

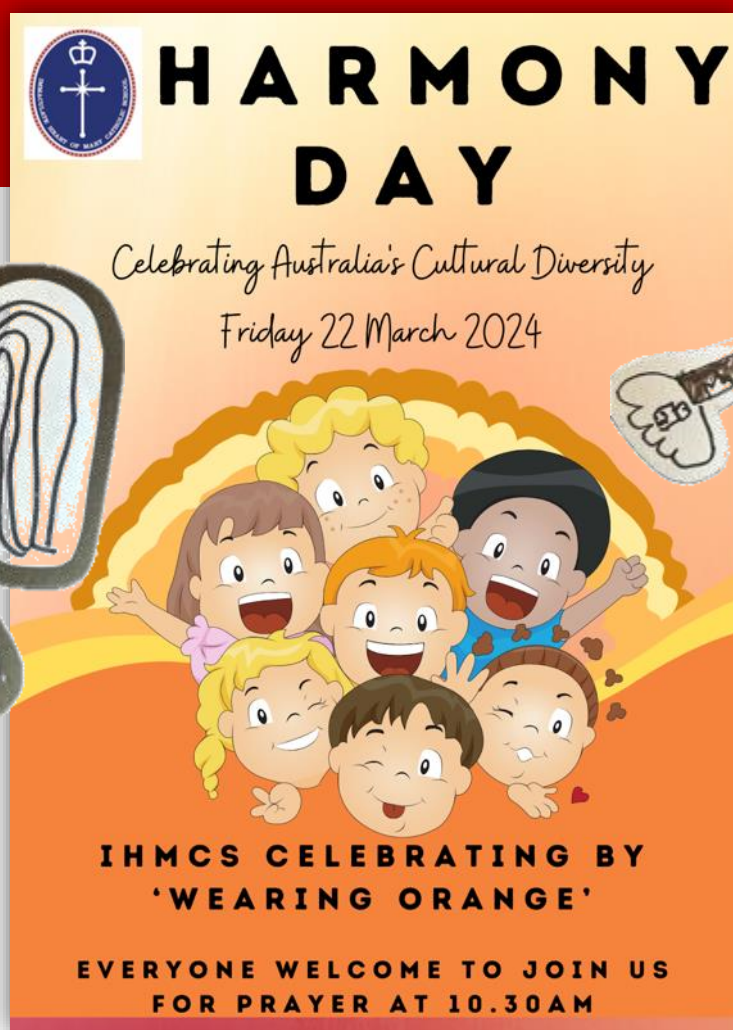
NEWS from the HEART...

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

20 March 2024



Harmony Week - Everybody Belongs



This week, we celebrate Harmony Week across Australia. Harmony Week recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At Immaculate Heart of Mary, our cultural diversity is embraced and brings with it a whole host of traditions, religions, languages and experiences. Our diversity is our strength - connecting our priority of love, hope, connectedness, inclusivity and justice. Harmony Week is recognised by the colour orange because it represents social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We invite all our students and staff to wear orange this Friday to celebrate our rich cultural diversity.

Easter

Next week we celebrate Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. During Holy Week, we commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe.

We warmly invite all members of our community to join us as we walk in the footsteps of Christ next week:

- Monday 12.30pm Palm Sunday Service in the hall led by Prep and Grade 1.
- Tuesday 12.30pm Last Supper Service in the hall led by Grade 2.
- Wednesday 2.00pm Stations of the Cross Service in the hall led by Grades 5 & 6.
- Wednesday Week 9 2.00 Resurrection Service in the hall led by Grades 3 & 4.

On behalf of the entire school community, I wish everyone a faith-filled and family orientated Easter.



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parent Council: School Representative

<https://www.tcspc.org.au/>

The TCSPC is a collaborative and representative organisation dedicated to assisting Catholic School parents (and children), ensuring they have a voice at both a local and national level. The TCSPC also aims to help with Parent Engagement within Catholic Education as a whole, and to help and empower parents take an active role in the education of their children.

Each Tasmanian Catholic school is encouraged to have a parent representative on the Council. Over the past years, Suzie Norris has served our community in this role. Stepping away from this role in 2024, we thank Suzie for her service.

We are now seeking expressions of interest for an IHMS Representative on the Council. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office and we can set up a time for a chat with Mr Donald Ryan (executive officer of the Council) and myself.

Staff Spirituality Day

The last day of Term 1 for students is Thursday 11 April. On 12 April, staff in Tasmanian Catholic Schools will be participating in spirituality days. Our staff will be walking in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Woods to further understand our mission past, present and future.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to Molly Fulton, Monica Holloway and Stefano Lufi, who will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this evening at St Mary's Cathedral.



Kindergarten 2025

Enrolments for Kindergarten are now open. A reminder to existing families that if your child is due to be in Kindergarten for 2025 you have a guaranteed place, however, an enrolment form must still be completed and returned to the office before the end of this term.

Day of Mercy



Day of Mercy

Friday,
22 March

*"Don't be afraid to go
to the Sacrament of
Confession, where you
will meet Jesus who
forgives you."*

Pope Francis

Day of Mercy
The Day of Mercy on 22nd March FRIDAY
Please note the following:

SACRED HEART CHURCH

9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Adoration

9.15 - 10.15am Reconciliation

10.30 am Benediction

ST.MARY'S CATHEDRAL

6pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Adoration

6.15 - 7.45pm Reconciliation

8pm Benediction



Archdiocese
of Hobart

Find times and locations for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
hobart.catholic.org.au



No Toys at School

We ask all students to not bring toys/games to school. Over the past year, this one has crept in, with it causing a distraction from learning and a few tears over lost items/damaged items.

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



Key Dates (please check for updates!)

	Mother's Day Breakfast - Tuesday 7 May
	Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 9 May
	School Silent Disco - 17 May
	Father's Day - 27 August
	Athletics Carnival - Thursday 12 September
	Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 30 October **(UPDATED)

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Concludes 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

Calendar

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

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wed 20 Mar	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Thu 21 Mar	Canteen Day
Fri 22 Mar	Harmony Day Celebration
Fri 22 Mar	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Mon 25 Mar	Prep/Grade 1 Palm Sunday Liturgy 12.30pm
Tue 26 Mar	Kinder/Grade 2 Last Supper Liturgy 12.30pm
Wed 27 Mar	Grades 5 & 6 Stations of the Cross Liturgy 2.00pm
Wed 27 Mar	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Wed 27 Mar	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 28 Mar	Canteen Day
Fri 29 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
Mon 1 Apr	EASTER MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)
Tue 2 Apr	EASTER TUESDAY (NO SCHOOL)
Wed 3 Apr	Grades 3 & 4 Resurrection Liturgy 2.00pm
Wed 3 Apr	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.

Nature Holiday Program



April Holidays 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24

Autumn is a magical time to be out in nature - things are colourful, fungi appear and nature is slowing down preparing for winter.

For children aged 5 to 11.

We provide:

- Whittling
- Nature Explorations
- Tree climbing
- Mud & water play
- Bush Craft
- Using real tools
- Story time
- Cubby building
- Fire by friction
- Hot Chocolate



When: April 16, 17, 18 and 22, 23, 24 | 9am to 3pm Daily | Drop Off

Where: The Lea Scout Camp, between Hobart and Kingston

Ratios: Max. 1 educator to 15 children (often smaller)

Cost: \$110 inc. gst (discounts for siblings & 3 bookings on any days)



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