21st Feb – 21st March (No AASC on Holy Thursday)
Continuing 4th April – 11th April
Please complete the form below if your child would like to participate in one or both of these after school sports and return it to your child’s class teacher.

Both groups are limited to 20 children on a first in, first served basis. If your preferred sport is full, your child will be placed on a waiting list.

Regards,

Mrs Therese Kelly
AASC Co-ordinator

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Child 1:
Name: ................................................. Grade: ..............................

Please Circle: CRICKET TOUCH FOOTBALL
(If your child would like to participate in both sports, please indicate their preferred sport in case numbers are limited.)

Parent’s Name: ................................................. Mobile: ..............................

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Child 2:
Name: ................................................. Grade: ..............................

Please Circle: CRICKET TOUCH FOOTBALL
(If your child would like to participate in both sports, please indicate their preferred sport in case numbers are limited.)

Parent’s Name: ................................................. Mobile: ..............................

If you require space for more than 2 children, please write their details on the back of this page.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Could you please indicate below what day(s) (if any) your child will be catching the bus from Immaculate Heart down to Sacred Heart College after school.

Please return it to school as soon as possible so we can update our bus list.

Could you also make note of the reason for catching. This will help with the organisation at school to allow things to run smoothly and safely.

**This bus service is limited to those students who catch connecting buses and meet siblings at SHC.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

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**BUS INDICATION NOTICE**

My child/ren ___________________________________________ Grade/s _______

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Reason for catching:

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Signed: __________________________ Please print: __________________________