

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

7 December 2022



**" Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle!
Go well my friend, and walk in the light of faith..."**



How quickly all the days, weeks and months of the 2022 school year have gone. As we prepare for our last week of school for 2022 and head off into the Christmas season and the summer holidays, there is much we can reflect on and give thanks for - our successes and how much we have learned and how we have supported, cared for and challenged each other to be the best we can be.

Grade Six Leavers

Today we celebrated and acknowledged our Grade 6 class for their achievements and contributions for the past eight years. This year's Grade 6 students have been wonderful role models for our younger students, and throughout the year we have seen them grow into outstanding leaders that are ready to walk beyond our school.

Our 2022 Grade 6 students will always hold a special place in the hearts of everyone here at Immaculate Heart. We thank them for their contribution in the classroom, in the playground, on the sporting field and throughout our community in general. Listening to them reflect on their experiences here at Immaculate Heart, it is easy to get a sense of the joy, the fun and the gratitude that they have for their school and for each other.

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who received awards today:

Ava Baker	Immaculate Heart of Mary Award
Tayla Wright	Mary MacKillop Award
Chloe French	Academic Excellence
Leila Knuckey	Academic Excellence
Paxton Kooistra	Principal's Award
Isabella Smith	Principal's Award
Scarlett Henderson	Principal's Award
Khobe Speed	Sporting Excellence
Lilli Thompson	Leadership and Mindset Award
Flynn Arthur	Arts Achievement Award

We also thank and farewell the following Grade 6 families from our school community:

The Baker, Cannell, Chopra, Forrest, Griffin, Hadolt, Kooistra, Pearl, Vince and Wright families. Thank you for placing your trust and faith in us to nurture the learning and development of your child and for your contributions to Immaculate Heart over many years.

With the Grade 6 Leavers' Dinner tomorrow night and Big Day Out next Tuesday - a few more days to make memories that will last forever.

Thank you for all that was 2022

Thank you to the entire staff team here at Immaculate Heart. Your dedication and commitment to our students and to their education is nothing short of brilliant. Each day you ensure that Immaculate Heart is a safe, secure, fun and happy place for life and learning. You are inspiring!

Many thanks to our Advisory Board for your time and wisdom in supporting our school now and into the future.

We also thank our volunteers, parents and carers for your support and contributions throughout the school year.

Finally, we thank and acknowledge our students for all their learning, laughing, growing and being in 2022. How blessed we are to be with you day in, day out.

Staff Farewells

It is with great sadness that we thank and farewell the following members of our school community:

Mrs Carmel Woolley will be retiring at the end of 2023. We thank Carmel for her significant contributions to students of Immaculate Heart over her many years of service and wish her every blessing in her retirement.

We also farewell Ms Katrina Hawkins, Mrs Enrica Graham and Mr Ryan Cooper. Mrs Courtney Mayne will be taking 12 months leave in 2023.

School Leaders 2023



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as our School Leaders for 2023:

School Captain Term 1 & Term 2: Phoebe Sewell

School Vice-Captain 1 & Term 2: Sebastian Fenton

Donohue House Captains: Elliot Lethborg & Lulu Oxley

Dillion House Captains: Isabelle Hurd & Noah Harley-Hill

Young House Captains: Jacob Luttrell & Ashika Stanfield

Carols at John Turnbull – Saturday 10th December

All the best to our choir performing this Saturday night at John Turnbull. Mrs Melitsis has sent home information to all choir members. It promises to be a wonderful community night.



Last Day of School

As is customary at Immaculate Heart, we invite our families to join us for a BBQ on the last day of school. This will commence at 12.00pm and students are welcome to leave with their parents at the end



2023 Book Days + Uniform Shop

Our IHMS Book & Uniform Day for collections/purchases for the 2023 school year will be:

Wednesday 25 January 2023 (10.00am – 5.00pm)

Book packs can be purchased/collected from the Hall and the Uniform Shop will be open during this time for all uniform items. **The preferred payment for books and uniform is by pre-paying on the QKR application on your smartphone, or by EFTPOS on the day.**

Further information regarding Book Day will be sent out next week.

COVID UPDATE Term 4

- 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 7 December	Final Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 8 December	Grade 6 Leavers' Dinner
Thursday 8 December	Final Canteen Day
Thursday 8 December	Kinder Nativity for Kinder parents - 10.00am - 11.00am
Friday 9 December	Final Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Friday 9 December	End of Year Specialist Assembly
Tuesday 13 December	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Wednesday 14 December	End of Year Assembly and Kinder Nativity 10.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 15 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2022
Wednesday 25 January	2023 BOOK & UNIFORM DAY
Friday 3 February	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023 - PREP TO GRADE 6
Tuesday 7 February	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023 - KINDER



PETER PAN
The Panto

Presented by The Derwent Valley
Players in conjunction with Derwent
Valley Arts

Adult \$20 Child \$10

SAT 2:00pm & 5:00pm
SUN 17th & 18th December

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DOOR AND FROM 20TH
CENTURY ARTIFACTS - 56 HIGH ST...BOOK
ONLINE AT... WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU

LOCATION: Memorial Hall,
Circle St, New Norfolk

Contact: Roz Chapman
62612888




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