

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

26 October 2022



Back in Action for Term 4



It's great to be back in action for Term, a term of both beginnings and endings, as we welcome our 2023 Kindergarten students and families, and prepare to celebrate and farewell our Grade 6 cohort.

This is the time of the year where we get to harvest the fruits of the relationships that have been formed over the year as we enjoy many special events. It is also time to celebrate and reflect on all that has been done and achieved. It is a time to look back on how far each student has come in their learning and in their development as young people.

Congratulations to Nick McGann on his appointment as Principal at St Francis Flexible Learning Centre. Nick commenced his Principalship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in 2014 and has been instrumental in building and supporting a flourishing school community.

Catholic Education Tasmania has commenced consultation with the school community as part of the recruitment process for the position of Principal for 2023.



Grade 6 Leavers' Photo & Catch-up Photos - tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow we will be having our catch-up family photos and our Grade 6 Leavers' photo. Grade 6 students are to wear their leavers top. Our whole school photo has been postponed and will not take place tomorrow due to the weather. We will advise of a new date for this in the near future.

Tasmanian School Basketball Championships

This year we again have exceptional participation in the Tasmanian School Basketball Championships. We are incredibly proud of our Grade 5/6 students who were on the courts last weekend - some big wins, some big comebacks, some tough losses and many personal achievements.

The nerves and excitement are building for our Grade 3/4s who are in action this weekend. For many of our students, it will be their first 'official' game beyond the blue court of Immaculate Heart. We wish you all a great tournament.

Many thanks to our coaches, managers and referees for your organisation, time, knowledge and skills in supporting all players. Go the Heart!



Tasmanian JackJumpers

Yesterday, Josh and Sam from the JackJumpers gave their time, energy, skill and passion, training our Kinder and Prep students. This was a fantastic experience for our students, and we sincerely thank the JackJumpers for supporting our school community. From little things, big things grow ...



Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Stephanie Bruce and her husband Hamish, who are expecting their second child in February.

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

Nurturing Hearts commences again this Friday. Come along and join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall every Friday morning - they'd love to see you!



Term 4 COVID Update

- Staff or students who test positive for COVID-19 are no longer required to undergo mandatory isolation.
- It is a Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) requirement that staff or students who test positive and who display acute COVID-related symptoms are not to enter a school until their symptoms have gone or have significantly resolved e.g. they have not had a fever (or signs of fever such as chills or night sweats) for at least 24 hours.
- Requirements for close contacts such as mask-wearing when outside the home no longer apply.
- Staff or students with cold or flu symptoms should stay home and test using a rapid antigen test for two consecutive days. If the person tests negative on successive days for COVID-19 and their symptoms are mild e.g. a runny nose but no coughing or sneezing, then it is OK for the person to be at school.
- Staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic can enter a school.
- The provision of rapid antigen tests to staff and students on request is to continue.
- Registration of positive tests, whilst no longer required, is recommended particularly for those persons who may wish to access health services such as COVID anti-viral treatments and COVID @ home.
- It is a Public Health requirement that staff and students who test positive shall not enter any listed high-risk settings (hospitals, residential aged care etc) until 7 days after they test positive.

We continue to promote the 'stay away if unwell' message and appreciate your continued support for our COVID-19 response.

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wed 26 Oct	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 27 Oct	Grade 6 Leavers Photo, Catch-up Photos
Thu 27 Oct	Canteen Day
Fri 28 Oct	Socktober Fundraiser & Garden Fundraiser
Fri 28 Oct	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 31 Oct	Kinder 2023 Orientation Groups
Wed 2 Nov	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wed 2 Nov	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wed 2 Nov	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 3 Nov	Canteen Day
Fri 4 Nov	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 7 Nov	Kinder 2023 Orientation Groups
Wed 9 Nov	Bush School – Gr 3 & 4 - 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wed 9 Nov	Whole School Assembly 1.45pm





Flippa Ball Term 4 2022

Flippa Ball will run again in Term 4 for grade 3/4 and 5/6 primary school students at Clarence Pool

Games: 20 minute games played on Sunday nights between 5.10-8.10pm.

Roster: 6 weeks starting 6 November until 11 December 2022.

Training: WPTAS provides coaches for group training on Thursday nights starting from 3 November:

- Grade 3/4: 7.40-8.10pm
- Grade 5/6: 8.10-8.40pm

Fees: \$700 (including GST) per team.

How to register: To lodge your team's interest in playing this term please email your team details including team name, coach and player names to flippaballtas@gmail.com **by 5pm Tuesday 25 October**. You will receive an email from the Flippa Ball Coordinator acknowledging your entry along with details on how to register your team.

A minimum of 7 players are needed per team. If your school doesn't have enough players to make a team we can advertise on our website at www.revolutionise.com.au/wptas/getinvolved/flippa-ball/ for more players needed with your contact details. We encourage new teams to join us.

Any questions please email our Flippa Ball Coordinator at flippaballtas@gmail.com

COME AND TRY DAY

Keen to try Flippa Ball before starting?

Come to our 'Come and Try Day' on

Sunday 30 October at Clarence Pool

Grades 3 and 4 = 5.15-6pm

Grades 5 and 6 = 6-6.45pm



Junior Touch Football (Pirates Youth Crew)

Do you have a child or know a child between 8 & 14 who wants to play touch football?

Touch football is an easy to learn, fun and lively sport; and for those who are a bit more competitive than most, has fantastic pathways to both State and National representation.

The Pirates Touch Club is recruiting players for our Youth Crew to play Girls/Boys/Mixed touch in ages:

- ☐ 10s (born in or after 2013)
- ☐ 12s (born in or after 2011)
- ☐ 14s (born in or after 2009)

The season runs from mid-November 2022 to early February 2023 with a break over the festive period. Fees will be kept as low as possible thanks to our Club's financial supporters, and the child may be eligible for a government grant.

For more information call 0401 727 228 or email piratestouch@gmail.com today.

The ship is sailing soon so contact us by early November 2022.



PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL WITH THE PIRATES TOUCH CLUB

Boys & Girls 10s - Born in or after 2013

Boys & Girls 12s - Born in or after 2011

Boys & Girls 14s - Born in or after 2009

Boys & Girls 16s - Born in or after 2007

Starts Thursday 24 November 2022

For more information call 0401 727 228
or email us at piratestouch@gmail.com