

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

29 November 2023



Transformation of the Heart



We are thrilled to share that our Capital Works Project will commence in 2024. Since first approval in 2021, School Master Planning and Catholic System Priorities have aligned, with the scope of work and budget significantly increased. We are fortunate to be working in partnership with the award-winning Morrison and Breytenbach Architects and Catholic Education Tasmania.



Capital Works Project 2024: Scope of Work

- Entrance from McCann Crescent
 - A main entrance point, creating an obvious connection between McCann Crescent and the Heart of our school.
- Central Heart
 - The central heart will become the focal point and meeting place within our school, with obvious pathways to all buildings and locations.
- Community Hub and Library
 - Adjacent to the heart, the Community Hub will encompass our school library as well as space and facilities to connect.
- Early Years Classrooms
 - A dedicated Early Years centre with opportunity for inside and outside learning.
 - Early Years specific construction and design.
- Connection and accessibility
 - A streamlining of different levels, ramps, a lift and updated stairs will increase the accessibility of our site.
 - Increased connection through new undercover walkways.
- A home for The Arts
 - The current Learning Support building will become a dedicated home of The Arts.

As we embark on this exciting journey, we extend our gratitude to all those who have supported and contributed to the realisation of this project. The forthcoming transformation is not just about bricks and mortar but about investing in the potential of every student who will walk through our doors. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact this project will have on our school community and the broader educational landscape. Stay tuned for updates as we move forward in turning this vision into reality in 2024 - with a tentative start date at the end of Term 1.

Please click [HERE](#) for a 'fly-through' of the project.

Connecting Community - Art from the Heart

Last week was a phenomenal celebration of the Arts! The Donohoe building was transformed into an elite level art gallery, with pieces from all students from Kinder to Grade 6 on display. Open each afternoon, a steady flow of students and their families enjoyed the display during the week. A huge thank you to our Arts Week team for the extras to get this display ready.

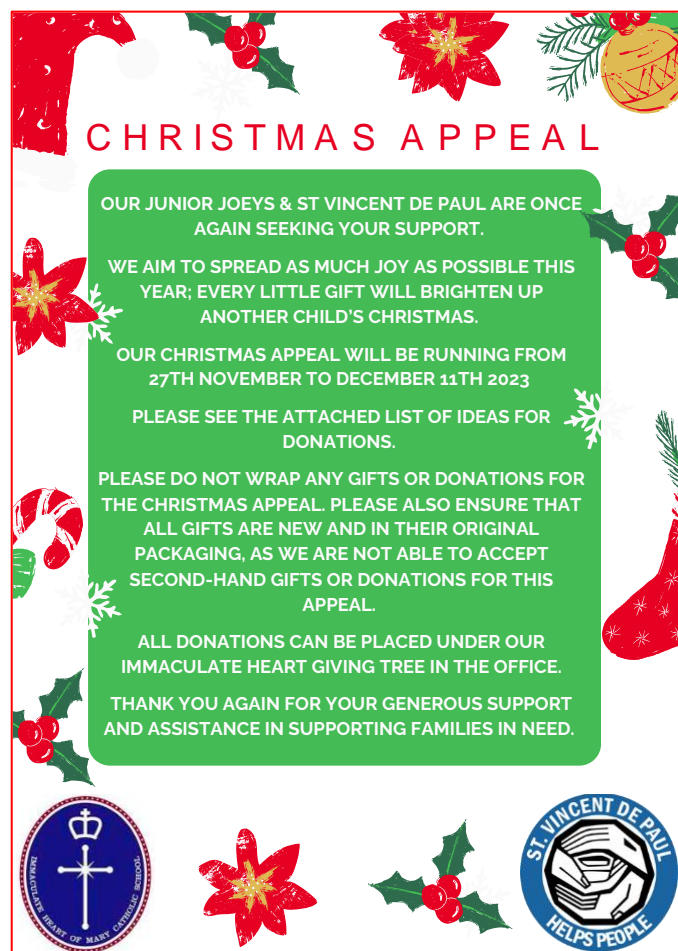
Thursday afternoon saw our dramatical and musical showcase, held on a perfect spring afternoon. The event encompassed performances from each grade, the choir, Boyz Noyz and the whole school, hosted and coordinated by our Grade 5 class. Thank you, Mrs Melitsis, for your organisation of this event.



Please see our Facebook page for more Art from the Heart! We are already looking forward to the next rendition of Art from the Heart in 2024.

Christmas Appeal

In the lead up to Christmas, our Junior Joeys have organised a St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree appeal. All the information needed is attached below and you'll find the tree in our school office! Our JJ's thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

OUR JUNIOR JOEYS & ST VINCENT DE PAUL ARE ONCE AGAIN SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT.

