

NEWS from the HEART...

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



6 March 2024

**Choose compassion over judgement
and humility over pride**

PRAYER

God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is
a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent
and may we take courage to share it, especially with
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice
to renew the face of the Earth,
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

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It is hard to believe that it is already the season of autumn, and we are about to reach the half-way mark of Term 1. With our learning programs and wellbeing programs up and running, and our first carnival of the year done and dusted, we are certainly in full swing.

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival last Friday was a successful and fun day for our Grades 3-6 students. The carnival featured a series of tightly contested races and activities, with students giving their all. Alongside the serious swimming, everyone had a chance to enjoy the novelty events. Well done to our House Captains Kheenan, Kidus, Atsedey, Jack, Ollie & Connie for your leadership on the pool deck, and congratulations to Donohoe House for swimming away with the overall win this year.

Selected students will go through to the Catholic Schools Carnival on Friday 5 April.

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers and spectators that came along, and to the staff that went above and beyond during the carnival to make it a memorable day for everyone. Thank you to Mr Sandy Clark for his tremendous job to organise and run the carnival.

Learn to Swim Program 2024

This year, we are moving our Prep - Grade 6 Swimming Program to the Collegiate Pool from 1 June - 5 June. We believe that:

- the reduced student travel time;
- moving the program from Term 1 to Term 2; and
- having a 1-week structure

will have less impact on our daily learning platform and student fatigue levels whilst still ensuring a high-level program for our students.

Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) Insight Project

This year, our school formally moves into Catholic Education Tasmania's Insight Project, continuing to focus on high levels of learning for our students.



The Insight project focuses on improving the three key foundations of teaching and learning:

1. A comprehensive, knowledge rich curriculum: that supports student's growth in learning, knowing and remembering - every day;
2. Cognitive Science (the Science of Learning): Developing our understanding about how people learn; to overcome the limits of working memory in order to maximise student learning and to build long-term memory in all key subjects; and
3. High Impact Pedagogy: Regular and intensive coaching to assist our educators in actively applying the science of learning as we design highly efficient and effective teaching and learning methods in the classroom.

Our move into the project will provide our Insight Instructional Leaders, Mr Simon Treweek and Mr Kieran Gill with five onsite coaching days, whole staff professional learning and ongoing feedback to support us to further improve our capacity to support learning for every student.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club operates every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.15am - 8.45am. Students are asked to finish their toast before entering the playground.

NAPLAN

Next week, Grades 3 and 5 students will sit the *National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy* (NAPLAN) tests which include four components: Writing, Numeracy, Conventions of Language and Reading. Please note that if your student is absent on the day of a test, catch up sessions will be administered. Where a student's circumstances meet the criteria for adjustments to access the tests, their test conditions will be adjusted. The adjustments made will reflect the kind of support and assistance provided for assessment in the classroom. A parent information brochure and questions answered on NAPLAN and what it means for your child can be found here [NAPLAN Parent Information](#).

Before School Arrival

A reminder to all families that our duty of care commences at 8.15am. We have tight procedures in place to support the transition to school. These are:

- 8.15am - 8.30am: Students remain seated in supervised area
- 8.30am - 8.45am: Classrooms open and students are allowed to play before school on the Blue Court / Play Equipment or remain in their classroom
- Students who arrived after 8.45am enter via the office to collect a late pass

Transition at the End of the Day

To streamline the process of transporting students to Sacred Heart College of an afternoon, students catching the bus will leave classrooms at 2:55pm for a 3:00pm bus departure. This will ensure students make connecting buses, a streamlined McCann Crescent at 3:00pm, and lighten the load on our staircases at the end of the day. Thank you to all students, families and staff for this adjusted arrangement.

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 a few tears over lost items/damaged items and distraction from learning.

Smart Watches

If your child wears a smart watch, this must be on a mode where notifications cannot be received, and games cannot be played throughout the school day or these can be dropped at the office in line with our mobile phone procedures.

Mobile Phones

All student mobile phones are to be handed in at the office at the start of the school day and collected on school departure. **If you need to contact your child, or we need to contact you, this can be done via phone to the school office or email.**

IHMS School Soccer - Central Region Junior Soccer Association

As in previous years, the school is offering students from Prep to Grade 6 the opportunity to participate in the Central Region Junior Soccer Association roster throughout Terms 2 and 3. Information was sent home via Compass last week. If you would like your child to participate and have not yet filled in the Google Form, please check Compass notifications and do so before Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Sargent (Mon-Wed) in the office.

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
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 **Archdiocese of Hobart**

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



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

Nurturing Hearts is back for 2024!



Key Dates (please check for updates!)

	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 - 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 6 Mar	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Wed 6 Mar	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Thu 7 Mar	Canteen Day
Fri 8 Mar	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Mon 11 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Tue 12 Mar	Class Mass - Grade 4
Tue 12 Mar	Sacramental Program - 12.30pm
Wed 13 Mar	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Wed 13 Mar	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 14 Mar	Canteen Day
Fri 15 Mar	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Tue 19 Mar	Sacramental Program 12.30pm
Wed 20 Mar	Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 20 Mar	Harmony Day Celebration
Wed 20 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.