

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

23 Mar 2022



Harmony Week "Everyone Belongs"



Harmony Week is all about celebrating the amazing cultures that make up our country. Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world – from the oldest continuous culture of our First Australians to the 49% of Australians who were born overseas or have a parent who was.

Here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, our cultural diversity is embraced and brings with it a whole host of traditions, religions, languages and experiences. Our diversity is our strength - connecting our priority of love, hope, connectedness, inclusivity and justice.

Congratulations to the Desoza family - Shakir, Narmin, Teya, Tara, Roz & Raphael, who celebrated their Australian Citizenship on Monday. We are blessed to have you in our community.



Baptism

Today, Mia Davies and Molly McCarthy from Grade 5 were welcomed into the Catholic Church with the Sacrament of Baptism. Surrounded and supported their families and friends, this was a beautiful service. Both Mia and Molly will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our sacramental candidates in the coming weeks. Congratulations Mia & Molly.



New Staff

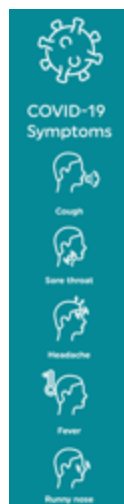
We have welcomed several new staff members to Immaculate Heart over the past fortnight.

Miss Georgie Curtin - Georgie is joining the Grade 5 and Grade 6 Teaching Team for the remainder of 2022.

Miss Meg Williams - Meg is working as a Teacher Assistant supporting literacy and numeracy priorities in Grade 1 and Grade 2.

Mr Nick Bealey - Nick is working as a Teacher Assistant to support learning in Grades 5 and 6.

COVID-19 Update



Thank you to everyone for the combined efforts from all corners of the IHOMS community to ensure safety and wellbeing.

It has been a challenging fortnight for our students, staff and families. Having 5+ positive COVID cases in three classes (Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4) necessitated the need for a school testing sweep yesterday. I can't thank you enough for your vigilance in reading our communication and taking the necessary precautions and testing regimes.

It was predicted at the commencement of the school year, that around weeks 6/7 would be a peak period for schools. This is certainly the case at Immaculate Heart.

Cyber Safety

Teaching students to be **safe**, **respectful** and **responsible** online goes hand in hand with learning. We encourage a working partnership between parents and school to ensure students are safe and treat others with the same respect as they would offline. At our end, IT Student User Agreements and an explicit teaching focus are in place to support students do the right thing and stay safe.

A few concerns have been raised with me regarding some apps students have on their own devices which are restricted to 13+years. For example, TikTok has videos that may contain explicit language and sexual imagery which are not appropriate for your child to view. I encourage all of us to keep on top of what our kids are seeing and doing on their devices. As a parent of two teenage girls, I don't pretend this is easy - I know how difficult conversations are with our children and screening devices at home can feel a little uncomfortable.

The "Think You Know" website is run by the Australian Federal Police and includes information for children and parents. It can be followed on Facebook as a short, but informative way to keep aware of Cyber Safety issues. Further details can be found at: www.thinkuknow.org.au.

Alternatively, further parent information can be found at The Office of Children's eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

Swimming Carnival

We can now confirm that our Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 13th May** at the Clarence Pool.

STCSSPA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Immaculate Heart of Mary School at the STCSSPA Swimming Carnival this Friday. Many of our students who were selected are now unable to attend due to testing positive or being a close contact. Whilst this is unavoidable, your selection is a huge achievement, and we can't wait to see you all in the pool at our school carnival in May. All the best to our team who will complete on Friday.

GRADE 6 BOYS	GRADE 6 GIRLS	GRADE 5 BOYS	GRADE 5 GIRLS	GRADE 4 BOYS	GRADE 4 GIRLS	GRADE 3 BOYS	GRADE 3 GIRLS
BRYCE COOPER	AVA BAKER	ELLIOT LETHBORG	PHOEBE SEWELL	CHARLIE MCGUINNESS	CHELSEA BOWERMAN	ZIKOLAS SCHLIE	ZOE MATHYSSEN
ETHAN FENTON	LILY KNIGHT	NOAH HARLEY-HILL	LULU OXLEY	THOMAS CLIFFORD		JAMES SEWELL	BETHANY HARLEY-HILL
PAXTON KOOISTRA	LEILA KNUCKEY	ANUP KHATIWADA	ADELE DOBSON	KIDUS MESFIN		RONAN HENDERSON	AMELIE FRENCH
JACOB HADOLT	SCARLETT HENDERSON	JACOB LUTTRELL	ZALEE SCHLIE	OLLIE KNUCKEY			ALICE GILL
RYAN GRYGIEL	LILLI THOMPSON		HAYLEY RUBENACH	CHARLIE KNIGHT			
	CHLOE FRENCH			JAKE BURT			

