

# NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

9 November 2022



**"The greatest benchmark of placemaking success is when local people can see their fingerprints all over the outcomes"**



Our school really is a very special place... a place of connection, belonging, purpose, learning and growing. I am incredibly excited to be staying on at Immaculate Heart as Principal in 2023 and feel incredibly privileged to be part of a dynamic learning community now and into the future.

Taking the next steps in developing our School Master Plan, we have been fortunate to work with Vision Well, a placemaking consultancy (<https://www.villagewell.org/>) to develop aspirational ideas to inform this process. Lead by Valli Morphet, this was a wonderful collaboration of students, parents and staff.

Perhaps most powerful was the creative insights and wonderings from our students on how we can create greater flow, feel, access, comfort, and connection within our learning environment. In capturing this perfectly, Alfie (Prep) articulated this as having that feeling you have when you go on holiday when he comes to school.

All students are sharing their voice in developing the Master Plan, with class collaboration and individual feedback. We look forward to seeing and sharing key outcome from the workshop and the development of our Master Plan.

## Grade 3 Camp

This week, our Grade 3 students are going on camp for the first time - heading to the Far South and staying overnight at Sacred Heart Geeveston. The opportunity to experience nature and discover the outdoors is fabulous, but our Outdoor Education Program goes way beyond just this. It incorporates a social skills element where children help each other, share meals and live and work together in community. The development of learning dispositions such as resilience, risk-taking, leadership, courage, self-confidence, collaboration, creativity, humour, initiative and independence are also a significant aspect of the camp experience.

Our students and staff always enjoy camp (even those who may be a little nervous at first), and although the educational content and learning cannot be formally measured, we know that the outcomes, both at an individual and group level, are incredibly beneficial.

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## Tasmanian School Basketball Championships

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Congratulations to all our Grade 3/4 students who participated in the **Tasmanian School Basketball Championships** 29th-30th September. All teams played in great spirit and the IHMS students were exceptional on and off the court. Many thanks to all our coaches, managers, referees and families for your support to make our participation so successful.

<b>Div 3 Red Girls</b>	
Coach:	Sophie French
Manager:	Chicaine Braslin
Referee:	Imogen Rubenach
<b>Div 3 Blue Girls</b>	
Coach:	Julian Gill
Manager:	Kristy Harley-Hill
Referee:	Haylee Gill
<b>Div 2 Boys</b>	
Coaches:	Matthew Speed/Michael Knight
Assistant:	Claudette Dunbabin
Referee:	Levi Duggan
<b>Div 3 Red Boys</b>	
Coach:	Scott Knuckey / Nathan Kingston
Referee:	Hamish Kingston
<b>Div 3 Blue Boys</b>	
Coach:	Ben McGuinness
Manager:	Bec Ladd
Assistant:	Tracy Skinner
Referee:	Levi Duggan



Congratulations to Jake Burt for his outstanding performance at the Tasmanian All Schools Track and Field Championships on 30th & 31st October.

**First Place:** 1500m, 800m and discus

**Second Place:** Long jump and shot put

Jake also managed to sneak in a few basketball games for the Grade 3/4 Div Runners Up over the weekend too!

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## Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

It is with great excitement our Immaculate Heart School Community will be celebrating *Grandparents & Grandfriends Day* on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am – 11.00am**. This will be an opportunity to connect, celebrate and thank our grandparents/friends for the significant contributions they make to our families and school community.

## New gardens

It's been a busy fortnight in the garden at Immaculate Heart.

We have been very lucky to receive a large donation of plants from Greenhill Nursery in Leslie Vale. These plants are helping fill out new garden beds near the playground and in the teachers' car park.

Some new large trees were also planted near the Grades 3 and 4 eating area and in the Kinder playground. These will begin to cast lovely shade for students to sit under.

We are very thankful for these donations which further enhance our school grounds.



**GreenhillNursery**

## Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club, run by Mrs Melitsis and students from Grades 2, 3 and 4, had a fabulous Market Garden stall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. They raised nearly \$200 through the sale of veggies and herbs from the school garden and baked goods made with fruit from school trees. Every member of the club was involved in the preparation of the produce and Grade 3 and 4 students did a wonderful job selling to eager parents and students.





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## STCPSSA Athletics Carnival (Catholic School Carnival)

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Congratulations to selected students who represented IHMS at the STCPSSA Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Your participation and behaviour was sensational, with our staff receiving numerous comments from parents and staff from other school. A huge thank you to Mr Sandy Clark who was responsible for organising the Carnival on behalf of Immaculate Heart in 2022. Thanks also to Miss Stella Lambert, Mrs Therese Kelly, Ollie Kelly, Mr Ryan Cooper and Miss Kate Choraziak for your work to support our students and other schools on the day.



## 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!





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## **'taypani milaythina-tu: Return to Country'**

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On Wednesday 9th of November, our First Nations students from Prep to Grade 6 were able to participate in an interactive excursion at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

'taypani milaythina-tu: Return to Country' looks at a large number of traditional lutrawita Aboriginal artefacts that were taken from 'country' (milaythina) and have been displayed in a number of museums across Australia and around the world.

This exhibition is a creative response to the 'stolen' cultural objects by twenty Tasmanian Aboriginal artists and cultural makers.

Shell necklaces, twined baskets, wooden, stone and bone tools, domestic objects and artworks are yet to be returned to lutrawita.

The students were asked to reflect on the question, 'Would we give something back if it wasn't ours?'

They also learned about traditional uses of lemon myrtle as a medicine and as a food and the materials required and the techniques of weaving.

Many thanks to Kurt and Ricky for attending with us.



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## COVID UPDATE Term 4

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- 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	
Wednesday 9 November	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 10 Nov – Fri 11 Nov	Grade 3 Camp
Thursday 10 November	Canteen Day
Friday 11 November	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Monday 14 November	Kinder orientation final session 9.00am – 10.30am
Tuesday 15 November	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 9.15am – 11.00am
Wednesday 16 November	Class Liturgy - Prep
Wednesday 16 November	Bush School – Kinder & Prep 11.15am – 1.15pm
Wednesday 16 November	Scientific Discovery Day with nita – Grades 5 & 6
Wednesday 16 November	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 16 November	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 17 November	Kinder excursion to Bonorong
Friday 18 November	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Wednesday 23 November	Bush School – Grades 3 & 4 11.00am – 1.45pm
Wednesday 23 November	House Singing Competition 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday 23 November	Kinder 2023 Parent Information Night 6.00pm – 7.00pm