



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Dear Community Members

As we prepare for the final three weeks of school, everything is becoming very busy at school. I encourage all the students to finish off the last few weeks in a positive manner and look to help out others.



## Multicultural Food Evening - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

This was a fantastic evening with many members of the community in attendance. The atmosphere was sensational and I thank everyone that came along. In particular, I thank the parents and families that helped out on the night and our important stall holders. The parents that organised their own stall were:

Aboriginal: Ms Dana Styles (Charlie McGuinness' mum)

Ethiopian: Alison Sewell (Hanna, Phoebe and James Sewell's mum)

Liberian: Victoria Zinnah - chief organiser (Sam and Sameria Zinnah's mum)

Iraqi: Narmin Bqtar (Teya, Tara and Roz Desoza's mum)

Venezuelan: Karem Fuentes Jimenez (Sebastian Fernandez-Fuentes' mum)

French: Sophie French (Amelie and Chloe French's mum)

El Salvadorian: Mirna and Oscar Larin (Staff Members)

Drinks & Sausages: Staff

Without the enthusiastic parents who volunteered to organise their stall, the night would not have been possible. I thank you dearly on behalf of the entire school community.



## School Singing Competition

Last Wednesday afternoon we held our inaugural House Singing Competition. Here each House had to sing a particular song in front of judges. What a fantastic celebration of all things musical. It was wonderful to see everybody laughing, smiling and enjoying themselves. The judges decided that Dillon won the competition, Young was second and Donohoe third. Thanks to Mrs Steph Melitisis for her wonderful initiative to include a House singing competition as part of our annual House activities. I look forward to this healthy singing rivalry in 2020.

## End of Year Reports - Compass

The end of year reports this year will **only** be sent out online. This will be through the Compass platform. If you are yet to sign up to Compass then I strongly encourage everyone to do so. We will not be sending out hard copies of reports.

## Janeena Kannampuzha - First Eucharist

We congratulate Janeena Kannampuzha (Grade 3) who celebrated her First Communion at St John the Baptist Church (Glenorchy) recently. This is a special time in her life and on behalf of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School we say: well done and congratulations!



## STCPSSA Athletics Carnival - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Last Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 42 students represented our school at the Southern Tasmania Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival, at the Domain Athletics Centre. The children performed exceptionally well at the carnival. We really dominated our division. The amount of placegetters was higher than expected. It really shows that we are an active school. Below is a list of all the places we received at the Carnival:

Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six
Khobe 2nd, 1st, 4th, 1st, 3rd	Noah 4th	Hamish 4th	Cruz 4th
Toby 3rd, 4th	Jordan 2nd	Arielle 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd	Henry 4th
Harlan 4th, 4th	Sebastian F 4th, 2nd	Marissa 1st, 1st, 2nd	Breeanna 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Jacob 3rd, 4th	Jack 4th	Annabella 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st	Bana 1st, 1st, 3rd
Ryan 4th, 4th	Isabella 3rd, 1st	Elizabeth 1st, 1st, 2nd	Alemach 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd
Henry 4th, 4th	Danawit 4th, 1st		Keigh 1st, 4th
Ethan 2nd	Ebony 1st, 1st, 2nd		Hanna 4th
Scarlett 3rd, 4th,	Azra 4th, 1st		
Isabella 3rd, 4th, 4th	Georgia 1st		
	Kiri 2nd, 1st		

### State Basketball Championships

This Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> November) and Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> December), the Grade 5/6 Girls Division 1 basketball team will represent the school at the State Basketball Championships in Launceston. This is the second time in the history of our school that we have qualified to play in this tournament. We wish Arielle Cannell, Annabella Burt, Marissa Cooper, Alemach Chide, Breeanna Wright, Sasha Barker, Tilly Harris, Olivia Ford and Zoe Mulcahy all the best at this tournament. They have had a few training sessions and we hope they enjoy the experience.



### Grade 2 iPad Meetings

Last week we held two parent information sessions for the Grade 2's and their guardians at school. It was an excellent turnout. I thank Miss Katie Pugsley (ICT/DT Coordinator) and all the parents and students who attended the meeting.



### Super Tramp

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported this event last Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Your attendance raised \$680.00 for the playground upgrade. I also thank Samantha Ransley for organising this event.

