



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The Lord blesses His people with peace". Psalms 29:11

Dear Parents,

I welcome everyone back to school from the summer holidays. I hope everyone had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are rapt to be back to school, ready and raring to have a very productive 2020.

Welcome New Kindergarten Class

We welcome a brand new Kindergarten class to our lovely school. The students in Kindergarten are: Sarayu Acharya, Jameson Blake, Lawson Bone, Patrick Clifton, Charlie Dearing, Carter French, Ella Halloran, Oscar Hardaker, Lexi Jones, Chloe Jones, Catie Jordan, Adella Jordan, Penelope King, Mylah Krelle, Gracie Leggett, Blake Leitch, Stefano Lufi, Max Luttrell, Freya Manten, Lola Marsh, Chelsea Mathysen, Ian Millar, Hamish Murrell, Joseph O'Connor, Maximus Oxley, Khloe Speed, Emilie Stephens, Audrey Stocks, Nirav Thapa and Greta Williams.

Other New Students

We also welcome Charlotte Nolan and Evie Anderson (Prep) to our school. I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome over the next few weeks.

Staff Member Changes in 2020

We have a couple of staff changes in 2020. These are:

- Jane Davies is involved in a teacher transfer with Jeff Camp from John Paul II Catholic School. Jeff is an experienced teacher with around 20 years of experience. Jeff will be teaching Grade 4. We welcome Jeff to our school.
- Mrs Shelly Horne is taking the first two terms off for long service leave. Mrs Christine Russell was successful in gaining the Kindergarten role for this time. Christine is well known to our school having many of her children go to this school and also worked in the Early Years classes in 2019. We welcome Christine to the Kinder class
- In 2020, Miss Shae Longey will be the Early Years Coordinator. This will involve working with children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 and being the key teacher for Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 Program). Ms Cecelia Vunaki will be our Prep teacher for 2020. Cecelia is an experienced teacher who has worked at many Catholic schools around the world. We welcome Cecelia.
- Mrs Courtney Mayne will be working in Grade 1 one day per week in 2020. Courtney has previously worked at Corpus Christi Catholic School and has helped us out in the early years space.
- Mrs Catherine Sandric has been appointed to teach one day in Grade 6 in 2020 (Wednesday). Catherine is an experienced teacher who has taught at many Catholic schools in Tasmania and has recently worked at the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office. We welcome Catherine to IHMCS.

We welcome all our new staff members to our school and I am sure that the community will also share in this welcome.

New Student Mobile Phone Procedure:

In 2019, the use of mobile phones by several students throughout the day sometimes became problematic. In 2020, we are implementing a new mobile phone procedure:

- All mobile phones need to be switched off and placed in the specific storage cabinet by the teacher's desk in the classroom, when the student arrives at school. This cabinet will be locked by the teacher.

- The students will receive their phone back at the end of the day. Students will not be allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day.
- If parents need to contact their child during the school day, then they will need to contact the school office.

New iPad Storage Procedure:

iPads are mobile devices that are very useful to use in the classroom setting and we will continue to use these devices to assist our learning in 2020. We are implementing a new iPad procedure for students from Grade 3 to 6 which is:

- Each classroom has an iPad storage space in the classroom (not students desk). In the morning when the student arrives, they will place their iPad in the storage spot.
- The students will only be allowed on their iPad when a teacher instructs them to be. When the students do not require their iPad then it is returned to the storage spot.

This will hopefully discourage the students from being distracted by their iPad when they are not required to use it.

Social media sites that are banned at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

Due to several issues over the past years with some social media sites, we have banned several from use at school. These are:

- Facebook
- Tik Tok
- Snapchat
- Messenger - groups only
- Group messages

Uniform - Policy

This year the Uniform Policy will again be fully enforced. Over the past years I have been very impressed with the way the students wear their uniform with pride and I expect this to continue.

