

# NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

11 May 2022



"He didn't realise that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark."  
(J K Rowling - Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone)



Our Mother's Day Breakfast last Wednesday was a wonderful occasion, lots of talking, laughing, smiles and tears - a community connecting. No words can express how amazing Mothers, Grandmothers and Special People are, so please enjoy the [gallery of photos](#) of love and gratitude in action at Immaculate Heart.

## Welcome

This term we warmly welcome new two new staff members to Immaculate Heart:

Miss Katrina Hawkins. Katrina will be teaching Grade 2 (Mon-Thurs) and Grade 3 (Friday) for the remainder of 2022.

Mrs Maree McQueen will be working as our WHS Officer every second Wednesday.

We also welcome new students:

- The Kenyi Family, Angela (Kinder), Julian (Grade 2) and Mercy (Grade 5)
- Lachlan Stringer (Grade 4)
- Jorja Porthouse (returning from QLD) to Grade 5

To all new members of our community, our prayers, thoughts and support are with you as you transition into our school community.

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## ANZAC Day – Lest We Forget

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On Monday 25th April, many of us gathered at the Lenah Valley Anzac Day Service, joining thousands of others across Australia and New Zealand to remember the spirit of the ANZAC's.

Many thanks to our School Captains, Ava & Christina, for laying a wreath on behalf of Immaculate Heart, and to all students for representing our school.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
Lest we forget.*



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## IHoMS Soccer Teams

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Over 50 students are registered to play in the Central Region Junior Soccer Association competition from Prep - Grade 6 which commences this Saturday (after the ground closures last week). Many thanks to Mrs Jane Sargent for all the administrative work to make this happen, and to our parents and volunteers who are coaching and managing teams. Teamwork makes the dream work - have a great season everyone!

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## Reducing our Impact

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This term, we are focusing on reducing our waste at school. It is fair to say, that we have too much litter creeping into the playground, much of this is plastic wrapping. Last week, Mr Cracknell and I had a chat with our Grade 6 School Leaders, to find out a little more about why our current approach is not working and to develop solutions moving forward.

To help support our shared understandings and reduce our impact, this term, we are asking students to take most plastic packaging home in their lunchboxes (messy items - e.g. yoghurt tubs etc will be recycled at school). Our new canteen service uses biodegradable products as much as possible too. We are also looking at removing wheelie bins from the playground and replace these with a recycling station.

Watch this space ...

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## COVID UPDATE

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There are changes to close contact arrangements, notification of positive cases and testing requirements, in essence we are moving from outbreak management to a symptoms base model.

### 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
- 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 will still be required to wear masks indoors / parents are asked to wear masks indoors at school.
- 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
- Notification of positive cases will no longer be sent via Compass to respective class groups
- No sweep tests will be conducted (i.e. class outbreaks will not be testing)

Thank you to everyone for the combined efforts from all corners of the IHoMS community to ensure safety and wellbeing as we move into the next phase of COVID management in our context.

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly  
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 11 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 12 May	Canteen Day
Friday 13 May	Grade 3 -6 Swimming Carnival
Friday 13 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Wednesday 18 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 18 May	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 19 May	Canteen Day