

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

8 June 2022



Connect Respect Discover



Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church". Pentecost is the day on which the church started; the birthday of the church!



We pray for the following students, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Mia Davies
Ella Fewkes
Toby Forrest
Rafael Fuentes
Henry Fulton
Molly McCarthy
Jacob Morse
Samuel Pelham

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.*

Bush School at Immaculate Heart of Mary

According to recent research, "one in ten Aussie kids play outside once a week or less. We have become a nation of indoors, not outdoors" (From Climbing Trees: Getting Aussie Kids Back Outside). Our children play in very safe playgrounds or are involved in structured, organised sports and training events. More and more children spend time inside on devices such as computers, iPads and gaming consoles.

Our vision for Bush School is to give our students opportunities to connect with our natural environment, the local community and learn about our local indigenous cultural history. Bush School is a 'wilder' environment where risk and challenge is part of the experience. Children will be supported to build resilience, problem solving skills, teamwork, risk-taking and a sense of wonder.



There is a growing body of research, which strongly indicates that the benefits of active outdoor play are profound. Children with significant time outside had greater development in concentration, play, creativity, physical development and social skills. From an environmental perspective, children who learn outdoors develop a deeper understanding of conservation and environmental issues.

Many thanks to our staff for making this vision come to life at Immaculate Heart in 2022. Rain, hail or shine, Bush School is providing our students an opportunity to connect, respect and discover!



Breakfast Club Trial

Our Breakfast Club, operating every Tuesday and Wednesday before school, has been an outstanding success. Many thanks to those parents who have contacted the school to offer support with donations and for your positive feedback.

Cross Country Carnival - All Are Welcome!

Our Kinder - Grade 6 Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 16th June at John Turnbull Oval. All parents and carers are welcome to join us. Fingers crossed we have a perfect winter's day. Please refer to the start times below:

Race Starting Times	Grade
12.30pm	Grade 6
12.45pm	Grade 2
1.00pm	Grade 1
1.15pm	Prep
1.30pm	Grade 3
1.45pm	Grade 4
2.00pm	Grade 5

Online Feedback and Mid-Year Reports

This year we have commenced the rollout of Online Feedback as a means of further strengthening student learning and achievement. "...improving feedback practices can significantly improve student learning and the quality of teaching in classrooms." (AITSL, 2018)


This change makes learning and assessment visible with individual, student-centred pieces of feedback posted on the students' Seesaw profile. This is a Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) initiative that all Catholic primary schools are implementing over the next two years.


The aim of the Online Feedback implementation is to add formality to the feedback students receive in classrooms. Family engagement in student learning is shown to positively impact academic growth and wider student achievement.

Mid-Year Reports will be distributed in Week 9 of Term 2. In line with Catholic Education Tasmania (CET), Online Feedback for core learning areas will replace subject-based comments.

More detail regarding Mid-Year Reports will be distributed on Compass in the coming fortnight.

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 the learning of our students and the partnership with parents by providing feedback that is relevant, timely and meaningful.






3.) WHAT TO EXPECT?


Throughout each school term, you will see 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



Staff Update

It is with mixed emotions we advise that Mrs Louise Brennan has tendered her resignation to pursue a business opportunity outside of education. On behalf of the staff and students of Immaculate Heart, I would like to thank and acknowledge Louise for her many and varied contributions to our school community over the past five years. Louise has worked from Kinder to Grade 4. Her student-centred approach and capacity to support our students will be missed. Louise, we wish you every success and blessing for the future.



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

Come along and join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall every Friday morning - they'd love to see you!



COVID UPDATE

In line with Public Health and the relaxation of several COVID-19 management measures, we are no longer subject to density restrictions for school events. Parents and carers can now attend school gatherings. We will continue to live-stream our assemblies and some other events.

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); and
- 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.

Mask Wearing

All staff and adults must wear masks inside our school buildings.

Students are not required to wear masks inside.

Please notify school if your child is a close contact.

Face Masks

Staff / parents and carers are required to wear masks indoors.

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. Enjoy the long weekend!

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 8 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 9 June	Canteen Day
Friday 10 June	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Monday 13 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 15 June	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 15 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 15 June	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wednesday 15 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 16 June	IHMS Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 16 June	Canteen Day
Friday 17 June	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Tuesday 21 June	All Schools Cross Country – Symmons Plains



Charity Art Show

Rotary Club of Hobart

9th - 11th September 2022, Wrest Point Casino

Now accepting entries

visit rotaryhobart.com.au to enter

Categories include:-

- Acrylic - Oils - Print Making & Drawing
- Watercolour - 3D, Woodwork & Textiles
- Miniatures - Photography
- Mixed Media/Other

Young Artist - aged 8-12 years & aged 13-16 years

Entries close - Sunday 21st August 2022