



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

The beginning of any school year is special, and this is certainly true for 2022. I am grateful for the warm welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School over the past few weeks, filled with hope and optimism that 2022 will be a fulfilling, rich and rewarding year.

The school has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks as all staff prepared for the smooth transition into learning this year. I would like to extend a thank you for their dedication and commitment to ensuring such a successful start to the year. It was certainly wonderful to walk around on the first day and see smiling students, friendships renewed and children well prepared to learn and grow.

COVID-19

Returning to school for 2022, we continue to face the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular the Omicron variant. No doubt, many of our families have been impacted by COVID-19 over the summer holiday period and continue to be impacted today. Understandably this is a challenging situation for all of us, as we continue to change and adapt to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, the following protocols and procedures are in place:

Cold/Flu Symptoms

All students and staff must stay home if they have cold/flu or COVID-19 symptoms. If students and staff have tested negative (via RAT) and are no longer displaying symptoms, they are welcome to return to school.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result

- If the test returns a positive result, then your child must isolate at home.
- The required isolation period is 7 days, where the day on which your child tested positive is counted as day zero.
- You must register your child's positive result on the coronavirus.tas.gov.au site by completing the 'Register your RAT result' form.
- Please inform the school office that your child is isolating at home for 7 days.
- If you need help with caring for your child during their isolation, please call the COVID@home care team on 1800 973 363 or your family doctor.
- Online learning will be available for your child during home isolation.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Site-Specific Information

- Parents may accompany their child into the school grounds, but we encourage you to maintain 1.5m distance between adults and where practical, kiss and drop your child outside their classroom.
- For the first few weeks of Term, we will not be gathering as a whole school and will look at alternatives to do this. We are also taking full advantage of our outdoor spaces for learning opportunities during the day.
- Nurturing Hearts - our aim is to commence in week 6 of this Term.
- We encourage families to please limit their visitation to the front office. Any messages can be received via a phone call (03) 6228 3335 or email: ihms@catholic.tas.edu.au

All **COVID-19 Updates** will be provided via Compass.

Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome all of our new Kindergarten students, new students in other grades and new staff members to our school. We hope each one of you settles in quickly and you soon come to know Immaculate Heart of Mary as a happy place to be and to belong. Our prayers are with you and your family as you continue to move through this important time of transition.

Kindergarten students -

Hamish Anderson
Euphemia Bromley
Tadhg Chivers
Poppy Clarke-White
Elodie Clifford
Ellie Courtenay
Georgia Davis
Eva Dearing
Daisy French
Sebastian Fuentes

Philadelphia Hayes
Henry Holloway
Lachy Jones
Edison Leggett
Shae Longhi
Finn Lovell
Mack Marsh
George Melitsis
Xavier O'Connor
Hamish Palfrey

Harlee Parremore
Layla Peck
Enzo Piemontese
Primrose Quinn
Sonny Robinson
Elliot Ryan
Sovik Singh
Roscoe Sutton
Akhberet Tessema



Prep - Grade 6 new students -

Bella Richardson
Oliver Richardson
Berekhet Tessema
Riaan Fernando
Raveen Fernando
Apisai Clarke-White

New staff members -

Sandy Clark
(HPE)

Jesse Romeo
(Grade 4 Teacher)

Cristy Mahoney
(Primary Co-ordinator
/ Grade 3 Teacher)

Stella Lambert
(AFL Sportsready
Trainee)



Parking in McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue

Please obey the road rules in all areas around our school. If you collect your children from McCann Crescent, Edge Avenue or Pottery Road please take note of the street signs. There are clearly marked yellow lines and No Parking and Bus Zone signs that we all need to be aware of. These signs are positioned to help with the flow of traffic and safety of our children. We thank the families who already adhere to school safety requirements.

Uniform – Policy

This year the Uniform Policy will again be fully enforced.

