



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."” Isaiah 41:13

Dear Community members,

The first couple of weeks of Term 2 have gone very well. The children have settled in very well and have been working to the best of their abilities. I congratulate them for this. In the next couple of weeks, we have various activities occurring. These include NAPLAN, Options, Assembly, Spark Conference and the School Cross Country.

New Staff

Over the past two weeks we have welcomed the following additional staff to our school:

Cadet Teacher: Mr Jacob Wootton. Jacob will be working in Grade 6 on a Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the year. He is undertaking the new Catholic Education Tasmania Initiative teacher program. Jacob has moved down from NSW to be involved with this program.

Teacher Assistants: Miss Kate Choraziak and Miss Elise Jackson. Kate and Elise will be working from 8.45am to 12pm every day and will be assisting in classes with small groups and programs.



Sacramental Programme - New Initiative

In 2021, with permission from Your Grace, Archbishop Julian Porteous, we are very fortunate to be participating in a pilot Sacramental programme, for children from Grade 3 to Grade 6. This has stemmed from the challenges faced by our school families to participate fully in the regular weekend Parish sacramental programme that is currently run through St Mary's Cathedral.

What is the Sacramental Programme?

The Sacraments that we will be leading are Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open for children who are in Grade 3 to Grade 6 and have been baptised Catholic. In completing the Sacramental programme, children are then able to fully participate in receiving the body of Christ at Mass. Through Confirmation, the child is 'confirming' the commitment to the Church made by their parents at Baptism.

When will the programme occur?

The program will occur during school time and will be led by Mrs Therese Kelly and Mr Nick McGann.

What role will the parents play?

Parents will support the program by participating in some home activities and will accompany their child to the allocated Masses (6pm Sunday at the Cathedral) throughout the program. We will also have a parent meeting at the beginning of every Sacrament where we will briefly outline the program.

What will be the cost of the program?

Nothing. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School will cover the cost of the program.

What now?

We are seeking expressions of interest from those students in Grades 3 to Grade 6 who would like to participate in the Sacramental Programme in 2021. Please email Therese Kelly on therese.kelly@catholic.tas.edu.au to express your interest or if you have any queries.

Non-Catholics

Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in your child becoming a Catholic through the Sacrament of Baptism.

NAPLAN

This week and next week all the Grade 3's and Grade 5's will be participating in the NAPLAN test. The tests consist of Numeracy, Reading Comprehension, Language Conventions, Spelling and Writing. Every student in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 throughout Australia sits these tests on these days. I encourage all students in these grades to have early nights during this week so they can give themselves the best preparation possible.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 3 June. Please read the ordering instructions below. Photos are only available to order online, feel free to contact us if you require help with this process.

The cut off time for family photo orders is 4.30pm, Wednesday 2 June. Family photo orders made after the 4.30pm cut off time will incur a \$20 late fee. Individual photo orders can be placed online up until Friday 11 June.

ONLINE BOOKING

LEADING IMAGE School Photos

Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backgrounds to choose from.



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Contact: info.tas@leadingimage.com.au or call 03 6228 9966

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos you need to log onto
<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>
Click on Order your school photos.
and enter the access key below.

Preferred Browser is Google Chrome

Access Key: 5MEU4UTT

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.

LEADING IMAGE School Photos



Winter Formal Uniform

It is great to see the children from Grade 3 to 6 wearing their winter uniform. The winter shirts should be worn with the top button done up and should be tucked into their trousers or skirts. We have been enforcing this at a school level during class time and when the students leave the school in the afternoon. Some students are wearing black sneakers instead of formal shoes. Please remember that the sneakers are only used for PE and not with formal uniforms. I ask that parents and students rectify this as soon as possible.

Cross Country - Tuesday 18 May - 12.30pm start

Our school Cross Country will be held next Tuesday 18 May at John Turnbull Oval. Parents are able to attend the Carnival. Please see our timetable below. A more specific notice will be sent home to families in the next couple of days. We pray that the weather will be kind to us.

Starting Time of Races

Length of course:

12.30pm	-	Grade 6	2 km
12.45pm	-	Grade 2	1 km
1.00pm	-	Grade 1	1 km
1.15pm	-	Prep	1 km
1.20pm	-	Kinder	500m
1.30pm	-	Grade 3	2 km
1.45pm	-	Grade 4	2 km
2.00pm	-	Grade 5	2 km

Options

We will be continuing the “Options” initiative that we began in 2020. Students from Kinder to Grade 2 will be involved in the following activities: Sporting, Board Games, Lego Mastery, Drama, Science and Craft.

The activities that the students from Grades 3 to 6 have chosen are:

Sporting, Mountain Biking, Bushwalking, STEM, The Arts, LEGO Masters and Strategy Games.

These activities will begin next Wednesday 19 May. The students from Grade 3 to 6 will find out their activities by the end of this week. The Kinder to Grade 2 students will rotate through all the activities over the final few terms.



Attendance at School

We take student attendance seriously at Immaculate Heart. Recently I came across an article written by the Victorian Education Department that was sent to all of their families in Victoria. Below is a table from the article:

How many days has your child missed this year?

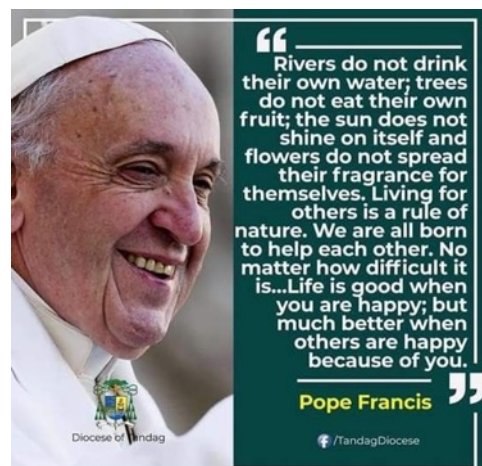
0 - 6	This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.
7 - 10	This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.
11 - 20	This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of schooling between Prep and Grade 10.
20 +	This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two and a half years of schooling between Prep and Grade 10.

Remember:

- Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities.
- Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Mr Nick McGann
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thursday 13 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 13 May	Canteen
Friday 14 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Tuesday 18 May	Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 19 May	Options
Wednesday 19 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 20 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 20 May	Canteen
Friday 21 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Wednesday 26 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 27 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 27 May	Canteen
Friday 28 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am