A reminder that for Grade 3 to 6 students PE uniform is only worn on PE days (Tuesday for the whole school) and every Wednesday with their Buddy shirt. All other day's students are required to wear their formal uniform. Our Uniform Store is open every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4pm. Orders can either be made over the counter or on our QKR App. All of our uniform items are listed on our website - www.ihms.tas.edu.au

A summary of the Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter.

Nurturing Hearts - Birth to 4 Program - Fridays (Pre-Prep students)

Nurturing Hearts will be returning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in 2020.

The program offers an encouraging and nurturing environment for parents and carers to actively participate with their children in learning opportunities. A variety of play-based educational activities will be available to support you and your child's learning and curiosity in all areas of development.

The program will be run in our Kinder room, from 9am until 10.30am on Friday mornings during term time.

Specialist Days

In 2020 the specialist subjects will be taught on the following days:

Monday - Italian

Tuesday - Physical Education

Wednesday - Music (Buddy Uniform worn - House Coloured)

Thursday - Music

Friday - Drama

Uniform Days for Grade 3 to 6

- Monday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 -6)
- Tuesday - Sport Uniform - PE shirt
- Wednesday - Sport Uniform with Buddy Shirt
- Thursday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 -6)
- Friday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 -6)

Working with Vulnerable People Check

I remind all parents who volunteer for parent help, coach a sports team etc are required by Tasmanian legislation to have "Working with Vulnerable People Check". Parents and visitors who do not have this check will be unable to participate in child related activities (e.g. go on an excursion, work in the classrooms etc). The cost for the individual is \$19.44 for a three-year registration.

The website for more information is: <https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/>

Welcome BBQ – Thursday 20th February (4.30pm to 7.30pm)

Our excellent Annual Welcome BBQ has been booked for Thursday 20th February. This a brilliant community builder and is usually well attended. It is a great way to welcome and introduce ourselves to new members of the school community. I encourage everyone to attend. A notice will be sent out in the near future.

Student Leadership:

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers for leadership positions in 2020:

Term 1 School Captain:

Luca Forrest

Term 1 School Vice-Captain:

Elizabeth P'Oyrem

House Captains

Dillon

Maddy Johnston

Annabella Burt

Young

Mercy Fuentes

William Hetherington

Donohue

Hamish Beechey

Arielle Cannell

Grievance Policy:

As the year begins I remind all parents that if you have a grievance with someone in the community then we follow the Tasmanian Catholic Education Grievance policy (attached).

I look forward to working with everyone again this year.

God bless

Mr Nick McGann

Principal

2020 Term dates

Term 1 - Thursday 6th February – Thursday 9th April

Term 2 – Monday April 27th – Friday 3rd July

Term 3 – Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term 4 – Monday 12th October – Thursday 17th December

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 10 th February	Regatta Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 th February	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4pm
Monday 17 th February	Book Club orders due
Wednesday 19 th February	Welcome Mass – 10am
Wednesday 19 th February	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 20 th February	Welcome BBQ
Friday 21 st February	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am
Friday 21 st February	ATSI TMAG Excursion
Monday 24 th February	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgy – 10am
Wednesday 26 th February	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4pm
Wed 26 th Feb – Friday 28 th Feb	G4 Camp
Friday 28 th February	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am
Wednesday 4 th March	G6 Liturgy – 11.30am
Wednesday 4 th March	Assembly – G6 Prayer, G1, G3 & G5 to share
Wednesday 4 th March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4pm
Friday 6 th March	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Summary

For full requirements, refer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Policy available at <https://ihms.tas.edu.au/>

All items are available to be purchased through the school uniform shop.

* Items marked with an asterix are required to be purchased through the school uniform shop.



Girls Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt or skort *
- Short sleeved blouse with logo *
- Navy blue socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt (preferred) or na skort or tartan trousers (trousers available at Sacred Heart Uniform shop only)
- Long sleeved white blouse
- Bow tie *
- Navy blue stockings
- Black leather shoes

Sports Uniform – Kindergarten to Year 6

- Polar fleece jacket or soft shell jacket *
- Shorts *
- Polo top (short or long sleeved) *
- White socks
- House top to be worn on Buddy Days and Sports Carnivals *
- Sports shoes (colour sympathetic to school uniform)
- Bucket hat (required Terms 1 & 4) *

Sports uniform to be worn on PE Days, Buddy Days & Sports Carnivals.
Kindergarten to Year 2 required to wear sports uniform on all days.

