



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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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 2021.

## Welcome New Kindergarten Class

We welcome a brand new Kindergarten class to our lovely school. The students in Kindergarten are: Caleb Bennett, Alfred Brooks, Daisy Carpenter, Angus Carson, Jameson Clark, Lola Daniels, Charlie Davis, Laura Duffin, Ethan Fleming, Hazel Fulton, Amber Gordey, Esme Hawkins, Patrick Hill, Cooper Horton, Mia James, George Jones, Patrick Le Fevre, Alfie Lethborg, Reuben Lowe, Sage Mananage, Albert Milne, Patrick Murrell, Thea Nolan, Amanda Nseka, Alexander Rainbird, Morgan Shaw, Flynn Skinner, Delilah Styles, Mila Wilkinson, Piper Willis and Cooper Woolley.

## Other New Students

We also welcome Amaliah Lewis (Prep), Chelsea Bowerman (Grade 3), Avni Sharma (Grade 4) and Wyatt Hasler (Grade 4) to our school. I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome over the next few weeks.

## Staff Member Changes in 2021

We have a couple of staff changes in 2021. We welcome:

- Mr Jackson Cracknell has been appointed as our Acting Deputy Principal for 2021. Jackson's experience includes Religious Education Coordinator (2020) and Professional Learning Community Coordinator (2019 - 2020) at St Therese's Catholic School, Moonah. Prior to this he held the position of Grade 3-6 Curriculum Coordinator (2019) and classroom teacher since 2015.
- Mrs Donna Banks will be working in Grade 4 on Fridays this year. Donna is a very experienced teacher and currently also works at Corpus Christi Catholic School three days per week.
- Mrs Lucy Brook is our new Kindergarten teacher. Lucy has had many years' experience with teaching Kinder at St John's Catholic School at Richmond. Lucy will also be running our Nurturing Hearts program (Birth to 5) every Friday morning from 9am to 10.30am.
- Mrs Nicole Morozoff has been appointed to teach on Fridays in Grade 3 this year. Nicole is an experienced teacher who has worked at IHMCS previously.
- Mrs Enrica Graham will be working with the Grade 5 students every Tuesday. Enrica has recently returned to teach after the birth of her first child.
- Mrs Kathryn Wall has been appointed as one of our Kindergarten Teacher Assistants with Ms Louise Brennan. Kathryn has many years of experience as a teacher assistant at St John's Catholic School Richmond.

I am sure that our school community will share with me in welcoming all our new staff members to our school.

### **Kindergarten and Prep Welcome BBQ – Thursday 11th February (4.30pm to 7.30pm)**

This year we are holding a Kindergarten and Prep Family BBQ on Thursday 11th February at school. This is a brilliant community builder and a great way to meet new and existing families in our school. I encourage all Prep and Kinder families to attend. A notice will be sent out in the near future.

### **Parking in McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue**

I remind all parents to please obey the road rules in all areas around our school.

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.

### **Canteen**

We will be offering the service of a canteen one day per week in 2021. However, this will not start for a few weeks. I would like to thank Ms Eileen Judd for her wonderful work in setting up the canteen for Term 4, 2020. Unfortunately, Eileen will not be working with us in 2021. We are currently in discussion with a company to contract this service to a catering company. I will keep people informed as this is progressed.

### **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 days, students are required to wear their formal uniform. Our Uniform Store is open every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Orders can either be made over the counter or by using our QKR App. All of our uniform items are listed on our website ([ihms.tas.edu.au](http://ihms.tas.edu.au)).

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

### **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)

### **Nurturing Hearts - Birth to 5 Program - Fridays (Pre-Prep students)**

Nurturing Hearts will be returning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in 2021.

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 2021 the specialist subjects will be taught on the following days:

Monday	-	Auslan	- Mrs Courtney Mayne
Tuesday	-	Physical Education	- Mr Eric Monaghan
Wednesday	-	Music	- Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
		<i>(Buddy Uniform worn)</i>	<i>- House coloured shirt)</i>
Thursday	-	Music	- Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
Friday	-	Drama	- Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
	-	Digital Technologies	- Miss Katie Pugsley

### Working with Vulnerable People Check

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

The website for more information is:

[http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children)

### Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers for leadership positions in 2021:

#### Term 1 School Captain

Tobiasz Kozlowski

#### Term 1 School Vice-Captain

Ella Chick

#### House Captains

##### Dillon

Madeliene Hurd

Sebastian Fernandez Fuentes

Imogen Rubenach

##### Young

Hamish Kingston

Noah Smith

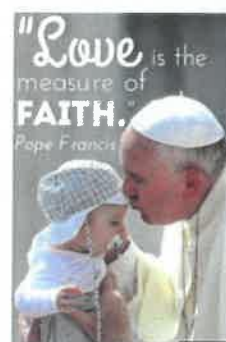
Oscar Ladd

##### Donohue

Isabella Lethborg

Finn Thomas

Ebony Pitt



### Grievance Policy

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

[https://ihms.tas.edu.au/files/4915/7540/9116/School\\_Grievance.pdf](https://ihms.tas.edu.au/files/4915/7540/9116/School_Grievance.pdf)

I look forward to working with everyone again this year.

God bless

Mr Nick McGann

Principal



## School Dates

### Term One

Start: Wed 27 January 2021 (Staff Commences)  
 Mon 1 February 2021 (Students Commence)  
 Finish: Thu 1 April 2021

*Term One holidays includes:*

*Easter Break from Fri 2 April 2021 – Tue 6 April 2021; and*

*Term One Break from Wed 7 April 2021 – Fri 23 April 2021*

### Term Two

Start: Mon 26 April 2021  
 Finish: Fri 2 July 2021

### Term Three

Start: Mon 20 July 2021  
 Finish: Fri 24 September 2021

### Term Four

Start: Mon 11 October 2021  
 Finish: Thu 16 December 2021 (Students Finish)  
 Fri 17 December 2021 (Teachers Finish)

## 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/>.

\* 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) \*