



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."" (Luke 2: 10-11)

Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

Today we not only farewell the Grade 6 students, but we also say goodbye to 17 families as their youngest child leaves our fabulous school. I thank and farewell the following families:

Aemsaart, Butterworth, Cleary, Crawford, Datta, Davey, Fernandez-Fuentes, Ford, Graham, Mitchell, Pitt, Priest, Thomas, Triffett, Vinen, Williams and Zinnah.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a few parents who are leaving that have made a positive influence on our school over many years.

Thank you to Shannon and Andrew Thomas (Finn's parents). Shannon and Andrew have been actively involved with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School for eight years. Andrew was on the Board for 7 years and Shannon often organised several school discos and other events. I thank Shannon and Andrew for their wonderful leadership and support of our fabulous school.

Thank you to Angelika Koblenz (Ebony Pitt's mum) and Kellie and Jason Vinen (Meg Vinen's parents). All three have been instrumental in promoting and coaching school basketball teams over the years.

I thank Helen Glassick (Oliver Crawford's mum). Helen was a keen volunteer for our P&F when it was running. Helen has also provided wonderful assistance in our School Library, not just for this year, but over a number of years. She often takes home boxes of books to cover for our library.

I thank Claire Priest (Zoe's mum) and Victoria Zinnah (Sameria's mum) who donated many hours to help organise our school functions for many years. Claire and Victoria are people who do not like any fanfare but were fantastic helpers behind the scenes. Thank you to Claire and Victoria.

To the Grade 6 class

I feel very confident you are ready for high school because I know the very good work that Miss Pugsley, Mrs Kelly and the rest of the staff have been doing with you academically and socially to prepare you.

I offer all the grade 6's these words of wisdom:

- Be kind
- Be sincere
- Be honest
- Be positive
- Be forgiving

And finally:

- Be encouraging of others

In conclusion let me please thank each of you for the great life and leadership you have provided to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School community this year. You are a talented group of young people with a bright future ahead. I have been proud to know you for the past eight years.



Staff Farewell

At the end of 2021 we are sad to farewell the following staff members:

Miss Katie Pugsley (Grade 6 and Digital Technologies Co-ordinator) - Katie has accepted an ongoing teaching position at St Virgil's College Junior School. We thank Katie for her three wonderful years teaching Grade 6 and the enhancements she has made in the ICT/Technology areas of our school.

Mrs Donna Banks - Donna has taught Grade 4 every Friday throughout 2021. Donna has increased her teaching load at Corpus Christi Catholic School for 2022. I thank her for the calm and nurturing nature she showed the children.

Mr Jacob Wootton - Jacob is a Cadet teacher and worked in the Grade 6 classroom for 2021. Jacob will continue his study and cadetship at St Virgil's College in 2022. We wish Jacob good luck and happiness in the future.

Thank you

Board Members - I would like to thank the Advisory Board for the support that they have offered me this year. They worked tirelessly behind the scenes to offer advice and help in different areas.

Mr Robert Bilyk - Robert volunteers every Tuesday to assist in classrooms. We really appreciate his dedication and we love his commitment to this regular and consistent volunteering.

Staff - I thank all the staff for their great work during a very difficult year. We are extremely fortunate to have committed staff at our school. Their consistent and thorough approach in teaching and helping the students is a real blessing. I thank you for this!

Students of Immaculate Heart of Mary - I would like to thank all the students at our fabulous school. It has been a great pleasure to be your Principal for the past eight years. I continue to be impressed by the way you behave and achieve academic progress. I thank you for your welcoming and kind ways.

Thanksgiving and Leavers Mass

Last Wednesday we held our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Leavers Ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral. It was a beautiful event with all children participating at their best. All students should be very proud of their efforts. I would personally like to thank Father Jessie and Father Leonard. I would also like to thank Mrs Therese Kelly for the excellent job she did in preparing the Mass. She spent many personal hours in preparation, and it was a very prayerful and superb event. A brilliant way to finish the school year. I congratulate the following students who were presented with an award:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Award	-	Isabella Lethborg
St Mary MacKillop Award	-	Ella Chick
Spirit of Jesus Award	-	Imogen Rubenach
Academic Excellence Award	-	Tobiasz Kozlowski
Community Spirit Award	-	Summer Butterworth
Sporting Achievement Award	-	Ebony Pitt
Principal's Awards	-	Madeliene Hurd
	-	Meg Vinen
	-	Mia Cleary

2022 School Dates

Term One

Start: Friday 28 January 2022 (Teachers Commence)
Thursday 3 February 2022 (Students Commence)
Finish: Thursday 14 April 2022
Term 1 break includes Easter break from Fri 15 April – Tue 19 April and ANZAC Day

Term Two

Start: Monday 2 May 2022
Finish: Friday 8 July 2022

Term Three

Start: Monday 25 July 2022
Finish: Friday 30 September 2022

Term Four

Start: Monday 17 October 2022
Finish: Thursday 15 December 2022 (Students Finish)
Friday 16 December 2022 (Teachers Finish)

2022 Book and Uniform Days

Thursday 27 January (10am to 2pm) and Monday 31 January (2pm to 6pm)

In 2022 students will be receiving their books again through school on the above designated book days. The Uniform Shop will be open at the same time. All books will be in a pack for all students to purchase. The book collection will be in the Hall and the uniform sales will be in the Uniform Shop. Information has been posted on Compass.

It is compulsory that all students purchase the books from school. This saves the embarrassment for the children when school starts.

The preferred payment for books and uniform is by the QKR application on your smartphone or by EFTPOS.



Southern Tasmanian Basketball Championships

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th of November, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School participated in the Southern Tasmanian Primary Schools Basketball Tournament. This year we had a record nine teams enter. It was a full-on weekend with all teams competing brilliantly. I would like to thank Angelika Koblenz, Kellie Vinen, Nathan Kingston, Adam Forrest, Josh Harley-Hill, Matthew Speed, Lucas Fleischman, Haig Kingston, Julian Gill and Adrian Munston for donating their time to coach the teams.

We were very fortunate to come back to school with three shields. A massive congratulations to the Gr 5/6 Girls - Division 2 for winning their division and for Grade 5/6 Boys - Division 2 and Grade 3/4 Girls - Division 3 for being the runner-ups for their divisions. A brilliant effort by these three teams.



Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers for leadership positions in 2022:

Term 1 & 2 School Captain:

Ava Baker

Term 1 & 2 School Vice-Captain:

Christina Millar

House Captains

Dillon

Leila Knuckey
Isabella Smith

Young

Lilli Thompson
Toby Forrest

Donohue

Scarlett Henderson
Khobe Speed

I wish everyone a very safe and holy Christmas and I look forward to hearing all the fabulous things that will happen in 2022.

God's Blessing on each of you.

Mr Nick McGann
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 27 January 2022	Book and Uniform Day (10am - 2pm)
Monday 31 January 2022	Book and Uniform Day (2pm - 6pm)
Thursday 3 February 2022	First day of Term 1 2022

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."
POPE FRANCIS



Join our After School Soccer Program next term! **Prep to six welcome!**



What is it? A weekly after school soccer program run on the school ground, focussed on development and fun!

How to enrol? Enrolment is done in person or through our website - strikesoccerschool.com



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IMMACULATE HEART AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM IS HERE NEXT TERM!

To enrol in our weekly, one hour soccer program please see our website or see us at our first session on 14/02/22 - strikesoccerschool.com

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