



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior" (Jeremiah 20:11)

Dear community members,

Today we reach the halfway mark of Term 1. As we begin autumn, it is a time to reflect and be thankful to God for all the wonderful things in our life. I thank everyone for their continued support of our school. I thank the staff members for offering great support to the students. I thank the students for their dedication and commitment to try their best in all aspects of their schooling and I thank the parents for their open communication and support to the staff and myself.

Building Program and Grants

We have been very lucky to receive approval for a building grant of \$1.3m for refurbishment of several classrooms and \$50,000 for additions to the Kindergarten playground. The Federal Government will be partly funding this much needed refurbishment. Construction will start later this year and more information will follow once the project is underway.

What's happening:

- Prep will move to the existing Library after a minor Library refurbishment.
- Grade 2 will move to the existing Grade 1 classroom and Grade 1 will move to the existing Prep room.
- Disability access to Grades 1 and 2 classrooms by opening up access to the courtyard by installing sliding doors.
- A lift will be installed enabling disability access from ground level to the existing Grade 2/3/4 block.
- A platform lift will be installed on the internal stairs.
- Grade 3 and Grade 4 will move to the other end of the building while their classrooms are refurbished.
- The corridor will be moved to the other side of the building.
- An outdoor deck will be built under the elm tree with sliding doors connecting to the classrooms.
- Outdoor shade and tables will be installed outside the Grade 5/6 classrooms on the concrete.
- Kindergarten playground additions.

Swimming Carnival (Grades 3 to 6) - Tuesday 2 March

What a day to have a carnival!!! The worst weather for weeks and it happens when we have our swimming carnival. The positive is that the students who participated did a fantastic job and should be very pleased with their efforts.

A team from Grades 3 to 6 has been selected to represent the school at the Catholic Swimming Carnival on Friday 26 March. The students who made the team are:

Grade 6: Finn, Oscar, Noah, Jordan, Hamish, Imogen, Kiri, Isabella, Mia, Ebony

Grade 5: Paxton, Ethan, Jacob, Oliver, Scarlett, Leila, Chloe, Ava

Grade 4: Jacob, Kohdi, Elliot, Sebastian, Phoebe, Lulu, Adele, Hayley

Grade 3: Aidan, Kidus, Jake, Ollie, Maddison

I would like to thank all the staff who helped out and the fabulous Sacred Heart College students. Without their help the carnival would not have been as good as it was!

The final House points were:

Donohoe: 279 points (1st)

Dillon: 232 points (2nd)

Young: 176 points (3rd)



New Website

We have a new revamped website. It still needs a little "tweaking". Mrs Grazia Parodi (staff member) has done a wonderful job liaising with the website designer and editing pages. Please have a look:

<https://ihms.tas.edu.au/>

Camps

Camps will be happening this year for Grades 3 to 6. Camp details to date are:

Grade 3: TBA (1 night)

Grade 4: Wednesday 15 September to Friday 17 September (White Beach) (2 nights)

Grade 5: Wednesday 24 November to Friday 26 November (Southport) (2 nights)

Grade 6: Sunday 17 October to Wednesday 20 October (Paperbeach - Launceston) (3 nights)

60th Year Celebrations

This year we are celebrating our 60th year. We will be holding several events later in the year. We are hoping to hold this after the building works are completed in Term 4 (fingers crossed). Mr Don Ryan (staff member) is happy to lead a committee for this. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Optional Parent Teacher Interviews

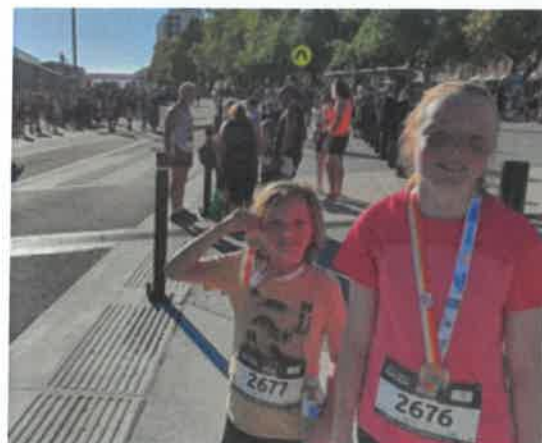
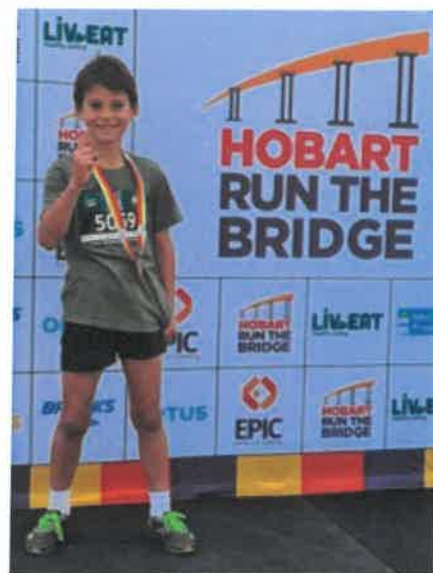
Optional Parent Teacher interviews were held yesterday and this afternoon. I thank the teachers and the parents who attended. Please note that this is not the only opportunity you have to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. All teachers are open to discuss your child's progress anytime throughout the year. If you have any questions, please email your teacher to organise a suitable meeting time.

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 as of 1st Jan 2022) obtain an enrolment form and return it to the Office as soon as possible please.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Mr Nick McGann
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 5 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am
Monday 8 March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 10 March	School Liturgy - Grade 6
Wednesday 10 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Friday 12 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Monday 15 March	Learn to Swim begins
Wednesday 17 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm

