



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Connection

*The energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard and valued, when they can give and receive without judgement, and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.*

**Brene Brown**

Dear Parents & Carers

A wonderful aspect of working in a primary school is watching a year group learn and grow from Kinder to Grade 6. Last Wednesday, Grade 5 and Grade 6 students gathered to celebrate our Welcome Mass for the new school year. A pivotal moment during Mass was the presentation of our 2022 Student Leaders, who bravely made the following pledge to lead from within:

**As Student Leaders of  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School,  
we commit ourselves to God, to our families, to our friends and to our school.  
We offer our hands, in friendship and support, to the whole school.  
We are ready and willing to work hard,  
to be involved and to help make  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School,  
a happy and safe community.**



Whilst I have only seen our Grade 6 students in action for a couple of weeks, it is obvious from the way they meet, greet and treat others, that they are connected!

### **Sacramental Programme**

In an exciting new initiative, this year the Cathedral Parish is working in partnership with parents and schools to develop pathways for students to prepare for the Sacraments at school. Many thanks to our Religious Education Co-ordinator, Mrs Therese Kelly, for developing a hands-on approach to support the faith formation and sacramental life of our students.

Please keep our candidates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Maddie Jackman



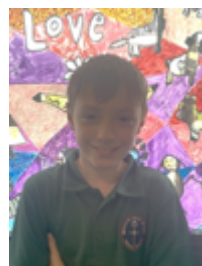
Patrick Morse



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Alice Gill



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Toby Forrest



Molly McCarthy



Peter Nseka



James Sewell



Ella Fewkes



Raf Fuentes



Mia Davies



Rosalinda Fuentes



## Focus on Learning

In 2022, we are taking the next steps as a Professional Learning Community (PLC).

To be a PLC means that our teachers work in collaborative teams, to engage in collective inquiry and action research. Currently as a PLC, our teaching teams are immersed in action research to support enhanced “**feedback**” for our learners. The research is clear: improving **feedback practices** can significantly improve student learning and the quality of teaching in classrooms. Effective feedback practices provide the bridge between assessment and learning.

Whilst feedback is specific and targeted to the learner, making feedback ‘**visible**’ to parents/carers encourages engagement in the learning process and connects home and school.

In order to achieve this at IHoMS, this year, **ongoing feedback** will be provided online via the seesaw platform. This is part of the learning process - **purposeful and student centred**.

In alignment with Catholic Education Tasmania Feedback and Reporting Guidelines, regular online feedback will replace subject specific comments in Mid-Year Reports. More detailed information will be communicated over the next week.

### Parent / Teacher Conversations

On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March, we will be providing the opportunity for Parent/Teacher Conversations. These conversations provide an opportunity for families to meet with teachers to develop a shared understanding of where your child is, successes and areas for growth as well as develop an understanding of the connections between home and school life. Bookings are now available on Compass. We are able to have these meetings on site face to face, as well as providing the Zoom option for those people that are unable to come in.

### Learn to Swim and Swimming Carnivals

Our learn to swim program for Prep to Grade 6 will be held **Tuesday 15th March to Friday 25th March** at YMCA Clarence Aquatic Centre. Students will travel to and from the pool by bus and follow the timetable below.

9:30 - 10:00	Prep
10:10 - 10:55	Grade 1 & 2
11:05 - 11:50	Grade 3 & 4
12:00 - 12:45	Grade 5 & 6

The Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held at the YMCA Clarence Aquatic Centre on **Thursday 10th March**. This is a change of date from what has been communicated previously, due to an unforeseen clash on their end. Due to pool capacity limits, we are unable to have family members attend the Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival.

The STCPSSA Interschool swimming carnival will be held on **Friday 25th March**. Further details around venue and spectators will be communicated in due course, once the association has met next week. It is unlikely that spectators will be able to attend.

## Ongoing, Online Feedback





### 1.) WHY ONLINE FEEDBACK?

Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on learning and achievement. (Hattie, 2007)



### 2.) OUR AIM

We are aiming to strengthen our partnership with parents and the learning of our students by providing feedback that is relevant, timely and meaningful.



### 3.) WHAT TO EXPECT?

Throughout each school term, you will see a posts in Seesaw containing a sample of student work and feedback aimed at the student



### 4.) FEEDBACK STRUCTURE

Our ongoing feedback will be based around 3 questions:

- Where am I going?
- How am I going?
- Where to next?



### 5.) REPORTING

The format of formal reports will remain similar, but ongoing feedback will replace the subject comments. General comments will remain.



### 6.) FURTHER INFORMATION

For information on accessing Seesaw or to ask any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or email the office on [ihmsecatholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:ihmsecatholic.tas.edu.au)

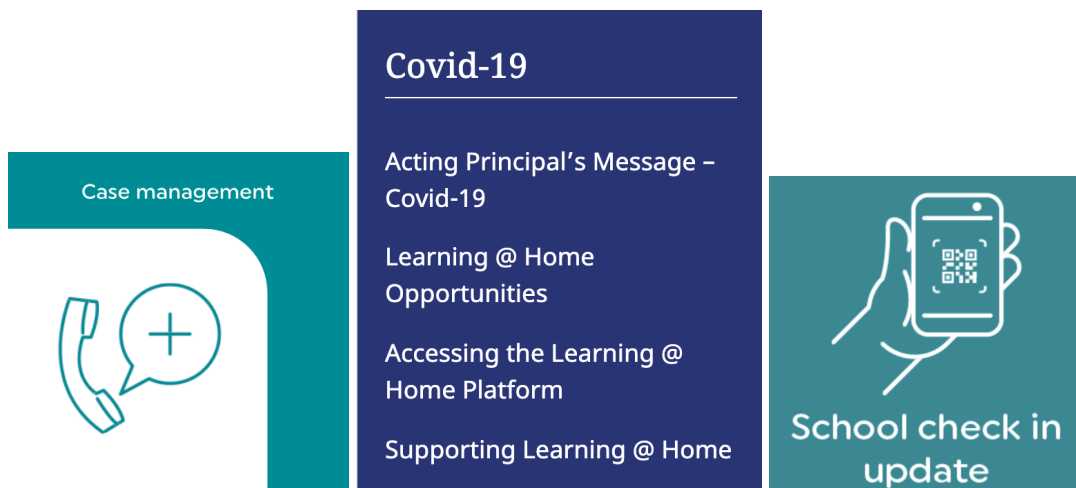


## COVID-19 Update

Thank you to everyone for the combined efforts from all corners of the IHoMS Community to ensure safety and wellbeing. Since our return to school, we have had several students/staff test positive, whilst others in our community have been subject to home isolation. We continue to change and adapt to public health guidelines.

### IHoMS COVID-19 Website Link

To support families at home, we now have a COVID-19 page on our website. This provides students at home access to learning opportunities, and advice and support for parents/carers.



### Check in Tas App

Thank you for your support with checking in at Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is no longer a requirement to use the Check in TAS app.

### Case management

When a member of a particular class tests positive for COVID-19 that person (a confirmed case) is required to isolate at home. When we become aware of the confirmed case we will contact the parents / carers of the other students in the class to inform them of the situation and to request that they monitor their children for symptoms. If the child is symptom free they can continue to attend school.

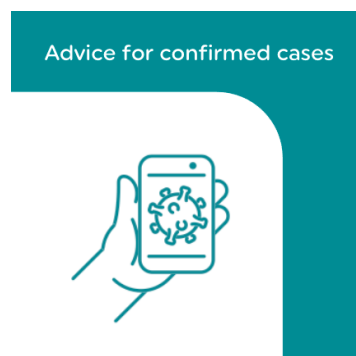
Should the number of confirmed cases in a class reach five over a seven-day period we will notify Public Health of the situation. We will also contact the parents / carers of the other students in the class and request that they test their child using rapid antigen tests (that we will supply) on the day of us making contact with them, then again two days later, followed by a third test three days after the second test. The classmates of the confirmed case can continue to attend school provided they return negative test results and are symptom free.

Should we have three or more classes over a seven-day period with five or more confirmed cases in them we will notify Public Health. We will also apply the three tests per classmate approach described above in the classes with five or more confirmed cases. In addition to this we will liaise with Public Health regarding any required additional testing. Additional testing requirements will be communicated to parents / carers and the necessary rapid antigen tests will be supplied. Children who participate in additional testing, and who test negative and are symptom free, can continue to attend school.

### Advice for confirmed cases

Should your child test positive for COVID-19 using a rapid antigen test:

- They must not come to school.
- You must register the result with Public Health using their [online declaration form](#) or phone the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.
- Your child must isolate from other persons including family members for a minimum of seven days. If your child still has symptoms on day seven then they must continue their isolation for a further three days.
- Family members living in the same house are deemed to be close contacts.



- Close contacts need to quarantine for seven days and to maintain isolation integrity between themselves and the confirmed case.
- The seven days of isolation starts the day after your child tested positive. The seven days of quarantine for close contacts starts on the same day as the isolation period provided there has been no close contact between the confirmed case and other family members after receipt of the positive test result. If the confirmed case and other family members can maintain isolation integrity for the seven days of isolation then quarantine will also end when isolation ends.
- Having completed isolation, should your child come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in the four weeks following completion of isolation and your child is not immunocompromised or symptomatic, they will not need to quarantine or isolate.

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly  
Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Wednesday 2nd March	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Wednesday 2nd March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 2nd March	Canteen Sushi orders due on QKR by 5.30pm
Thursday 3rd March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8am
Thursday 3rd March	Canteen Day
Tuesday 8th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 9th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 9th March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 9th March	Canteen Sushi orders due on QKR by 5.30pm <b>Kinder - G2 only this week</b>
Thursday 10th March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8am <b>Kinder - G2 only this week</b>
Thursday 10th March	<b>Canteen Day - Kinder - G2 only</b>
Thursday 10th March	Swimming Carnival G3 - G6
Friday 11th March	Grade 5 Mass in Chapel
<b>Monday 14th March</b>	<b>Eight Hour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>
Tuesday 15th March - Friday 25th March	Learn to Swim Program