

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

21 February 2024



***When parents and teachers work well together,
everyone benefits...***



This week has provided the opportunity for all parents to meet their child/ren's teacher/s to set up for success throughout the year. Parents and teachers can provide each other with unique insight and different perspectives about the same child, culminating in a more complete understanding of that child, their abilities, strengths, and challenges. For parents/carers and teachers alike, the goal is to play active roles in your child's life and to work towards forming a real bond. The child's best interest is always served when they have lots of people supporting them and all the pieces of their life fit together. A strong home-school connection sets the stage for a child who will grow up with a love for learning and support their wellbeing. Thank you to parents and carers who joined us yesterday and today to meet the teacher for 2024, connecting and building foundations to work together to support the growth and learning of each student. If you were unable to attend our Parent/Teacher Conversation, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting time.

Project Compassion

As we commence the season of Lent, in the Catholic tradition, it is time to pause and reflect on our own lives, and our capacity to enhance the lives of those around us. Last week, our Grade 6 Leaders attended the launch of Caritas Australia Project Compassion - Building a Just World. Caritas is the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency in Australia.



COURAGE



COMPASSION



STEWARDSHIP



PARTNERSHIP



We were also fortunate to have Richard Lamdels, the Advancement Director of Caritas Australia join us for pancakes and witness in action the great work in our school.

Over our Lentern journey, our students will be learning, and having the opportunity to embrace the Caritas values of courage, compassion, stewardship, and partnership. Project Compassion boxes have been sent home to families.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will be extended this year, now operating every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Swimming Carnival

Our Grades 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival will be held at the Clarence Pool next Friday, 1 March. Information for families will be sent home via Compass shortly.

Wellbeing Initiatives

As part of our focus on learning and wellbeing going hand in hand, this year our Grades 3 to 6 girls are participating in Live Life Whole - a health program to nourish and nurture physical, mental, and emotional health. Today our Grade 5 and Grade 6 girls have enjoyed a fantastic day together with a focus on tools for now and into the future.



A parallel program has been developed for our boys. Today the Grades 5 and 6 boys will head offsite for a day of learning and team building; including a visit to Blundstone Arena to hear from current Tasmania Devils Coach and former AFL player, Jeromey Webberley, as well as visiting Risdon Brook Dam and Bellerive Park.

Traffic Around McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue

We kindly request your support in ensuring the safety of our precious students during drop-off and pick-up times. Please be mindful of traffic rules and parking guidelines around the school zone. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is crucial in creating a safe and secure environment for all our students and respecting the residents who live in close proximity to our school.

Nurturing Hearts is back for 2024!

Our program recommences next Friday, 16 February, from 9.00am - 10.30am in our Kindergarten space. We look forward to catching up with returning families and invite new families to join us on Friday mornings during term-time.



Key Dates

	Swimming Carnival - Friday 1 March
	Mother's Day Breakfast - Tuesday 7 May
	Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 9 May
	School Silent Disco - 12 May
	Father's Day - 30 August
	Athletics Carnival - Thursday 12 September
	Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 25 October

Important 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

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

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wed 21 Feb	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 21 Feb	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Thu 22 Feb	Canteen Day
Fri 23 Feb	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Wed 28 Feb	Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 28 Feb	Enrolments due for 2025 Grade 7 at Sacred Heart
Wed 28 Feb	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Wed 28 Feb	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 29 Feb	Canteen Day
Fri 1 Mar	Swimming Carnival
Fri 1 Mar	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Wed 6 Mar	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Now accepting Enrolments for **KINDERGARTEN 2025**

IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN 2020, WE WOULD LOVE TO
WELCOME THEM INTO OUR KINDERGARTEN IN 2025.

To find out more, please visit our website
www.ihms.tas.edu.au
or our School Office for an Enrolment Pack,
or call 6228 3335 to arrange a guided tour.

Applications close May 2024



Current Immaculate Heart Families, with a child born in 2020, are reminded to submit an
Enrolment Form to secure a Kindergarten place in 2025.