

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength." 2 Timothy 4:17

Dear Community Members,

It is times like these I thank God that we live in Tasmania. The rest of Australia have had their lives disrupted because of Covid 19 lockdowns. I thank everyone for continuing to do the right thing by washing hands, sanitising, checking in, etc. We should all continue to pray that everyone in our community continues to be safe. I continue to enjoy seeing the children learn and the way they cooperate with the other students in our school. Let's also hope that our community will not be disrupted with lockdowns in the future.

Notables

I neglected to write about the excellent Notables Presentation in the last newsletter. The Notables was held on Thursday 24 June in the School Hall. Awesome students from Grade 3 to 6 presented a notable person. It was an excellent occasion with 24 children performing beautifully. A massive thank you goes to Mr Paul Egan for his mentoring of the students, the parents for helping their child with their work and most importantly the students themselves. Every single one of them presented their work brilliantly and uniquely.

I congratulate the following students:

Grade 6: Grade 5: Grade 4:

Evie Clifton Ava Baker Noah Harley-Hill Isabella Lethborg Isabella Smith Zalee Schlie

Tobiasz Kozlowski Ruby Clifford
Mia Cleary Toby Forrest Grade 3:

Imogen Rubenach Scarlett Henderson Klara Kozlowska Kiri MacDonald Ethan Fenton Jacob Luttrell

Danawit Mesfin

Lily Knight

Ollie Knuckey

Kidus Mesfin

Kidus Mesfin

Summer Butterworth

Ella Chick Zoe Priest



Friendship Monitors

Our Friendship Monitors will be up and running from Week 4 this term. I once again thank these students for offering to spend some of their own play time keeping an eye out for those in the playground who might need assistance. Also, once again thank you to Term 1 & 2 School Captains, Tobiasz Kozlowski and Ella Chick, for the idea.

(Owen Turner absent from photo)



Options

Our Options program has been a great success for students again this year. Last week, the Early Years classes had their third rotation of activities, with students engaging in a range of things from indoor hockey to the arts. Unfortunately, due to the weather, we postponed the Grade 3-6 options activities and rescheduled them for week 5, meaning Grade 3-6 will have activities in both weeks 5 and 6 this term.

GYC Students

This term GYC are again joining us for their annual Community Outreach program. This involves students from GYC joining us on Wednesday afternoons and assisting around the school. Last week they supported our Early Years Options program and Grade 5/6 Football and Netball training. In coming weeks, GYC students will enter our classrooms and assist with learning activities. We thank GYC for this support and their positive impact on our students.

Chapel Masses

It is great news that we are reintroducing Masses back to our Chapel. I would like to thank Father Leonard and Mrs Therese Kelly for their work in making this happen. Our Masses will be held every two to three weeks at 9am on Wednesday. We held our first Mass with Grade 4 in the Chapel last Wednesday 28 July.



Sacramental Initiative (pilot school)

Over the holidays Therese Kelly, Father Leonard and myself met to discuss a pilot program we are beginning in 2021. With permission from Archbishop Julian, we will be preparing the students (with support from the Parish) for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation at school. To launch the program we will be holding a Sacramental Presentation Day on Tuesday 7 September in our Hall. Mrs Kelly has been working hard with Father Leonard and the TCEO to prepare for this day which will include a visit from leaders from other Catholic schools also participating in the program.

On this day, the students will be actively involved in several presentations of different Sacraments. Our target audience is Grade 2 to Grade 6.

During Term 4 we will be beginning the program of Reconciliation.

Students make their Sacraments in the following years:

Grade 3 - Reconciliation

Grade 4 - Confirmation

Grade 5 - Eucharist

Grade 6 - we will endeavour for these students to receive all Sacraments before the end of the year.

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.



National Tree Planting Day

On Tuesday 3 August we celebrated National Tree Planting Day by planting some new trees and shrubs that were donated by Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT). Mrs Kate Jackson, Mrs Steph Melitsis and the Grade 3 class led the planting and were supported by members of the STT Team. All classes learnt about plants and sustainability, which ties in with our school focus in this area.



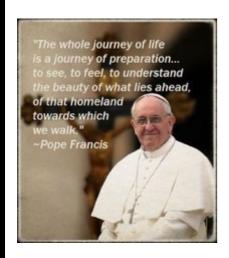
All Schools Cross Country

Further to the Cross Country information from previous newsletters, we wish to warmly congratulate Grade 3 students Jake Burt (11th), Jacob Morse (25th) and Kidus Mesfin (54th) who won bronze medals in the teams category at the All School Cross Country at Symmons Plains. An amazing effort in a race of over 250 students!

Have a great couple of weeks.

God bless,

Mr Nick McGann Principal





CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thursday 5 August	Prep St Mary's Cathedral Visit
Thursday 5 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 5 August	Canteen
Friday 6 August	Australian Maths Competition
Friday 6 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Friday 6 August	Grade 5/6 Netball & Football
Wednesday 11 August	Junior Joeys Visit to Josephite Centre
Wednesday 11 August	Assembly
Wednesday 11 August	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 12 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.30am
Thursday 12 August	Canteen
Friday 13 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am
Friday 13 August	Grade 5/6 Netball & Football
Wednesday 18 August	Options
Wednesday 18 August	Hot Chocolate Fundraiser
Wednesday 18 August	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Friday 10 September	2023 Grade 7 Sacred Heart Enrolments Due