



1 May 2024

## Lest We Forget

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning  
We will remember them. Lest we forget.*

On Thursday 25th April, many of us gathered at the Lenah Valley Anzac Day Service, joining thousands of others across Australia and New Zealand to remember the spirit of the ANZACs.

Many thanks to our School Captains, Tommy & Jacob for laying a wreath on behalf of Immaculate Heart, and to all students for representing our school.

### Welcome to Term 2

We trust all our students and families enjoyed the glorious autumn weather over the school holidays and are refreshed and ready for a big term of learning, growth and connecting at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Walking in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross, our staff had the opportunity to participate in a Josephite Pilgrimage. For our staff, this opportunity to be together and connect was pivotal in our shared mission here at Immaculate Heart.



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“We are a community of people loved unconditionally by God, through Christ who impels us to deepen our relationship with all people.

In the Josephite Tradition, we embrace lifelong learning that leads towards a future where hope, respect, compassion and justice can flourish”.

A highlight of our pilgrimage was the opportunity to walk, wonder and ponder in the labyrinth at Port Direction. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth represents a journey to our own centre and back again out into the world. If you haven't been to the labyrinth at Port Direction, well worth the drive and walk up the hill.



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## Staffing Updates

Mrs Stephanie Melitsis

It is with mixed emotions that I let our community know that Mrs Stephanie Melitsis has tendered her resignation and will be leaving our school community at the end of Term 2 to pursue her career beyond our school. The culture of performance at Immaculate Heart is something to behold, and testament to the gifts and talents of Mrs Melitsis, who has gone above and beyond for each child. We will have the opportunity to thank and farewell Steph before the end of the term.

This week, we welcome back Mrs Bruce from Parental Leave, working alongside Mr Treweek in Grade 2. We also welcome Miss Hella Foss, who is joining our staff two days a week in an intervention and enrichment role.

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## Upcoming Events

Over the coming fortnight we have significant whole school and community events. Next week we look forward to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday and our Cross Country Carnival on Thursday. Hopefully the track is dry and the weather perfect. Back by popular demand, we will also be hosting a Silent Disco on Friday 17th May.

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## IHMS Soccer Teams

Over 85 students are registered to play in the Central Region Junior Soccer Association competition from Prep - Grade 6 which commences this Saturday. Many thanks to Mrs Jane Sargent for all the administrative work to make this happen, and to our parents and volunteers who are coaching and managing teams. Teamwork makes the dream work - have a great season everyone!

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## Advisory School Board

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At Immaculate Heart of Mary we are fortunate to have a fully operational Advisory School Board to provide advice and support to the Principal and Deputy Principal in the leadership and management of the school. Our current school board is:

Board Chair: Trent Henderson

Deputy Chair: David Morse

Board Members: Nerida Clifford, Jeremy Holloway and Lauren Anderson.

Ex Officio Members: Rachel Kelly, Jackson Cracknell, Sr Monica and Fr Bernard.

We like to acknowledge and thank Josh Harley-Hill for his service to our Advisory Board over past years.

We are seeking several new members of our school community to join our Advisory School Board. The School Board works collaboratively in a supportive role with the Principal. Board members are appointed for a three-year term and may be reappointed for a subsequent three-year term.

Board members:

- possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools;
- bring to the Advisory Board their gifts and skills;
- have the desire to give service to their school community;
- are prepared to undertake induction and formation;
- have sufficient time to devote to Board duties (meeting held monthly during the school year, usually early evening for approximately 60 minutes).

Potential members must:

- have the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Board;
- have an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters; and
- be willing to be screened as a volunteer under the Child Protection Protocols.

If Board membership is something you would like to pursue, then nominations should be in writing and signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee and forwarded to the Principal. For nomination forms please contact the school office.

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## Winter Uniform

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With the colder months ahead, our Grade 3 – Grade 6 students are required to wear their formal winter uniform in Term 2 and Term 3. The first week of Term 2 will be a transition week. Hats can stay home, as they are not required for Kinder – Grade 6 students again until Term 4.

- Our uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 2.30pm – 4.00pm (during term time).
  - Our school uniform policy is available on our website:  
<https://ihms.tas.edu.au/enrolments/uniforms/>
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## Save the Date Lisa Ford - Grit and Resilience - Tuesday 14th May

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In 2023, our school community was fortunate to have Lisa Ford (Clinical Psychologist and founder of the resilience co.) to provide parent, staff and parent workshops with a focus on understanding anxiety. Building upon this in 2024, Lisa will be returning next Term with a focus upon 'Grit and Resilience' for empowered kids on **Tuesday 14th May**.