## Staffing 2020

Principal:	Mr Nick McGann
Deputy Principal:	Mr Paul Egan
Religious Education Co-ordinator:	Mrs Therese Kelly
Early Years Co-ordinator:	Miss Shae Longey
Parish Priest:	Fr Shammi Perera
Assistant Parish Priest:	Fr Norberto Ochoa
Parish Associate:	Sr Monica Shelverton

Kindergarten	Mrs Christine Russell (Terms 1 & 2)(new) Mrs Shelly Horne (Terms 3 & 4)
Prep	Ms Cecelia Vunaki (new)
Grade 1	Ms Carmel Woolley (4 days) Mrs Courtney Mayne (1 day)(new)
Grade 2	Mrs Trudi Merkel
Grade 3	Mrs Kate Jackson (3 days) Mrs Emma Coad (2 days)
Grade 4	Mr Jeff Camp (new)
Grade 5	Mr Eric Monaghan (3 days), Mrs Therese Kelly (2 days)
Grade 6	Miss Katie Pugsley (4 days) TBC (1 day)
Learning Support	Mrs Cathy Joyce
Primary Support	Mrs Therese Kelly (2 days)
Aboriginal Support	Mrs Kate Jackson (2 days)
Chaplain	Mr Donald Ryan
Physical Education	Mr Eric Monaghan
Music	Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
Library	Mr Donald Ryan
Drama	Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
LOTE	Mr Eric Monaghan
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Christine Respondek, Mrs Fran Heynes, Mrs Grazia Parodi, Mrs Louise Brennan, Mrs Jane Kirk, Mrs Ange Gates, Ms Rosemary O'Rourke
Compliance Officer	Ms Michelle Williams
Utility Officer	Mr Oscar Larin
Uniform Manager	Mr Donald Ryan
Office Administrator	Miss Casey Mullen
Finance Manager	Ms Delphine Luff
Cleaners	Mr Tony Hallam & Mrs Mirna Larin

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. This teacher transfer is only for one year. We wish Jane all the best for 2020 and we thank her for the wonderful service she has given Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic 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 having worked in 2019 in the Early Years classes. We wish Shelly all the best during her extended leave.

- In 2020, Miss Shae Longey will be the Early Years Co-ordinator. This will involve working with children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 and being the key teacher for Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 5 Program). Ms Cecilia Vunaki has been appointed our Prep teacher for 2020. Cecilia is an experienced teacher who has worked at many Catholic schools around the world.
- 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 this Term in the early years space.

I believe the new teachers appointed will make a positive contribution to our school.

Take care and God bless

*Mr Nick McGann*

*Principal*

### Zero Waste Lunch box

Students from Grade 3 have recently established an Environmental Club at school. Their first mission is to promote Zero Waste Lunch Boxes. This is when a school lunch contains no rubbish and any food wrappings are reusable. Members of the Environmental Club have visited each grade to provide examples and information about Zero Waste lunch boxes. We encourage parents to get on board and help their children find ways to reduce their rubbish at school.

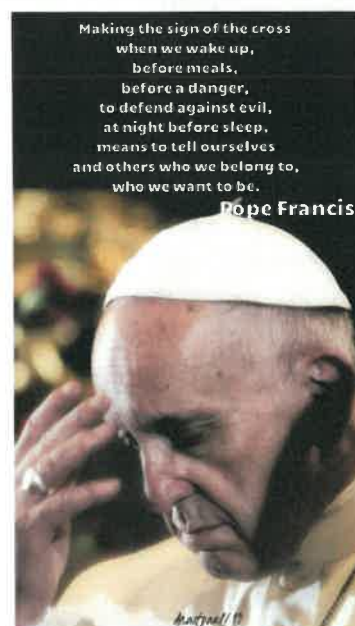
*Mrs Melitsis - Grade 3 Teacher*

### House Singing

A new and exciting event was recently added to the school calendar, the House Singing Competition. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Donohoe, Young and Dillon battled it out in the hall to see which house was the best at singing and dancing. Dillon stole the show with their rendition of *Blame it on the Boogie*, which contained some fabulous singing and great 'boogie' moves. Donohoe delighted the audience with *We are the Champions* and Young's performance of YMCA was voted 'Best Performance' by the Kinders, who watched the whole show with much enjoyment.

We would like to thank the three judges, Miss Longey, Ms Davies and Mrs Heynes who entered into the spirit of the event and gave great feedback.

*Mrs Melitsis - Music Teacher*



Making the sign of the cross  
when we wake up,  
before meals,  
before a danger,  
to defend against evil,  
at night before sleep,  
means to tell ourselves  
and others who we belong to,  
who we want to be.

Pope Francis

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Zambrero Lunch Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nurturing Hearts (Birth – 4 Program) 9am – 11am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Uniform Store Open 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Kinder Nativity – 10am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit from North Melbourne Women's Footy Players
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nurturing Hearts (Birth – 4 Program) 9am – 11am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	SHC Orientation – G6 students
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P – G5 2020 Orientation
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Thanksgiving Mass (including G6 Awards) 10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Uniform Store Open 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at the Botanical Gardens
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	G6 Big Day Out
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports go online
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nurturing Hearts (Birth – 4 Program) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly – 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Family BBQ 12noon