

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

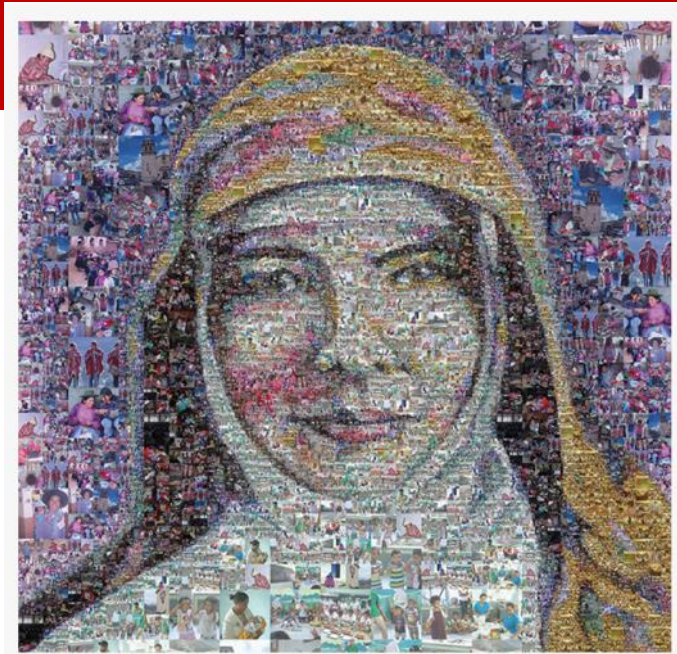
3 August 2022



"Find happiness in making others happy"
St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

**If I could tell the love of God
(From Mary's retreat notes)**

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of one my heart enjoys,
of one who whispers warm and calm,
Of one whose tender touch persists.



Welcome to Term 3. We have much to be excited about as we move into the second half of the school year: taking the next steps in our learning, the commencement of camp programs for Grades 3-6, Book Week, Father's Day Breakfast and of course AFL Day.

The Feast of Mary MacKillop

This coming Monday, 8th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne. On 8 August 1909, she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop took her vows at the age of 25, and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross". In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop founded several schools. Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools in South Australia. By that time, more than 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia and commenced a "system" of "Josephite" schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor.

We are a Josephite school, proudly walking the footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

Staffing Update

Over the school holidays, Miss Georgie Curtin (Grade 5/6 Teacher) tendered her resignation. Whilst Georgie was only at Immaculate Heart of Mary for a short time, she certainly made a big impact and we wish her every success for her future endeavours. We are currently in the recruitment process for a replacement teacher for the remainder of 2022.

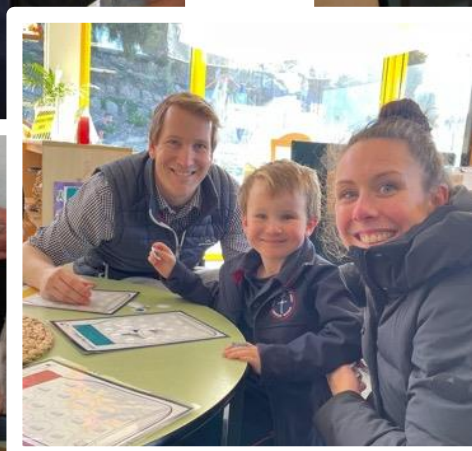
iPad -BOY Device Parent Survey

As part of our ongoing process to school improvement, we are reviewing our BOY 1:1 iPad model for Grade 3-6 students and exploring the option of a school owned device model.

To support our discernment, we are seeking parent feedback. Next week, we will be sending home a feedback survey.

Connecting as a Community - Kindergarten Afternoon Tea

At the end of Term 2, our Kindergarten families were invited to come in for afternoon tea and share the learning adventure with their children. The formula was simple, the opportunity to share and celebrate learning, relationships and growth. Many thanks to those who were able to attend, and to Mrs Brook, Mrs Wall and Miss Jackson for opening the doors for a magical afternoon.



Grade 7 Enrolments for 2024

(Current Grade 5 Students)

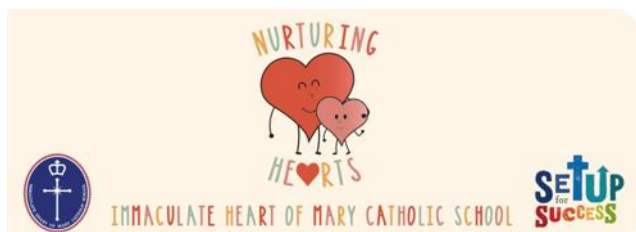
A reminder to all families with a student in Grade 5 that enrolments close for Catholic Colleges - Grade 7 in September. It is essential that an enrolment form is completed for respective secondary colleges (including Sacred Heart College). I am always happy to support families with enrolment enquiries or support.

