## NEWS from the HEART...

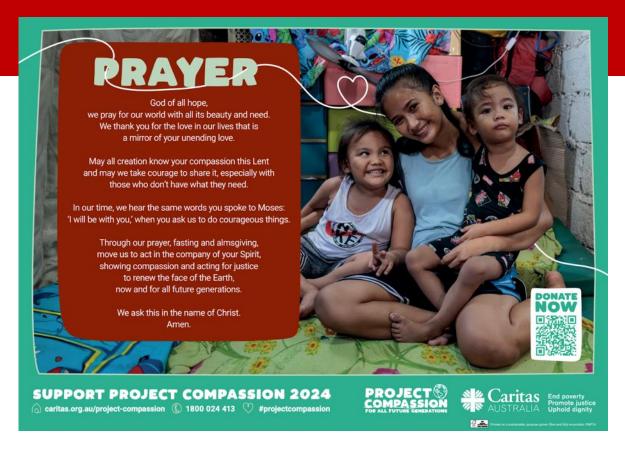
### Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

6 March 2024



# Choose compassion over judgement and humility over pride



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 <u>NAPLAN</u> 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**



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



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



#### Traffic Around McCann Crescent and Edge Avenue

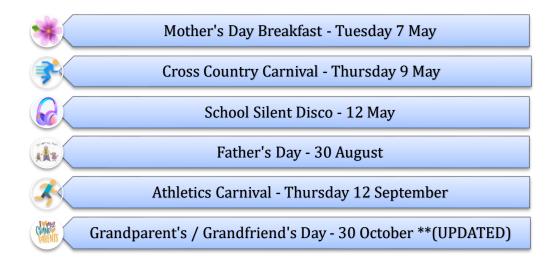
We kindly request your support in ensuring the safety of our precious students during drop-off and pick-up times. Please be mindful of traffic rules and parking guidelines around the school zone. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is crucial in creating a safe and secure environment for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



#### 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 |  |
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| 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.



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