

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

29 September 2022



"Here comes the sun, and I say, it's all right."

The Beatles



We have come to the end of another term, one that has been filled with many highlights and wonderful opportunities for student learning and community participation.

Athletics Carnival



Our Kindergarten to Grade 6 Athletics Carnival was a great day for our school community. Many thanks to Mr Sandy Clark and Mr Jackson Cracknell for their outstanding organisation and running of this event, and to our parent helpers and staff for supporting all students. A wonderful aspect of our carnivals is the support provided by secondary students in Catholic Colleges. Many thanks to the students from Guilford Young College and Sacred Heart College for giving their time and energy in supporting students on the track and field throughout the day.

Congratulation to Young House for running away with the shield in 2022!



[Photo Gallery Link](#)

Grade 4 Camp

Last week, I was fortunate enough to spend some time away with Grade 4 on camp exploring the Tasman Peninsula. Learning outside of the classroom, about our history, our land, each other and ourselves, this cohort excelled. Many thanks to Mr Jesse Romeo, Mr Paul Egan and Miss Kate Choraziak for making this experience so memorable for our students.

On Tuesday evening, after a big day out at the Port Arthur Historical Site, Mr Jesse Romeo received this feedback from the Education Team:

"Immaculate Heart, amazing angels! The attention and listening, the questions I got and the answers I didn't have to wait for. Please pass on my thank you to them on being my favourite education group this year! I have raved about them to other guides today! I wanted to spend so much more time with them!"

We have also received an email from the White Beach Caravan Park, letting us know that other guests were incredibly impressed with our students' behaviour and respect for the site facilities. Great feedback Grade 4 - it's all true and thoroughly deserved.



First Communion

Congratulations to our students who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion this term.



Pla K' Paw Moo
Jensen Kannampuzha
Henry Fulton
Mia Davies
Toby Forrest
Ella Fewkes
Molly McCarthy
Rafael Fuentes



"The Rain Story" – Zoodoo



Zoodoo is proud to display the artwork of Immaculate Heart students telling "The Rain Story" - the story of the Mangana/Black Cockatoo. This is a culmination of rich and meaningful learning to celebrate the ongoing contribution the First Nations' people to our lives and our learning.

<https://www.zoodoo.com.au/events>

Staff Update

This week, we farewelled Olivia Hey, our Catholic Care School Counsellor. Thank you, Olivia, for your work and support of our students during your short time at IHMS and we wish you every success and blessing in your new role. We welcome Alex Charlton who will begin as our new Counsellor in Term 4.

Next term, Mrs Courtney Mayne will be taking long service leave to travel the east coast of Australia with her family. We wish Courtney and her family all the best for their adventure!

Changes to our technology requirements in 2023

Over the past term, we have been reviewing our BYOAD approach at Immaculate Heart of Mary for 2023 and beyond. As a result of our process of review, we will be moving to a school owned device model next year.

From 2023, students will not be required to bring an iPad to school. Instead, all students will be using school owned devices for learning at school. We believe that this new model will benefit our students and families with a reduced cost and our capacity to provide a best fit device for learning (that is different devices for different purposes).

From 2023, students will continue to have access to school iPads, Chromebooks and MacBooks to use for their schoolwork on site. All school devices will stay at school with no student being required to bring a device from home.

Term Dates & Student Free Day

Term 4 First Day:	Monday, 17 October
Show Day Holiday:	Thursday, 20 October
Student Free Day:	Friday, 21 October (day after Show Day)
Term 4 Last Day:	Thursday, 15 December

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

This term, Nurturing Hearts have explored all things "Water". A reminder that there will be no session tomorrow – returning again on Friday 28th October.



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.
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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.

We wish everyone in our school community a wonderful "spring" holiday and look forward to a wonderful last term. We can't wait to see you all refreshed and energised for Term 4.

Warm regards
Rachel Kelly - Acting Principal

Calendar of Events	
Friday 30 September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday 17 October	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Monday 17 October	Canteen orders to due on QKR by 9pm
Tuesday 18 th October	Canteen Day
Wednesday 19 October	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 20 October	SHOW DAY – Public Holiday
Friday 21 October	STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 24 October	Kinder 2023 Orientation Groups
Thursday 27 October	Whole school photo and catch up day

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e-safety

e-safety continues to be front of mind for parents and students. To help parents with e-safety, attached are some links which might assist you navigate this particularly tricky area.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation:
https://danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/parents_carers/

The eSafety Commissioner: www.esafety.gov.au

[Online Safety for Every Family](#) suite of resources

TCSPC NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

We welcome the following parents to the TCSPC:

St Mary's College - Lyzanne Schultz-Jones
St Cuthbert's Primary School - Favour David-anu

If you are interested in joining the TCSPC, please contact Don Ryan
email don.ryan@tcspc.org.au or speak to your school Principal.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN is moving from May to March in 2023. This means results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform school and system teaching and learning programs. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3AhN5SD>

Term 3 Holidays: 3-14 October 2022.

Term 4 Dates: 17 October-15 December 2022.

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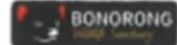
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