NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

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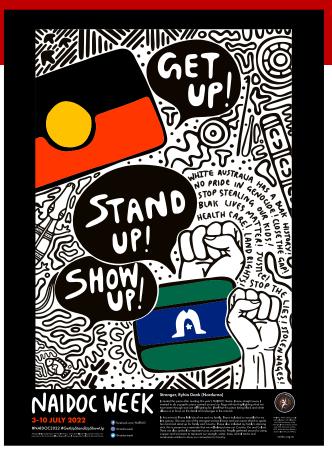
6 July 2022



The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

(Matthew 9:37)





National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our school is located near nipaluna, the traditional homeland of the muwinina people. This week, we celebrate the ongoing contribution of the First Nations' people to our lives and our learning. We celebrate culture, art, language, working together, country and dreaming.

This year, our students have been immersed in the dreaming story, 'Rain Dreaming' (or the Story of mangana). The story explains how the black cockatoo (mangana) got yellow feathers on her cheeks and tail, and how the black swan (kaylarunya) got her red beak. These two birds are the heroes of this dreaming tale, whereby drogadee (a naughty creature) stole fire from the animals and people of lutruwita (Tasmania).

Each class has created beautiful artwork on their interpretation of the 'Rain Dreaming'.

We invite and welcome all parents and carers to be part of our "NAIDOC Gallery" on Friday 8 July from 2pm onwards. We especially welcome any First Nations people in our community.



School Captains

It is my great honour and privilege to announce our School Captains for Term 3 and Term 4:

School Captain - Lily Knight
School Vice-Captain - Lilli Thompson



Lily and Lilli, this is a wonderful accomplishment. We know you will bring your many gifts and talents to lead from within our community.

My thanks to Ava Baker and Christina Millar for their outstanding leadership through the first half of the year. Ava and Christina have gone above and beyond to lead by example within our school community this year.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Earlier this year, Pope Francis said the Sacrament of Confirmation unites candidates more closely to the Church and gives them a stronger identity as "a living member of the mystical body of Christ."



Over the past weeks, many of our students were Confirmed by Archbishop Julian. We congratulate Mia Davies, Ella Fewkes, Toby Forrest, Rafael Fuentes, Henry Fulton, Jensen Kannampuzha, Molly McCarthy and Samuel Pelham.

Many thanks to Mrs Therese Kelly, our Religious Education Co-ordinator, for developing the sacramental pathway at Immaculate Heart and supporting candidates this year.

Night of the Notables

When Thomas Edison was asked whether he was frustrated by all the time he had wasted before he found a light bulb, he replied, "It wasn't wasted. I discovered thousands of ways not to make a light bulb!" Such are the stories from the lives of the notable. They are interesting and inspirational.

In 2022, students from Grade 3 - Grade 6 have been involved in comprehensive research of an Australian notable, which has facilitated skills of independent learning and higher-level thinking.

On Thursday night "our notables" showcased their product of deep personal study. They presented themselves in character, displayed the body of work they had created and engaged with the audience with a "Who am I?"



It takes an enormous amount of work, courage and vulnerability to step into character and to share and show your learning. To every single notable - you have embraced every aspect of what it is to be a learner and we are incredibly proud of you.

Many thanks to Mr Paul Egan and to Mrs Cristy Mahony for making this opportunity possible and supporting success for our students.

STCPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Grade 3 - Grade 6 students who competed in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival on Monday. Our team were phenomenal, with many outstanding individual races and team support for each other. Some particularly outstanding top 5 finishes include:

Jake Burt 1st - Grade 4 Elliot Lethborg 1st - Grade 5 Patrick Morse 2nd - Grade 3 Kidus Mesfin 2nd - Grade 4 Jacob Morse 3rd - Grade 4 James Sewell 3rd - Grade 3 Phoebe Sewell 5th - Grade 5

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!



Canteen - how to cancel orders



Term 2 - Highlights

As we come to the end of another busy term at Immaculate Heart, it is time to stop and reflect on our achievements throughout the past 10 weeks. We have much to celebrate:

- Welcoming new students, families and staff to our school community
- The Sacramental Program Sacrament of Confirmation
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Introduction of "The Breakfast Club"
- Naplan Grade 3 & Grade 5
- Evolvement of Bush School Kinder & Prep
- The Immaculate Heart Feast Day celebrations
- Nurturing Hearts Birth-Five Program
- The continued implementation of our Literacy Strategy
- Swimming Carnival for Grades 3-6 students
- Cross Country Carnival / Symmons Plains State Events / STCPSSA Carnival
- Night of the Notables
- Music Assembly Showcase
- Transition to a new canteen provider
- Vinnies Winter Appeal & PJ Day
- NAIDOC Week
- Mid-Year Summary Reports Prep Grade 6 & Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Continued evolvement of our Online Formative Feedback platform
- IHMS Soccer Teams
- Grade 5 and Grade 6 Football and Netball Round Robin
- The lifting of COVID restrictions ...

It's fair to say, this Term has been epic. I would like to thank the staff of Immaculate Heart of Mary for their energy, passion, commitment and dedication to all that they do. Our staff certainly go 'above and beyond' to make this place great... no wonder you are exhausted!

Wishing all our students, families and staff a wonderful school holiday. We look forward to doing it all again, even bigger and better next term!

Warm regards,

Rachel Kelly Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 6 July	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 6 July	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 7 July	Canteen Day
Friday 8 July	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Friday 8 July	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 25 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Wednesday 27 July	Kinder & Prep Excursion – Taroona NITA
Wednesday 27 July	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 27 July	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 28 July	Canteen Day
Friday 29 July	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am