

NEWS from the HEART...

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

28 June 2023



"For our elders"



NAIDOC Week 2023

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our school is located near nipaluna, the traditional homeland of the muinina people. This week, we celebrate the ongoing contribution of the First Nations' people to our lives and our learning. We celebrate culture, art, language, working together, country and dreaming.

This year, all our classes have participated in listening to a Dreaming story about the platypus or 'larila' or 'oonah' as it is known in palawa kani (Tasmanian Aboriginal language).

To celebrate NAIDOC week, you are warmly invited to visit our school's 'Art for NAIDOC week' exhibition. Please feel free to wander around the Grade 5 & 6 classes on Wednesday 5th of July between 8.15 am and 9.00 am to see our artistic interpretations of how the platypus came to be.

Keep a look out for the staff artwork too.

Festival of Voices - Immaculate Heart of Mary Sings!

The Festival of Voices is a celebration of the transformative power of singing, bringing joy and warmth to our communities and providing an experience of the emotional and physical health benefits of singing.

Next week, our School Choir will be participating in the Festival of Voices - *Young Tasmania Sings*. Choir members from Grades 4 to 6, along with a small number of Grade 3 students, will participate in two full days of choral workshops with six other Hobart primary school choirs and the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra, led by interstate conductors. The workshops culminate in a gala performance on **Wednesday 5th July at 7pm** in the Federation Concert Hall. We welcome all school community members to come and support our choir and book tickets to this fabulous event.

Many thanks to Mrs Stephanie Melitsis for her tireless work, passion and talent to make this possible for our students in 2023.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to Lucas Duharte (Grade 5) who was confirmed by Archbishop Julian at St Therese's Catholic Church Moonah on Sunday. I have it on good authority that Lucas was a great member of the sacramental group - bringing enormous energy and enthusiasm in taking the next steps in his faith journey.

Christine Respondek - Retirement

After more than 15 years of working as a Teacher Assistant at Immaculate Heart, Mrs Christine Respondek has made the decision to retire. Christine's warm and gentle nature and student-centred approach to support the needs of students throughout her time at Immaculate Heart has enriched the lives of our students, staff and families. Often coming to school over the weekend, to care for Abigail's Garden, Christine has gone above and beyond in our school community.

Enjoy retirement Christine, we wish you and your husband, Tim, much happiness and every blessing in the next chapter of your adventure. We wish you a wonderful last week at Immaculate Heart of Mary and know you will not be a stranger to our school in the future.



Bus Safety

We want to reassure our families, that our school bus and our new 12-seater are fitted with seatbelts. Both vehicles are subject to strict WHS procedures, and we ensure all students have their seatbelts properly fastened before leaving any venue. At times we hire buses for events. When doing so, it is our requirement that these have seatbelts for our all passengers.

Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country

We have among us a State Champion!

Yesterday, Tuesday 27th June, a strong yet small team of athletes journeyed to Symmons Plains Raceway to the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country. With 200+ runners in each event, competition was tight, and all our athletes achieved results to be incredibly proud of. All in attendance were in awe of the run of Jake Burt, who won the Grade 5 boys 3km event by a whopping 24 seconds. A huge well done to all students who competed.



School Lockdown Procedures

As part of our WHS procedures, we will be practicing our lockdown procedures before the end of Term. This is to ensure our students and staff are well prepared in the event.

End of Term Wrap

Next week, we come to the end of Term 2. It's fair to say that it has been another massive term at Immaculate Heart of Mary, a huge 11 weeks. I would like to thank the students, staff and families of Immaculate Heart of Mary for their energy, passion, commitment and dedication to all that they do.

Our staff certainly go 'above and beyond' to make this place great... no wonder you are exhausted!

We wish you all a wonderful winter break. A reminder that Term 3 commences on **Tuesday 25th July**.

Kinder 2024

Our Kinder 2024 numbers are growing fast but we do still have limited places available. Please direct any family or friends to the office for more information.

'RAT' Tests

Winter is here! Please feel free to drop into the school office to collect RAT tests when required.

Nurturing Hearts Birth - 4 Years: Fridays 9.00am - 10.30am

Come along and join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall for Nurturing Hearts on Friday morning. A wonderful opportunity to explore and connect with members of our community.



Save the Dates



Father's Day - 30 August



Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 25 Oct

2023 Term Dates

Term 2: ends Fri 7 Jul 2023
Term 3: Tue 25 Jul 2023 - Fri 29 Sep 2023
Term 4: Tue 17 Oct 2023 - Thu 14 Dec 2023

The following dates are STUDENT FREE days:

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

Please click here for our school calendar: [School Calendar](#)

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Mon 5 Feb - Thu 11 Apr 2024
Term 2: Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul 2024
Term 3: Tue 23 Jul - Fri 27 Sep 2024
Term 4: Tue 15 Oct - Wed 18 Dec 2024

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wed 28 June	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 29 June	Canteen Day
Fri 30 June	Grades 5 and 6 Netball & Football
Fri 30 June	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Mon 3 July	Choir - Festival of Voices Excursion
Wed 5 July	Kinder Bush School 11.30am - 1.00pm
Wed 5 July	Uniform shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 5 July	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 6 July	Canteen Day
Fri 7 July	FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 - Happy Holidays!
Tue 25 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Wed 26 July	Uniform shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 26 July	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm

GIRL'S MINI WORLD CUP

HOBART

LAUNCESTON

DEVONPORT

19TH JULY

20TH JULY

21ST JULY

Team registrations \$30

Individual registrations \$6

Max 6 Players

Football Tasmania will allocate players to a team

Min 4 Players

Games will be 4 aside and consist of 2x 10min halves
No previous playing experience necessary

AGES 6-9
10AM - 12PM

AGES 10-12
1PM - 3PM

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