

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

14 September 2022



Credit: Eleanor Tomlinson Art

"To be inspirational, you don't have to save lives or win medals"

Queen Elizabeth II

We acknowledge and pay our respects to Queen Elizabeth II. Much loved, admired and respected for her leadership and significant contribution to global peace over the many decades of her reign.

May she rest in peace.

Public Holiday - school closed

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced there will be a one-off public holiday to mourn the Queen's death on **Thursday 22 September 2022**. The public holiday will be a single observance for 2022 to allow Australians to pay their respects.

We have been lucky enough to move our Grade 4 camp to accommodate the public holiday. Many thanks to Mr Jesse Romeo, Mr Paul Egan and Miss Kate Choraziak, and to our students and parents for your flexibility with this arrangement. Our camp for our Grade 4 students will now be **Monday 19th September – Wednesday 21st September**.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Master Plan

This year, under the umbrella of Catholic Education Tasmania (CET), Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is commencing "Master Planning". Our combined goal is to create a dynamic long-term planning approach that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development.

As part of this process, a mix of staff and parents will be participating in a "Place Vision" workshop with Village Well - placemaking consultancy <https://www.villagewell.org/>.

This is a wonderful opportunity for key stakeholders to collectively identify aspirational experiences of our school and our environment. Workshop outcomes will inform a high-level place vision for our school that will guide our master planning, ensuring future plans are grounded in human experiences, rather than driven by building placement and design.

Sacrament of First Communion

Over the coming fortnights many of our students will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church and St John's Church. Holy Communion includes a profound act of remembrance that recalls the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. But it is more than just a ritual of remembering. It is primarily an act through which our connection with God, each other, and our life of ministry in the world is nourished and strengthened.



We thank Mrs Therese Kelly, the Cathedral Parish, St John's Parish and our parents who supported these young Catholics to prepare for, and celebrate, this significant step in their faith development.

Jensen Kannampuzha

Henry Fulton

Mia Davies

Toby Forrest

Ella Fewkes

Molly McCarthy

Rafael Fuentes



Grade 5/6 Football & Netball Feedback Term 3

This term, our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have been participating in the Southern Catholic Schools Friday afternoon sports roster.

Recently I received feedback from the Principal of St Paul's Bridgewater,

"I have just been asked to pass on to you and your staff how amazing your year five netballers were today. They showed amazing sportsmanship and were kind and caring. Our students feel like they have made new friends."

A huge shout out to selected Grade 4 students, who stepped up last Friday to plug the gaps while our Grade 5 students were on camp.

Tournament of Minds Team - "The Immaculata Salatas"

Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds Team, Leila Knuckey, Isabella Smith, Lily Knight, Ava Baker, Christina Millar, Zalee Schlie and Phoebe Sewell, who were outstanding in preparing and participating in the State Finals - Language and Literature on Saturday 3rd September. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Based on incredibly complex criteria, the girls worked together for six weeks, without assistance from teachers, parents or peers, to develop a creative way to communicate their solution to a panel of judges and an audience. The team also participated in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge® on the day.



Southern Primary Schools Lego Challenge 2022

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Southern Primary Schools Lego Challenge 2022. This is the first time Immaculate Heart has participated and we have been blown away by the creativity and skills of all our Lego enthusiasts.

IHMS winners for 2022:

Overall Winner + Grade 1/2:	Tomas Sutton
Kinder/Prep:	Reuben Lowe
Grade 3-6:	James Sewell

Tomas' Lego masterpiece will now compete against other overall winners in Brixhibition Hobart: Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th October 2022.

Soccer BBQ

Celebrating the 2022 soccer season, we held our annual BBQ/medallion presentation yesterday. Many thanks to organisers coaches, managers, parents and of course players for a wonderful season.

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 5 days.
- Close contacts are still required to follow close contact rules for 5 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.
- 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 5 days.

Confirmed cases

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

- Isolate for a minimum of 5 days, provided outside the 28-day reinfection exclusion period.
- Isolate for a further 3 days if they still have symptoms on day 5.
- 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 5 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.
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- 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	
Thursday 15 September	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (no canteen)
Friday 16 September	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 19 – Wed 21 September	Grade 4 Camp
Wednesday 21 September	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 21 September	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Thursday 22 September	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (no school, no canteen)
Friday 23 September	Grade 3 – Class Liturgy
Friday 23 September	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Parents/carers of children from St John's Catholic Parish, Glenorchy, who think their child is ready to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, are invited to an information meeting at St John's Church meeting room ([62 Bowden Street, Glenorchy](#)) on **Wednesday, 28 September, 2022 at 7pm**. (Children need not attend.) The Church requires that children have made their First Reconciliation before celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Marie Aitken (0472 545 919) or the Parish Office (6272 6363) for more information.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY™ PROGRAM FOR PARENTS & CARERS

with Rosie Martin

Free for grandparents raising grandchildren,
informal kin, Foster & Kinship Carers

Term 4 program

Tues 8:00pm - 9:30pm | Oct 25-Dec 13

FKAT sponsored group

Wed 10:30am-12:30pm | Oct 26 - Dec 14

For more information:
visit ww.spt.com.au | ph. 6234 5717
or email programs@spt.com.au



8 sessions
online via zoom
small group



IMMACULATE HEART AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM IS HERE!

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

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