A Mothers' Day Prayer
We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

I welcome all families back to school for the start of Term 2 and I hope all had a relaxing and enjoyable two-week break and are ready and raring to have a productive term.

Holy Week
On the last day of Term 1 we had a very special prayer in the Hall to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. All classes participated in the main events of this week. I would like to thank Juanita Fuentes who played Jesus, Ms Bridget Cairns for organising the prayer, Fr Shammi for celebrating and giving us an Easter blessing, all the students for participating prayerfully and reverently, all the teachers for organising their class part and all the parents and grandparents that shared the prayer with us. It was a great whole school community event!

ANZAC Day
On Thursday April 25th over 20 students and staff represented Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School at the ANZAC Day Parade and Service at the Lenah Valley RSL. I was extremely pleased and humbled with the outstanding turnout. At the service Juanita Fuentes and Molly Pogorzelski delivered an excellent speech on the ANZAC spirit and what it means to us. Both girls should be very proud of the way they presented themselves. They are not only a credit to themselves and their parents, but also to the school. I would like to thank Juanita, Molly and Mrs Davies on their preparation of this fine speech.

Naplan
Next week all the Grade 3’s and Grade 5’s will be participating in the Naplan test. The test consists of Numeracy, Reading Comprehension, Language Conventions, Spelling and Writing. Every Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 student in Australia sits these tests on these days. I encourage all students in these grades to have early nights during this week so they can give themselves the best preparation possible.

Building Program
We are officially beginning the building program on Monday 19th May. The company that won the tender is Bennett Constructions. The hall will be the first building affected. More information will be posted and sent to families in the near future in regard to disruptions to parking, etc.
Term Award Winners
I would like to congratulate all the end of term one award winners. The winners were:

Kindergarten
Relationships Award – Azra Crowther
Respect Award – Hamish Kingston
Responsibility Award – Isabella Lethborg

Prep
Relationships Award – Elizabeth P’Oryem
Respect Award – Lucy Dargue
Responsibility Award – Tye Guinan

Grade 1
Relationships Award – Clancy Brain
Respect Award – Zoe Mulcahy
Responsibility Award – Mia Priest

Grade 2
Relationships Award – Macey Oak
Respect Award – Haig Kingston
Responsibility Award – Charlie Dargue

Grade 3
Relationships Award – Joe Vinen
Respect Award – Charlotte Webb
Responsibility Award – Declan Page

Grade 4
Relationships Award – Isaac Harwood
Respect Award – Condelisa Majak
Responsibility Award – Lucas Fleischmann

Grade 5
Relationships Award – Sophie Ward
Respect Award – Nathan Healey
Responsibility Award – Kalvin Pitt

Grade 6
Relationships Award – Ellouise Kop
Respect Award – Patrick McCaffery
Responsibility Award – Jakob White

Music Awards
Prep – Sarah Wastell
Grade 1 – Olivia Ford
Grade 2 – Jack Lloyd
Grade 3 – Charlotte Webb
Grade 4 – Brodie Scoles
Grade 5 – Angus Onn
Grade 6 – Conor Donnelly

Art Awards
Prep – Sarah Wastell
Grade 1 – Sophia McLoughlin
Grade 2 – Nicholas Keating
Grade 3 – Oliver Kelly
Grade 4 – Lara O’Neill
Grade 5 – Tara Watzl
Grade 6 – Molly Pogorzelski

PE Awards
Prep – Hamish Beechey
Grade 1 – Clarissa Devine
Grade 2 – Jai Scoles
Grade 3 – Joe Vinen
Grade 4 – Lucas Fleischmann
Grade 5 – Freya Oak
Grade 6 – Juanita Fuentes
End of Term Assemblies
It has been decided that from this term we will be having a Music Soiree on the last Tuesday and the End of Term Award Assembly will be on a Thursday morning. We found that both are fantastic to have at our school and we want to do justice to both of them. The Tuesday Assembly (1 July – 1.40pm) will only be a Music celebration (thank you to Mrs Claire Williams for the wonderful Term 1 celebration) and the Thursday Morning Assembly (3 July – 9am) will be Prayer and Awards.

Team App
We have 50 members signed up to Team App. It would be great if we could have more parents signed up. On the App we post the newsletter, photos, school events and news. We regularly post information and all the major school events are posted on the site. I encourage all to download the free app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Grade 5 & 6 Football/Netball Roster
The Grade Five and Six classes will once again be participating in the Southern Tasmania Catholic Sports Association football and netball competitions held each Friday afternoon of the second term. The girls will play at Creek Road generally around 12:30 pm. The boys will play at various venues around Hobart and will generally be bussed and ready to start by 12:45 pm.

A round robin has been organised to kick start the season for both sports tomorrow. The netball will be played at Creek Road and the football will be at New Town Oval (bike track). This will be a whole day event.

Soccer
The new soccer gear has arrived and it looks fantastic. Over the last couple of days the students have received their shorts and shirt. If you haven’t received yours yet it will be sent home tomorrow. Red soccer socks can be bought from the school office for $10.00. All students who are hiring their shorts and shirts will need to take great care of these during the season. Games begin this Saturday and I wish all players luck for their first game.

Condolences
Over the holidays Mrs Jane Davies (Grade 6 Teacher) sadly lost her father John Rush. Our prayers are with Jane and her family during this time of need.

New Student
We welcome William Oates (Grade 3) to our school. I am very impressed with how the students have been so welcoming to William.

University Prac Students
Next week we welcome two university students who will be undertaking their first teaching practicum. The students’ names are Imogen MacDonald and Denise Solomon. Imogen will be working in Prep and Denise in Grade 3. Both of these students will be with us for three weeks and will be assisting the class teachers in these grades. We welcome them to Immaculate Heart!