WE AIM TO SPREAD AS MUCH JOY AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR; EVERY LITTLE GIFT WILL BRIGHTEN UP ANOTHER CHILD'S CHRISTMAS.



OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL WILL BE RUNNING FROM 27TH NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 11TH 2023

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LIST OF IDEAS FOR DONATIONS.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY GIFTS OR DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT ALL GIFTS ARE NEW AND IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING, AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT SECOND-HAND GIFTS OR DONATIONS FOR THIS APPEAL.

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED UNDER OUR IMMACULATE HEART GIVING TREE IN THE OFFICE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Gifts for individuals and families can help make someone's Christmas extra special.

We have added some ideas below. It is good to check with your Conference what items the families they support require. We also recommend asking your Conference if you can assist with gift wrapping.

Note: if your local Conference is inactive or does not require additional donations at this time, check in with your Schools Engagement Officer about which local Vinnies Service(s) or Support Centre may require support this Christmas.

Babies and Toddlers

- ☐ Rattles
- ☐ Blankets/Comforters
- ☐ Building Blocks
- ☐ Bath Toys
- ☐ Soft Toys
- ☐ Musical toys
- ☐ Storybooks

Young Children (4-8yrs)

- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Dolls
- ☐ Outdoor games
- ☐ Board games
- ☐ Toy cars or trains
- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Colouring-in books/texts
- ☐ Dress-up costumes
- ☐ Water pistols
- ☐ Christmas stocking



Older Children (9-12yrs)

- ☐ Lego
- ☐ Cards games
- ☐ Magic Trick set
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Activity books
- ☐ Puzzles
- ☐ Hair accessories
- ☐ Outdoor equipment
- ☐ Shopping/Gift cards
- ☐ Water pistols
- ☐ Christmas stocking

Teenagers

- ☐ Movie Vouchers
- ☐ Body lotions
- ☐ Accessories (e.g. caps, jewellery)
- ☐ Deodorant packs
- ☐ Shopping/Gift cards
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Perfume/spray packs
- ☐ Make-up (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)
- ☐ Beach Towels
- ☐ Bags, back-packs
- ☐ Christmas stocking

Adults

- ☐ Books
- ☐ Perfume or deodorant packs
- ☐ Cosmetic gift packs
- ☐ Movie vouchers
- ☐ Homewares
- ☐ Hampers
- ☐ Vinnies Vouchers

SHARE YOUR EFFORTS!

Share your pictures and stories by tagging us on Instagram: @vinnies_tasmania and Facebook: @vinniestasmania



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO CHANGE LIVES!

Staff Farewells

We thank and farewell the following members of our school community:

Mr Paul Egan will be retiring at the end of 2023. Over his time at Immaculate Heart, Paul's leadership and influence has been pivotal in driving school improvement and improved learning outcomes.

We thank Paul for his significant contributions to students of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, and more broadly, Catholic Education Tasmania, over his many years of service and wish him every blessing in retirement.

Mr Jesse Romeo has accepted an ongoing teaching position at Sacred Heart College, New Town. Jesse commenced his teaching career with us in 2022 and has left a remarkable impact over his two years with us. We are very grateful to have had Jesse at Immaculate Heart of Mary and wish him all the best in 2024 and beyond.

In 2023, Sarah Carless stretched her workload over two schools to provide our students with the opportunity to learn Japanese. In 2024, Sarah returns full-time to St Therese's. Sarah, we say Arigato ありがとう - thank you.

Staff on Leave in 2024

Mrs Kate Jackson will be taking 12 months leave to work in a remote community in Western Australia. Kate's dedication and passion as our Key Indigenous Teacher has been extraordinary. Whilst we will certainly miss Kate, we know her experience in a remote community will enrich her professional learning journey and we look forward to the valuable insights this will provide our community in 2025.

Mrs Therese Kelly will be taking an additional 12 months' leave, continuing to work as ILRE (Instruction Leader Religious Education) with Catholic Education Tasmania and working at both Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston and St James Catholic College Cygnet.

New Staff 2024

Alongside our goodbyes, we also have new staff joining our learning community in 2024:

Miss Lily Adams, Miss Millie Cooke, Mrs Emma Bayly-Stark and Mrs Kellie Stimson.

