



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Let us not love with words or speech, but with actions in truth." (1 John 3:18)*

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Dear Community Members,

The Learn to Swim program has started fantastically. The independence of the younger students in getting changed for swimming has been absolutely brilliant. It shows that if we raise expectations with the children, they can strive to reach their full potential. This is the same with learning in the classroom. We all know that Covid-19 has been very disruptive in all our lives, but with these challenges has come great opportunities. At school we believe that the children have gained greater independence with the everyday tasks at school. For example, last year's Prep students learned how to unpack their bags at school and place their items in the correct places without parent intervention. This is a task that in previous years some students struggled to do in Grade 2 and 3. This example may be a lesson that we should offer our children more opportunities to be as independent as possible. Food for thought!

## **2021 Board Members**

Last Wednesday we held the Advisory Board AGM for 2021. I congratulate Trent Henderson who was elected as Chair of the Board and David Morse as Deputy Chair. We also welcome Megan Rootes to the Board.

## **STCPSSA Swimming Carnival**

Next Friday 26 March selected students from Grade 3 to 6 will represent the school at the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association Swimming carnival. This carnival has been moved back to the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Early next week the swimming team will be given a program of which races they are in. Unfortunately, due to the grand scale of this event, parents will not be allowed at this event.

## **2021 Soccer Teams**

Thank you to the students who have nominated for the 2021 season. The cut off for the soccer nominations was today. Over the next couple of days Mr Cracknell and myself will be placing players in teams. It is really important that all teams have a coach. Further information will be distributed later next week to inform people how to register, uniforms, etc.

## **Winter Uniform - Boys New Option**

After a long discussion at the Board meeting, it has been decided to give the boys another formal option for the winter uniform. Boys will now be allowed to wear their summer shorts and grey socks throughout the entire year. However, they will still be required to wear the long sleeve shirt and tie. **Please note that any undergarments that can be seen are not allowed with any of our uniforms (summer, winter or sports uniform).**

## **Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022**

Kinder enrolments for 2022 close shortly. As we need to know sibling numbers it would be appreciated if any families that have a child ready for Kinder 2022 (need to be 4 years old as of 1st Jan 2022) obtain an enrolment form and return it to the Office as soon as possible please.



### Learn to Swim Campaign

This week all students from Prep to Grade 6 have been involved in our annual Learn to Swim Program. I have been privileged to view classes at their Learn to Swim lessons. It is great to see the children enjoying their lessons. Just a reminder the program will continue until the end of next week. It is really important that all children make every effort to attend the lessons. The school has to pay for the lesson whether the children swim or not. The standard from the Tasmanian Education Department is that by the end of Grade 4 all students should be able to swim 25m comfortably. If your child cannot do this by this age, then they have a higher risk of drowning.

I thank everyone for adhering to the Clarence Aquatic Centre rule about no parents being allowed to attend throughout this program.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Mr Nick McGann  
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Wednesday 17 March	Soccer Interest Forms Due
Wednesday 17 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 17 March - Fri 26 March	Learn to Swim
Friday 19 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am
Wednesday 24 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Friday 26 March	STCPSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 26 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Mon 29 - Wed 31 March	NAPLAN Practice Testing
Tuesday 30 March	Palm Sunday Service
Wednesday 31 March	Awards Assembly