### Lisa will focus on how we can support our students in:

- Developing resilience and mental flexibility
- Developing a growth mindset and harnessing the power of our everyday behaviour
- Taking ownership and developing self-control
- Gratitude and compassion

This opportunity to connect our community by working together to nurture resilient children, empowered parents and insightful educators has been funded by the Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Association through the 2024 Parent Engagement Grant Scheme. We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity for work and learn with Lisa. Save the date!

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## Mobile Phones

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We understand that many students bring a mobile phone to school. It is imperative that these are handed into the office before school starts and collected before the end of the school day. All smart watches must be placed in "school mode".

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## Last Call - Kindergarten 2025

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

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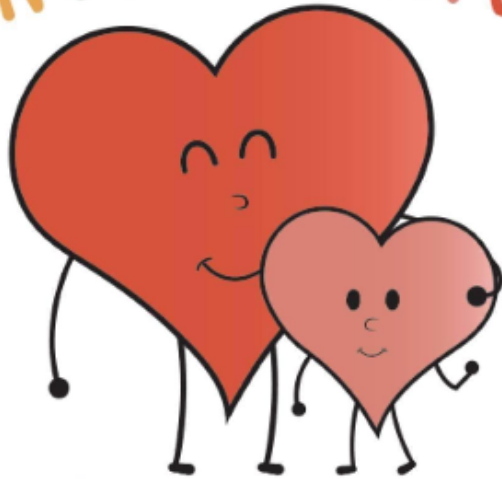
## Canteen Day next week

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Due to our Cross Country Carnival being held next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, our Canteen Day has been changed to **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

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NURTURING



HEARTS

TERM TWO 2024

Welcome to Term Two of Nurturing Hearts for 2024!  
The focus for this term's learning experiences is  
'TRADITIONAL TALES AND CLASSIC STORIES'

Friday 3rd May: Exploring 'The Three Little Pigs'  
Friday 10th May: Exploring 'The Gingerbread Man'  
Friday 17th May: Exploring 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'  
Friday 24th May: Exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'  
Friday 31st May: Gross Motor Morning in the Hall  
Friday 7th June: Exploring 'Sea Country'  
Friday 14th June: Exploring 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'  
Friday 21st June: Exploring 'Cinderella'  
Friday 28th June: Bush School Excursion to celebrate  
International Mud Day  
(Friday 5th July: NO SESSION)



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
- 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

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## Student Free Days 2024

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Friday 12 April 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Monday 14 October 2024

## Calendar

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

Warm regards  
Rachel Kelly  
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Thu 2 May	Canteen Day
Fri 5 May	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Monday 6 May	Canteen orders due by 9.30pm
Tues 7 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 7 May	Canteen Day
Wed 8 May	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 8 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 9 May	Cross Country Carnival
Fri 10 May	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am - 10.30am
Tues 14 May	Lisa Ford - Grit & Resilience Evening Session
Wed 15 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm

# OHA Junior Hockey



**we'd love you  
to be part of our  
family-oriented club!**

- What?** Junior Hockey with OHA for Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 boys and girls
- Why?** Make new friends, fun team sport, learn a new skill!
- Where?** Same place every week - Tasmanian Hockey Centre, New Town
- When?** Friday nights for 1.5 hours total  
Games start between 5 & 8pm from 8 April

**Contact: Jane Sargent (Immaculate Heart School Office)**

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National  
Road Safety  
Week 2024

5-12 May

DRIVE  
SO OTHERS  
SURVIVE



TAKE THE PLEDGE  
[roadsafetyweek.com.au](https://roadsafetyweek.com.au)

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR**



**TUESDAY MAY 7TH  
7:45AM - 8:45AM**

# *MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST*

Join us for a complimentary breakfast of  
croissants and granola cups.  
Barista coffee will be available for purchase.  
Mothers, grandmothers and special persons  
are all welcome to attend.

Breakfast Club will be on as usual for  
students

Music performance 8:30am





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**IMMACULATE HEART OF  
MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# **SILENT DISCO 2024**

**FRIDAY 17TH MAY**

**KINDER - GRADE 2:  
4:30 - 5:30PM**

**GRADE 3 - 6: 5:45 - 6:45PM**

**GOLD COIN ENTRY  
BRING A DRINK BOTTLE**

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT THE ABOVE TIMES**

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