

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

8 March 2023



Small and Spirited!



Now accepting Enrolments for
KINDERGARTEN 2024

It seems a little unreal that we are almost halfway through the first Term. Lots of great things have been happening in and around the school over the past five weeks and last week was no exception.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, all students are members of a House Group - a community within a community: Donohoe, Young and Dillon.

On the last day of school in 2022, Amelia, in front of her mum, asked me if her cousin Hamish (Kinder 2023) could please be in Donohoe House as it was the long and proud tradition of her family at Immaculate Heart.

Belonging and being a member promotes teamwork, participation and community. Amelia's passion for Donohoe House is just one example in our school of nurturing of relationships and team approach to be, belong and connect.

Kindergarten 2024

A reminder to existing families that if you have a child who is heading toward Kindergarten in 2024, you will need to complete an enrolment form (available on our website or from the school office). Please return forms to the office before the end of term.



Grade 7 2025 (current Grade 5 students)

Enrolment applications for our current Grade 5's wishing to attend a Catholic College for Grade 7 in 2025 will need to complete an Enrolment Form to secure their place. The forms are now not due until March 2024.

Sacred Heart College Twilight Tours are being conducted at the College in a couple of weeks on Thursday 23 March and again in October (date to be advised). Sacred Heart College Enrolment Forms can now be completed online [HERE](#).

Parent Teacher Conversations

Many thanks to our parents/carers and teaching teams for connecting last week to support the learning and development of each student at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Making Jesus Real / The Spirit of Jesus

Over the years, Catholic schools have had a close relationship with the Making Jesus Real & Spirit of Jesus programs, be it visits from Peter Mitchell (Mitch) or Marty Ogle. If you went to a Catholic primary school in Tasmania, camps with Mitch are no doubt one of your treasured school memories and many of you probably still have your Making Jesus Real journal. This year is no different, with many classes having the privilege of working with Mitch and Marty to make Jesus real in their everyday lives.

Rock & Water

Last week, Mr Romeo commenced the Rock & Water program with Grade 4. Each student will undergo a journey of self-awareness as they learn about responding to life with either a "rock" or a "water" attitude. The use of symbolism is central to the success of the Rock & Water program. The program is an excellent tool to support students to find their grounding, learning how to centre oneself and learning how to self-manage in social settings.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 3rd March, Grades 3-6 participated in this year's swimming carnival at Clarence Aquatic Centre. The day was filled with great participation, effort, and team spirit. The atmosphere on the day was certainly lifted by our ability to have families with us on the day again. Thank you to Mr Sandy Clark and his team for the organisation. Information regarding the STCPSSA interschool carnival will be sent out in coming weeks.



Swimming Program Week 9&10

Our Prep - Grade 6 swimming program will be in the last two weeks of Term 1. More information will be provided via Compass in the next few weeks.

Setup for Success: Nurturing Hearts Birth to 4 years old

This Friday (10th March) will be our first 'Gross Motor' Session of Nurturing Hearts, with Mr Sandy Clark - all welcome!



Before/After School Duty of Care

A gentle reminder that our duty of care commences each day for students at 8.15am and concludes at 3.15pm.

2023 Term Dates - (recently revised)

Term One:	Fri 3 February 2023 - Thu 6 April 2023
Term Two:	Wed 26 April 2023 - Fri 7 July 2023
Term Three:	Tue 25 July 2023 - Fri 29 September 2023
Term Four:	Tue 17 October 2023 - Thu 14 December 2023

Please note the following days are STUDENT FREE days:

Monday 24 July 2023
Monday 16 October 2023
Friday 15 December 2023

[School Calendar](#) - link to website

Save the Dates



Mother's Day - 10 May



School Silent Disco - 12 May



Father's Day - 30 August



Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 25 October

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wednesday 8 March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 9 March	Canteen Day
Friday 10 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Monday 13 March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 15 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 15 March	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thursday 16 March	Canteen Day
Friday 17 March	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 20 - Fri 24 March	NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 22 March	Harmony Day / Assembly
Wednesday 22 March	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Mon 27 March - Thu 6 April	Learn to Swim Program