



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"For God has not given us spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind" 2 Timothy 1:7*

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Dear Community Members,

What a wild and wintry start to this week. The good news is that we did not suffer any damage in the deluge. We're especially thankful our new Kinder playground was not affected. I would like to thank the students for their continued positive behaviour during these unsettling times.

## **Sickness**

We have recently had many staff members away from school because of sickness. It has been extremely difficult to find suitable relief teachers to fill the classes. Several students have been attending school when they are sick and therefore sharing germs. I insist that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. We are in a global pandemic - it is extremely important that we keep on doing the right thing with our hygiene.

## **Tournament of Minds**

Five Grade 5 and 6 students have been busily preparing for the annual Tournament of Minds competition that will take place on Saturday 4 September at Ogilvie High School. Mr Egan has mentored these students who have given up some of their time after school to prepare. I congratulate Mia Cleary, Summer Butterworth, Tobiasz Kozlowski, Ava Baker, Isabella Smith and Leila Knuckey. We wish them all the best as they finalise their presentation.



## **Catholic Education Week Mass**

Last Thursday 12 August, seven students accompanied Mrs Therese Kelly and myself to St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate Mass with representatives from all southern Catholic Schools. I congratulate Oscar Ladd, Isabella Lethborg, Tobiasz Kozlowski, Oprah Nseka, Teya Desoza, Genevieve Holloway and Bella Scott on the way they represented the school. They are a credit to the school and their families.



## **Book Week - Tuesday 24 August - 9am**

We will be holding our annual Book Week Parade on Tuesday 24 August at 9am on the Astro Court. This is a fantastic day where students and staff dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes are presented for some students who dress up at the parade. I invite all parents to attend.

**Please note:** If the weather is inclement, the Parade will be moved to the Hall where it will only be for staff and students. Please pray that the weather is fine on this day.

## **Late Arrivals and Early Departures from Classrooms**

It is important that students are here for the start of the school day at 8.45am. The Prep to Grade 2 students participate in an important program called "Letters and Sounds" every day beginning at 9.00am. It is essential that all children are here for this vital writing, reading and spelling development.

It is also important that children do not regularly leave early. The afternoon sessions are often when the teachers timetable subjects such as Science, HASS, Art, etc. If children regularly leave early, it can harm their report marks in those subjects. In previous years students have missed out on vital learning in Science, with the teacher not having enough assessment pieces to award a grade.

## **2023 Enrolments for Grade 7 Sacred Heart College (current Grade 5 students)**

Applications for Grade 7 2023 are due by Friday 10 September 2021.

A place has been saved for those of you who are sending your child to Sacred Heart College, however, they still need the relevant paperwork submitted.

SHC enrolment forms are available on their website:

<https://www.shc.tas.edu.au/enrolment/how-to-enrol> or contact us if you'd like a hard copy sent home. After the form is completed, please return directly to Sacred Heart College.

If you are not sending your child to SHC then you will need to contact your school of choice directly to discuss enrolment - applications for other high schools also close on Friday 10 September.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Have a great couple of weeks.

God bless,

Mr Nick McGann  
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thursday 19 August	Grade 6 Strictly Ballroom Performance (GYC)
Thursday 19 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 19 August	Canteen
Friday 20 August	Grade 4 Festival of Bright Ideas
Friday 20 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Friday 20 August	Grade 5/6 Netball & Football
Tuesday 24 August	Book Week Celebration
Wednesday 25 August	Options
Wednesday 25 August	Hot Chocolate Fundraiser
Wednesday 25 August	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 26 August	Grades 2 & 6 Visit to St Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 26 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 26 August	Canteen
Friday 27 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am
Friday 27 August	Grade 5/6 Netball & Football
Tuesday 31 August	Whole School Photo / Leavers' Photo
Wednesday 1 September	Hot Chocolate Fundraiser
Friday 10 September	2023 Grade 7 Sacred Heart Enrolments Due

**Sacred Heart  
College**



# Twilight Tours

## Thursday 26 August

### 3:15pm - 5:15pm

We welcome you to take a closer look at our College, take a tour, visit classrooms and see all that Sacred Heart has to offer

- Enrolments for students wishing to commence Year 7 in 2023 are due by **Friday 10 September 2021**



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