Buddy Groups
Yesterday, all students in the school met in their buddy groups for the first time this year. Every group is made up of students from all grades. The students will meet in these groups every Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm during terms 2 and 4. This is a great way for the senior students to display their leadership skills and for the children to get to know other people in the school.

School Bus
Our bus has been officially labelled with our own stickers. The bus will be moving up to school to house in the next few weeks. I would like to thank Mr Steven Latham (WHS Officer) and Mr Steve Grant (Bus Driver) for organising this for us.
Mother’s Day
On behalf of all at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, I wish all mother’s a lovely and peaceful Mother’s Day. I hope that all mum’s are spoilt and have a special day.

Have a great week.

Regards

Nick McGann
Principal

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 20th May. This year KK School Photos are offering online orders. Please read your child’s photo envelope which you would’ve received with todays newsletter for more information. If you would like a Family Photo taken, envelopes are available from the office. Spare student envelopes are also available. Please note that full winter uniform needs to be worn for Photo Day.

Winter Uniform Changeover
A reminder that we are in the two week changeover to winter uniform. All students should be in full winter uniform by Monday 19th May. There have not been any changes to the winter uniform except that we are asking parents NOT to purchase a blazer if you don’t already have one. The uniform is available from the Sacred Heart College Uniform Shop (cnr Clare & Harding Streets New Town). Price lists and opening times are available from the Immaculate Heart Office or you can view online http://www.shc.tas.edu.au/about-us/

Subway Lunch Orders
Our next Subway Day is this Tuesday 13th May. Envelopes were sent home today and need to be returned to school by Monday morning (before recess) or unfortunately the order will not be filled.

IHMS Parents and Friends Association
Thank you all for supporting our Easter Fundraisers – Banjo’s Hot Cross Buns and our Easter Raffle. Here are the Easter Raffle winners:
1st – Angela Trifett
2nd – Tara Devine
3rd – Healey Family
4th – Paige Swanson
5th – Luca Forrest
6th – Tiwari Family
7th – Sam Mcdonald
8th – Carolan Family

Entertainment Book Fundraiser
A reminder that the 2014/2015 Entertainment Books are available from the school office or online. This year a digital membership is available. This allows you to redeem offers directly from your smartphone which means you’ll have your book with you wherever you go!
You can view the book before you purchase by following this link: http://www.entertainmentmedia.com.au/flickbook/tasmania
We are pleased to be able to offer these books again this year. Not only can you save money on meals, accommodation, travel, shopping and much more but you also help the school as $13 from each sale comes to us!
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Parents And Friends Meeting

Monday 12th May

7:00 pm – Dillon Building

ALL WELCOME – We would love to see new faces!
Information for Parent/Carers and Permission Slip

All Australian governments have agreed to implement a new annual national data collection on school students with disability. This data collection process is being phased in over a three year period in 2013-2015.

From 2015, this data collection will occur in every school every year.

WHY INTRODUCE A NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

- All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school, regardless of his or her circumstances, has the right to a high quality and inclusive education that meets his or her needs.

- Better information about school students with disability will assist teachers, principals and education authorities to support their participation in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MY CHILD?

- There are students with disability in every school in Australia at some point. This means that every school needs to be ready and able to support students with disability to ensure that any obstacles to participation and achievement in their school education are identified and minimised.

- This new national data collection will reinforce the actions required of schools under the national Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. These laws mean that schools and education systems are required to make, where needed, reasonable adjustments for students with disability.

- An adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting, in the classroom and at the individual level.

- Determining the level and type of support needed for an individual student is not a new activity for Australian schools.

- Currently there is only limited and inconsistent information available at a national level about school students with disability, their educational needs and the support provided to them.

- The information provided by this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. That will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
The following information will be collected annually at the school level:

- the level of adjustment provided;
- the number of students receiving each level of adjustment to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; and
- where known, the student's type of disability.
WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION AND HOW WILL THEY DO IT? School teams will collect evidence based on:
  o consultation with parents/carers;
  o their observations and professional judgements; and
  o any medical diagnosis.

The evidence will be collected over at least a 10 week period but be ongoing. This evidence will help the school teams to determine:
  o which students to include in the data collection;
  o the levels of adjustment that are provided, both within and outside the classroom; and
  o the broad category of disability.

• In line with good teaching practice and the requirements of the Disability Standards for Education 2005, you will continue to be provided with opportunities to discuss ways to assist your child overcome barriers and the adjustments that could be made to support your child.

• Principals and school teams will be supported with training to assist them to make accurate judgements. School principals will assure the accuracy of information collected about each student.

WHICH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WILL BE INCLUDED?
• All Catholic Schools in Tasmania are taking part in 2014. In 2015 ALL schools from every school sector across Australia will be involved.

• A student will only be included in the data collection if he/she meets the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the school has evidence of this.

CAN I WITHDRAW MY CHILD’S INFORMATION FROM BEING INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REPORTING ACTIVITY?
• You decide whether you want your child’s information to be included or not in the national reporting activity. The permission slip below is to be completed to inform the school.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED? Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is a key priority.
• Authorised staff in each school will manage the information to ensure that personal or confidential information is not disclosed.

• Transmission of data by the school will be done in such a way that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

• When data are reported it will be at the school level only and no individual student will be able to be identified in the data collection.

WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED FOR?
• It is intended that the de-identified data collected about students with disability will be published in national reports on schooling from 2016 onwards.

• Public reporting of these data will mean more is known about how all Australian schools and education authorities support students with disability.

• Australian schools and education authorities will use these data as evidence to improve their support for students with disability.