“Let us give thanks to God because he is good, and for each of us his love is eternal (Paraphrase Ps. 118-1).

Dear Parents,
I welcome everyone back to school from the summer holidays. I hope everyone had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are enthused to be back at school, ready and raring to have a very productive 2014.

Personally, I am really looking forward to working and listening to Staff, Students and Parents at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School. The welcome I have received has been very special, thank you! I have had several conversations with the Staff over the last couple of weeks and they have filled me in on many things. I feel very humbled and privileged to be appointed Principal of such a wonderful school.

Communication
During the year I will endeavour to regularly walk around the open spaces of the school before and after school. Please feel free to approach me and discuss anything or organise a suitable meeting time with Casey in the Office.

New Staff
We welcome Mrs Claire Willcock to the staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School. Claire will be working in Grade 4 every Wednesday whilst Mrs Christine Keele is on long-service leave.

New Students
We welcome a new class of Kindergarten students to our school:
Oliver Cannell
Oliver Crawford
Emma Griffin
Tobiasz Kozlowski
Kiri MacDonald
Emmanuel Mampieri
Maisie Reid
Finn Thomas
Meg Vinen

Ella Chick
Azra Crowther
Madelene Hurd
Oscar Ladd
Emmanuel Majak
Ebony Pitt
Imogen Rubenach
Krutav Tiwari
Evie Clifton
Shreeya Datta
Hamish Kingston
Isabella Lethborg
Jacob Mitchell
Zoe Priest
Noah Smith
Georjia Triffett

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 families to our school:
Jordan Gallagher Prep, Braxton Cohen Grade 1, Rowan Pitt Grade 2, Jordan Purdy Grade 4 and Kalvin Pitt Grade 5

Congratulations
On behalf of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School community I would like to congratulate Emma Clark (Assistant Principal - Learning and Teaching and Grade 4 Teacher) and Damien Coad on celebrating their wedding over the summer holidays. I heard it was a lovely day and I am sure Emma will share some photos with the community when she receives them. Emma has returned as Mrs Coad.

Condolences
Over the holidays Mrs Carmel Woolley (Grade 1 Teacher) sadly lost her Father Joseph Kinahan. Our prayers are with Carmel and her family during this time of need.
Welcome BBQ
Please see the attached notice for information on our 2014 Welcome BBQ. It would be great to see you all there. Not only is it a great opportunity for me to meet you but also for everyone to welcome our new families.

Parking
A reminder about car parking at drop off and pick up time. Firstly, regarding the small car park behind the Dillon Building and the hall - children and parents walk through this area from 8.30am and after 3pm. To prevent any incidents this car park is to be a staff car park only with the exception of those with a disability permit (please come to the office to arrange this). Also, if you collect your children from McCann Crescent, Edge Avenue or Pottery Road please take note of the street signs. There are clearly marked yellow lines and No Parking and Bus Zone signs that we all need to be aware of. These signs are positioned to help with the flow of traffic and safety of our children. We thank the families who already adhere to school safety requirements.

Welcome Mass
We would like to invite all families to our Welcome Mass which will be held in the Hall on Thursday 20th February at 10am. We look forward to you joining us.

Cheers
Nick McGann
Principal

Absent from School
A reminder to all parents that when your child is absent from school to please contact the school office. We will be contacting you if your child is not at school and we are unsure why. This is another step to ensure the safety of our children.

Uniform Update
You may have seen some of our students in their smart new IHMCS sports uniforms. Due to an outstanding response to the new uniform another order will be placed at the end of next week (Friday 21st February). If you would like to place an order for any clothing, hats or bags please see Casey in the office for an order form. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Lisa and Tanya will be available for fittings on Wednesday 19th February between 2.30pm and 3.30pm in the office.

There have also been enquiries about a larger school bag for older students which we are currently investigating. These bags would be suitable for students in Grades 3 and up. If you are interested in ordering an X-Large bag please see Casey.

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WELCOME BARBEQUE

Friday 21st February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Come and join us for this annual family event and meet other members of the school community. A special welcome to new families.

In line with the Move Well, Eat Well initiative adopted by the school the menu will be as follows:-

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There will be a jumping castle and free icypoles for the children. We will also have face painting and tattooing for $3 each.

Your RSVP would be appreciated for catering purposes. Please complete and return to the office by no later than Monday 17th February.

Attendance Slip for Barbecue

Family Name: _____________________ Child's Class/es: ____________

Number of People attending:  Adults ________  Children _________

Please let us know if you are able to assist in any way. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate your preference:

☐ Set up  ☐ Cooking  ☐ Drink sales  ☐ Serving  ☐ Supervising Jumping Castle  ☐ Supervising Face Painting

☐ RSO (A Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate is required to serve drinks)

Name: _____________________________  Phone: _______________________

IHMCs Parents and Friends
Free sport and healthy snacks after school

The Active After-school Communities (AASC) program is an Australian Government initiative providing primary school children with a fun, free and safe introduction to a selection of over 70 sports and 20 other structured physical activities in the after-school timeslot. Parents/guardians are invited to enrol their child/ren in the activities on offer (see below). As well as participating in these activities for free, all children will receive a free healthy afternoon tea, coaching from a qualified coach (with current Working with Children Check), access to sports equipment and a supervisor.

These sessions will provide children with a positive and fun introduction to sport and other structured physical activities to motivate them to be active for life.

All programs are delivered by AASC registered community coaches.

Sports and activities on offer this term for Prep – Grade 6

Immaculate Heart of Marcy Catholic School is pleased to offer the following AASC activity in Term 1 starting on Monday, 17th February, 2014.

| Monday, 17th Feb - Monday 7th April | Soccer – Coach: Shane Revell (New Town Eagles)  
Supervisor: Miss Amy Westwood  
Children are to meet Miss Westwood outside the grade 5/6 class room at 3pm to enjoy a healthy afternoon tea. The soccer session will be held on the astro turf. Sports uniform may be worn. (for Prep – Grade 6 students) |

Please fill in this slip and hand in to the front office.

My child wishes to enrol in the following AASC program(s).

Name:__________________________ Relationship to child: ____________________________
Signature:________________________ Date:__________________________

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