

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

25 May 2022



Be Brave. Make Change.



Tomorrow we will observe National Sorry Day. This is an important date for our school and our nation, as we acknowledge the hardships placed on The Stolen Generations. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians - as individuals, families, communities, organisations and, importantly, as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Reconciliation Australia states that, "National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation".

At Immaculate Heart, we are proud to honour and to pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Thank you to Mrs Kate Jackson, for your passion about sharing the knowledge of the histories, cultures and struggles of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and for providing rich and real pathways to support our learning, understandings and actions.

Within our learning platforms, we aim to connect prior knowledge of First Nations histories, perspectives and culture with meaningful, topical, and current events and happenings in our communities. We encourage conversations and plan activities about the experiences of Australia's First Nations people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures is one of the Australian Curriculum's priorities which we embed across all learning areas. We encourage everyone in our school community to reflect on how we can contribute to the healing process for our nation.



National Simultaneous Storytime

"It started with a seed and that seed was me.
And over time laughter filled my garden ..."



Today our Assembly was a little different, as we gathered as a community to participate in National Simultaneous Story Time - with our newly badged Library Monitors reading "Family Tree" by Josh Pyke. National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). It aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

Many thanks to Mrs Jane Kirk for organising this opportunity and sowing the seeds with our students to nurture a love of reading.



Swimming Carnival

On Friday 13th May we held our postponed Swimming Carnival. A fabulous day was had by all with a focus on participation for EVERY student. The first swimming carnival for our Grade 3 students - who shone with their enthusiasm, growth mindset and spirit. It certainly was an opportunity for our students to connect, show support for others, and encourage all to have a go despite any nervousness.

Congratulations to our winning House – Dillion! Please find our gallery [here](#).

A huge thanks to Mr Clark and our staff for the organisation and running of this event. We look forward to having parents poolside again in 2023.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Emma Coad (teacher) & her husband Damien, with the birth of their third child, Elsie. A little sister for Eli & Henry.

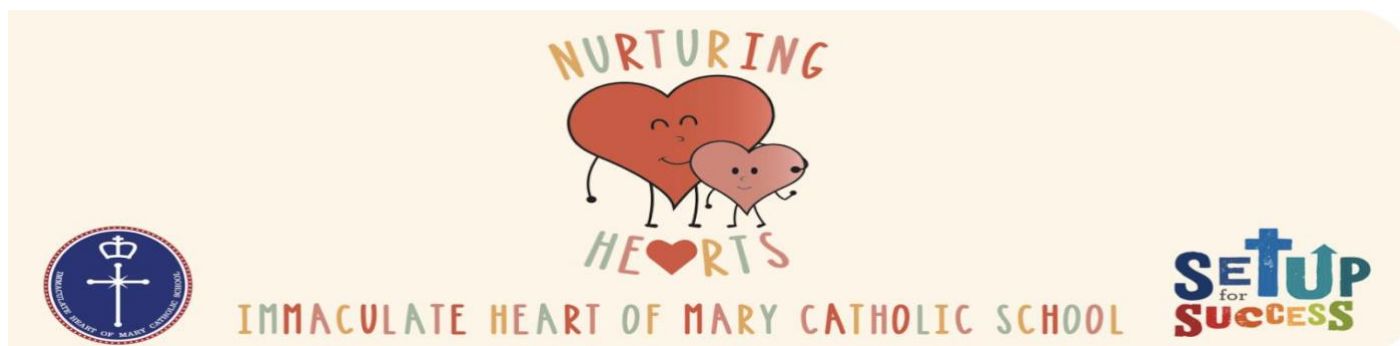
Breakfast Club

Yesterday we commenced a six-week trial of a **Breakfast Club** (Tuesday and Wednesday). At this stage, toast with a few different spreads will be served.

Many thanks to Mr Don Ryan, Mr Jackson Cracknell and Mrs Jane Kirk.

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

It was a busy, bug-gy morning at Nurturing Hearts on Friday, exploring the classic story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Come along and join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall every Friday morning - they'd love to see you!



Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 16th June at John Turnbull Oval. Details will be provided via Compass in the next week or so. We can't wait to have our families join us for this event.

COVID Update

In line with Public Health relaxation of several COVID-19 management measures, we are no longer subject to density restrictions for school events.

From here on, parents and carers can now attend school gatherings. We will continue to live-stream our assemblies and some other events. It has been a long time coming.

COVID Symptoms

If symptomatic, please stay home from school and get tested.

Close Contacts

Household close contacts of a confirmed case are no longer required to quarantine at home.

For a close contact to leave home they must:

- not be symptomatic (must remain at home if they are);
- return a negative test each day before leaving home for the 7 days following their last contact with the confirmed case;
- primary students deemed to be a household close contact do not need to wear face masks at school; and
- adult close contacts must wear a face mask in all indoor settings when outside the home.

Please notify school if your child is a close contact.

Face Masks

- Staff/parents & carers are required to wear masks indoors; and
- It is optional for students to wear a face mask.

Notification of Positive Cases

- Please notify the school if your child is COVID positive or a close contact.

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

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 25 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 26 May	Canteen Day
Friday 27 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Wednesday 1 June	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 1 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 1 June	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wednesday 1 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 1 June	Family photo orders due by 4.30pm
Thursday 2 June	School Photos Day
Thursday 2 June	Canteen Day
Friday 3 June	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am