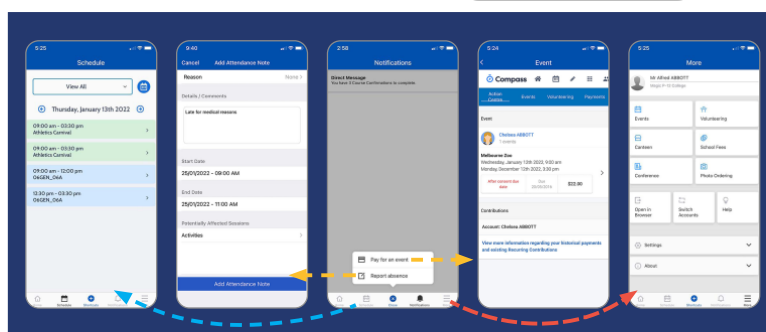
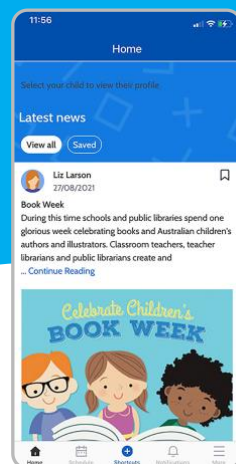
Compass Update

The latest update to the Parent App is here!

Here's a short guide on what you can expect from your new Navigation Bar.



Our team has been working on enhancing the usability and overall user experience of Compass. In an effort to make your lives just that tiny bit easier, the latest update is for you - our Parent & Carer community! Check out the new features below.



The hamburger icon that brought you to the old vertical menu has been replaced with a new horizontal navigation bar that displays key icons across the bottom of the screen - **Home**, **Schedule**, **Attendance Notes**, **Shortcuts**, **Notifications** and **More**.

The 'Shortcuts' button on the navigation bar is a new feature to give you quicker access to important actions, such as 'pay for an event' or 'report absence'. A direct route to get where you need to be!

The 'More' button on the navigation bar will take you to a similar menu as the old one. Modules will now be sorted according to which ones you use the most, allowing for a more straightforward navigation.



Nurturing Hearts Birth - 4 Program: Friday 9.00am - 10.30am

The return of Nurturing Hearts last week was a huge success, with new and familiar faces exploring "larger and smaller" last Friday. As part of our COVID Safety Plan, we are asking interested families to please register their interest. This is simply to ensure we do not exceed number restrictions in our Kindergarten space.

Nurturing Hearts Expression of Interest: 25th March





Kinder 2023

Enrolments for Kindergarten are now open. A reminder to existing families that if your child will be in Kindergarten 2023 you have a guaranteed place, however, an enrolment form still should be completed and returned to the office before the end of this term.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight.

Rachel Kelly

Acting Principal



**ENROLMENTS
FOR
KINDERGARTEN
IN 2023 ARE
NOW OPEN!**

IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN 2018,
WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME THEM
INTO OUR KINDERGARTEN IN 2023.

Please visit our School Office to collect an Enrolment Pack, or call 6228 3335 to arrange a guided tour.
Applications close Friday 6th May 2022.

Calendar of Events	
Thursday 24 - Friday 25 March	Learn 2 Swim (last days)
Thursday 24 March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.00am
Thursday 24 March	Canteen Day
Friday 25 March	STCPSSA Gr 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Friday 25 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Wednesday 30 March	Assembly 1:45pm
Wednesday 30 March	Sacrament of First Reconciliation 6.00pm
Wednesday 30 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 30 March	Canteen Sushi orders due on QKR by 5.30pm
Thursday 31 March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 8.00am
Thursday 31 March	Canteen Day
Friday 1 April	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am