Book Week Parade

Our Book Week parade will be held on Wednesday 24 August. This is a great day where students and staff dress up as a book character. The theme for this year is "Dreaming with eyes open...". All parents are invited to attend. More details to come...

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

This term, Nurturing Hearts are exploring water through play experiences: water in different environments, water to live, grow and keep healthy, water and the weather, and water science. Come along and join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall every Friday morning - they'd love to see you!



COVID Update

Please be aware of the following in line with our COVID-19 Safety Plan:

- Students and staff are to stay away from school if unwell.
 - Positive cases are required to isolate for at least 7 days.
 - Close contacts are still required to follow close contact rules for 7 days including testing daily if leaving their home and wearing a mask (all persons 12 years and older) in indoor settings when outside their home.
 - Face masks are no longer required to be worn in schools, early childhood centres or on public transport unless the person is a close contact.
 - Students and staff can wear masks if they choose to.
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- The reinfection exclusion period has been reduced from 12 weeks to 28 days. People who have symptoms of COVID-19 within 28 days following their release from isolation do not need to test and isolate for 7 days.

Confirmed cases

Should a student or member of staff test positive for COVID-19 they must:

- Isolate for a minimum of 7 days, provided outside the 28-day reinfection exclusion period.
- Isolate for a further 3 days if they still have symptoms on day 7.
- If test positive using a rapid antigen test, register the result with Public Health using their [online declaration form](#) or phone the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.
- Notify household close contacts of the need to observe close contact requirements when leaving their homes.

Close Contacts

Household close contacts of a confirmed case are no longer required to isolate 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.
- Wear a face mask in all indoor settings when outside the home unless an exception applies (e.g. need to drink) or subject to an exemption.
- Notify their employer and the school of their close contact status.
- Immediately return to their home if they become symptomatic whilst in the workplace.

Covid-19 Testing

- If staff or students have symptoms, they should stay home and test for COVID-19. If it is less than 28 days since they had COVID-19, they do not need to get tested but should still stay at home if unwell.
- If the test is positive and the person has not had a COVID-19 infection within 28 days, the person is considered a confirmed case.
- If the initial test result is negative and symptoms continue, students and staff with ongoing symptoms are advised to take a second test the following day.
- If the second test remains negative, this is sufficient to enable a return to work or school.
- If a person has returned 2 successive negative rapid antigen tests and still feels unwell consider taking a PCR test.

Colds and Flu

- Positive rapid antigen tests must be registered on the Tasmanian Government COVID-19 website by the confirmed case or their parent/carer.
- Students/staff with cold or flu symptoms are required to stay home and test for two consecutive days.
- If the person has twice tested negative on successive days for COVID-19 and their symptoms are mild e.g. a runny nose, there is no coughing or sneezing and, if a student they have indicated when asked that they feel well, then the person is permitted at school /workplace.
- The wearing of a face mask by an adult with mild symptoms is encouraged.


Rapid antigen tests are available to students and staff who are displaying symptoms. Two tests will be provided for testing for two consecutive days. Five tests will be provided for staff or students who are close contacts to cover the 5 days they will be in the school community during isolation.


Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 3 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 4 August	Canteen Day
Friday 5 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Wednesday 10 August	Grade 5 – Sacred Heart Taster Day
Wednesday 10 August	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 10 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Wednesday 10 August	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wednesday 10 August	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 11 August	Canteen Day
Friday 12 August	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am

2022 PARENT SURVEY
CLOSES 31 AUGUST





Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child.

For example, has COVID or your partnership with the school affected your child's wellbeing and learning?

If you are a parent or carer with a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education.

Your feedback will remain anonymous.

Please consider sharing this flyer with other parents.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

[Click here for CSPA Survey](#)



IMMACULATE HEART AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM IS HERE NEXT TERM!

To enrol in our weekly, one hour soccer program please see our website or see us after school on any Monday - strikesoccerschool.com

If you have any questions please contact us
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Every purchase from Scholastic Book Club
helps the school to buy extra classroom resources.

Families should order and pay for Book Club using the online **LOOP** platform. This will ensure that students get their orders, which are delivered to school for free, and that the correct payment is received. Please use the link to register and order www.scholastic.com.au/loop
LOOP is also available as an app, for both apple and Android devices.



How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at www.scholastic.com.au/loop

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