For Grade 3 to 6 students PE uniform is only worn on PE days (Thursday for the whole school) and every Wednesday with their Buddy shirt (House colour shirt). All other days, students are required to wear their formal uniform. Our Uniform Store is open every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Orders can either be made over the counter or by using our QKR App. All of our uniform items are listed on our website (ihms.tas.edu.au).

A summary of the Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter.

Uniform Days for Grade 3 to 6

Monday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 - 6)

Tuesday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 - 6)

Wednesday - Sport Uniform with Buddy Shirt

Thursday - Sport Uniform - PE shirt

Friday - Formal Uniform (Grade 3 - 6)

Nurturing Hearts - Birth to 5 Program - Fridays (Pre-Prep students)

Nurturing Hearts will be returning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in 2022. With the safe return to school, we are looking to commence in Week 6.

The program offers an encouraging and nurturing environment for parents and carers to actively participate with their children in learning opportunities. A variety of play-based educational activities will be available to support you and your child's learning and curiosity in all areas of development.

The program will be run in our Kinder room, from 9am until 10.30am on Friday mornings during term time.

Specialist Days

In 2022 the specialist subjects will be taught on the following days:

Monday	-	Auslan	-	Mrs Courtney Mayne
Tuesday	-	Drama	-	Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
		Art	-	Mrs Enrica Graham
Wednesday	-	Music/Drama (Kinder & Prep)	-	Mrs Stephanie Melitsis
		(Buddy Uniform Wednesdays	-	House coloured shirt)
Thursday	-	Physical Education	-	Mr Sandy Clark + Miss Stella Lambert
	-	STEM	-	Mrs Trudi Merkel
	-	Music	-	Mrs Stephanie Melitsis

Working with Vulnerable People Check

A gentle reminder that all parents who volunteer for parent help, coach a sports team, or are a Board member are required by Tasmanian legislation to have a "Working with Children Check". Parents and visitors who do not have this check will not be allowed to participate in child related activities (e.g. go on excursion, work in the classrooms, etc.). The cost is \$19.80 for a three-year registration. The website for more information is:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

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

Grievance Policy

As the year begins, I remind all parents that if you have a grievance with someone in the community, we will follow the Tasmanian Catholic Education Grievance policy (attached).
https://ihms.tas.edu.au/files/4915/7540/9116/School_Grievance.pdf

And so, as we begin this year together, let us experience the joy of a new start and feel faith and courage that we are working in partnership together as a community - people who agree to grow together to support the needs of our students.

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Acting Principal



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)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Summary

For full requirements, refer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Uniform Policy available at <https://hms.tas.edu.au/>.

* Items marked with an asterix are required to be purchased through the school uniform shop.

Girls Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt or skirt *
- Short sleeved blouse with logo *
- Navy blue socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Tartan skirt (preferred) or na skirt or na tartan trousers (trousers available at Sacred Heart Uniform shop only)
- Long sleeved white blouse
- Bow tie *
- Navy blue stockings
- Black leather shoes

Sports Uniform – Kindergarten to Year 6

- Polar fleece jacket or soft shell jacket *
- Shorts *
- Polo top (short or long sleeved) *
- White socks
- House top to be worn on Buddy Days and Sports Carnivals *
- Sports shoes (colour sympathetic to school uniform)
- Bucket hat (required Terms 1 & 4) *

Sports uniform to be worn on PE Days, Buddy Days & Sports Carnivals.
Kindergarten to Year 2 required to wear sports uniform on all days.

Boys Formal Uniform – Year 3 to Year 6

Summer Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey shorts
- Short sleeved shirt with logo *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length)
- Black leather shoes
- Bucket hat *

Winter Uniform

- Soft shell jacket *
- Grey trousers
- Long sleeved white shirt *
- Grey socks (mid-calf length) *
- Black leather shoes

Required non-clothing uniform items

- Medium & large school bags *
- Library bag *
- Art smock *

Optional uniform items

- Beanie with logo *
- Winter coat *
- Navy blue scarf
- Navy blue gloves
- Soccer uniform *
- School Swimming cap (STCPSSA Swimming team only) *