Boys Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey shorts
- Short sleeved shirt with logo *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey trousers
- Long sleeved white shirt *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length) *
- Black leather shoes

Required non-clothing uniform items

- Medium & large school bags *
- Library bag *
- Art smock *

Optional uniform items

- Beanie with logo *
- Winter coat *
- Navy blue scarf
- Navy blue gloves
- Soccer uniform *
- School Swimming cap (STCPSSA Swimming team only) *



POLICY STATEMENT

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The students of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School wear a distinctive uniform as a sign of their pride and membership of the school community. The uniform is a part of our public image as well as being serviceable and practical clothing for school wear.

The school uniform is the face of the school to the general public. The uniform builds pride and tradition in the school and provides equity for all students. It is expected that students general appearance be neat and tidy at all times and that the manner in which they wear the uniform, both at school and in public, be of a high standard.

The wearing of the school uniform aims to encourage a sense of belonging and reflect a commitment to the school.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

The uniform is compulsory and should be worn with pride.

School uniform requirements shall apply when travelling to and from school or school functions as well as while at school.

Representative teams shall wear uniforms appropriate to their particular sports.

Cost, style, quality and compliance with the Sun Smart Policy will be taken into account when setting uniform requirements.

Suggestions for additions and modifications to the school uniform must be presented to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Committee (made up of the Principal, Board and P&F Representatives, Uniform Shop Manager and a Staff Representative).

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Students are to present themselves in a clean and tidy manner at all times. This includes winter shirts being tucked in.

The sports uniform is worn by all students in Kindergarten through to Grade 2. Grades 3 to 6 are expected to wear formal uniform with the exception of sports / excursion / buddy days.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

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Shoes

Black polishable leather shoes (not boots) must be worn with the formal uniform. (No skate shoes or similar shoes with a flat sole.) Sports shoes must be supportive and in colours sympathetic with the uniform colours. Shoes are to be kept clean and in suitable repair.

Hats

Only Immaculate Heart branded headwear is permitted. This includes sun smart approved hats in Terms 1 and 4 and beanies for winter. All hats are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

Bags

All school bags must bear the Immaculate Heart logo. There are two sizes to choose from:-
Medium Backpack – recommended for Kinder to Grade 2 Large Backpack recommended for Grades 3 to 6.

Hair and Makeup

Student's hair is to be neat and clean. There should be no dramatic grading in length or undercutting. Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a WHS measure. No unnatural colouring of hair is permitted.

Makeup and nail polish (other than clear) are not acceptable with the school uniform.

Ribbons, bands and clips are to be of school colours of navy blue, red or white. Suitable hair bands are available from the Uniform Shop. House coloured bands are acceptable on house sports days.

Jewellery

Jewellery, other than a watch and a ring, is not to be worn. Students may wear earrings in one or both ears, a single plain sleeper or stud

Medical Alert jewellery is permitted.

NON-CONFORMITY

If circumstances warrant an exception to the uniform policy (ie sports uniform is worn on non-sports day) a signed letter of explanation or note in the school diary is required from the parent/guardian. This correspondence should include a reason for the exception.

If a student does not wear the uniform correctly or present himself or herself as expected they will be counselled and their parents informed of the school's concerns.

UNIFORM SHOP

All uniform items are available for purchase at the school uniform shop.

Items marked with an astrix (*) on the list are required to be purchased through the uniform shop.

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm during school terms. The shop is located underneath the Prep/Grade 1 building.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Board: The Board has a responsibility to ensure that the policy development is fair and reasonable and reflects the spirit of the school.

Principal: The Principal has the responsibility to ensure that this policy is implemented and enforced at all times.

Uniform Committee: The Uniform Committee has a responsibility to provide the best quality, value and functionality when making suggestions or decisions regarding the IHMCS uniform.