Teaching Structure 2024

Class Teachers:

Kinder:	Lucy Brook
Prep:	Nikita Williams
Grade 1:	Lily Adams
Grade 2:	Simon Treweek & Emma Bayly-Stark (Term 1)/ Stephanie Bruce (Terms 2-4)
Grade 3:	Trudi Merkel & Emma Coad
Grade 4:	Demi Tsai
Grade 5:	Millie Cooke
Grade 6:	Nicole Morozoff & Kieran Gill

Specialist Teachers:

Health & Physical Education:	Sandy Clark
Music/Drama:	Stephanie Melitsis
LOTE - Japanese:	Kellie Stimson
Technologies:	Trudi Merkel

Leadership Team 2024

Early Years Coordinator & Literacy Leader:	Shae Longey
Primary Coordinator & Insight Instructional Leader:	Kieran Gill
Student Support Coordinator:	Cristy Mahony
REC & Insight Instructional Leader:	Simon Treweek
Deputy Principal:	Jackson Cracknell
Principal:	Rachel Kelly

Student Transition Arrangements from 2023 to 2024

To prepare students for the year ahead, the following transition opportunities took place this week:

Grade 7 2024 Step-Up Day

Our Grade 6 students spent Monday at their respective Catholic Colleges for next year.

Grade 6 2024 Leadership Day

Our Grade 5 students enjoyed Tuesday on Bruny Island with Mrs Morozoff, Mr Gill, Mr Ryan and Mr Cracknell building relationships in readiness for stepping up to Grade 6 in 2024.

Our Kinder to Grades 5 classes will have their respective step-up sessions on Thursday 7 December, spending time meeting and learning with their 2024 teachers.



End of Year Summary Reports

End of Year Summary Reports will be distributed via Compass on Friday 8 December.

Understanding Anxiety in Children - Parent Workshop TONIGHT 6.30PM (Grade 6 classroom)

It's not too late to RSVP and come along to our parent/carer seminar tonight. Lisa Ford facilitated student sessions for Grade 5 and Grade 6 today and will be returning on Friday 8 December to facilitate sessions for our Grade 3 and Grade 4 students.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP: Anxiety Parent/Carer Seminar](#)




Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parent/Carer Seminar

Understanding Anxiety in Children

With Lisa Ford, Clinical Psychologist

Useful for ALL parents and Carers- whether your child is currently experiencing anxiety or not. Gain a deeper understanding and practical strategies to support children to thrive.

- How anxiety shows up for children.
- The fight or flight (and freeze) response
- Creating an environment that supports anxious children to thrive
- The cycle of avoidance
- Simple ways children can take back control
- Managing physical symptoms of anxiety
- Common mistakes when supporting anxious children & what to try instead



**Wednesday 29 November 2023
6:30- 8pm, School Hall**

Please RSVP to the school office

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



NURTURING

TERM FOUR

Welcome back for Term Four at Nurturing Hearts!
The focus for this term's learning experiences is **'OPPOSITES'**.

Friday 20th October: Exploring Push and Pull
Friday 27th October: NO SESSION
Friday 3rd November: Exploring Large and Small
Friday 10th November: Exploring Fast and Slow
Friday 17th November: Exploring Curved and Straight
Friday 24th November: Gross Motor Play in the Hall
Friday 1st December: Christmas fun! 🎄
Friday 8th December: Optional Park Play at John Kennedy Park (Pedder Street)
We are looking forward to a wonderful final term!



2023 Term Dates

Term 4: Final day - Thu 14 Dec 2023

Friday 15 December 2023 is a STUDENT FREE DAY

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

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Wed 7 Feb - Thu 11 Apr
(incl. Easter: Fri 29 Mar - Tue 2 Apr)
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

Student Free Days 2024:

Friday 12 April 2024
Monday 22 July 2024
Monday 14 October 2024

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wed 29 November	Resilience Co. - Anxiety Parent Workshop 6.30pm - 9.00pm
Wed 29 November	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 30 November	Bush School - Grade 1
Thu 30 November	Canteen Day
Fri 1 December	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Wed 6 December	Leavers Thanksgiving Mass 10.30am
Wed 6 December	Leavers Assembly 11.30am
Wed 6 December	Uniform shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 6 December	Canteen orders due on QKR by 9.00pm
Thu 7 December	Step-Up Day Sessions - Kinder to Grade 5
Thu 7 December	Kinder Nativity 10.00am
Thu 7 December	Final Canteen Day
Fri 8 December	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am - 10.30am
Sat 9 December	Choir at John Turnbull Carols 6.00pm
Mon 11 December	Grade 6 Leavers Dinner 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Tue 12 December	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Tue 12 December	Kinder Open Afternoon 1.45pm
Wed 13 December	End of Year Specialist Assembly 1.45pm
Wed 13 December	Uniform shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 14 December	NO CANTEEN
Thu 14 December	FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS 2023
Fri 15 December	FINAL DAY FOR STAFF 2023
Thu 1 February	FIRST DAY FOR STAFF 2024
Wed 7 February	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2024
