

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



21 August 2024



BOOK WEEK – Reading is Magic

Embracing the joy of reading to make the magic happen, Book Week at Immaculate Heart is something to behold.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary we are part of Catholic Education Tasmania's [Literate Learners for Life initiative](#). Learning to read is an essential skill to not only find success in school and thrive in society, but to also experience the joy that reading brings to life.

Whilst an enormous effort, both at school and at home, goes into making Book Week so spectacular, it is in every moment that parents and educators support children to read where the real magic happens. Many thanks to Mrs Jane Kirk for all of your work and passion to organise and co-ordinate Book Week and to the enormous effort of our staff, parents and students to read, grow and inspire in 2024. Reading is Magic! It was a difficult job to choose winners as so much thought and effort was put into costumes....

Kindergarten – Mitchell D, Edith M, Alexander C-W

Prep – Scarlett M, Hamish C, Toby C

Grade 1 – Hamish P, Elodie C, Finn L

Grade 2 – Amber G, Lola D, Albie M, Paddy L F, Angus C

Grade 3 – Freya M, Ian M, Ella H

Grade 4 – Nate G, Poppy G, Harry H

Grade 5 – Zoe M, Ronan H, Amelie F

Grade 6 – Tommy C, Maddison G, Connie M

Congratulations to all and thank you!





Catholic Education Week

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week (CEW), an opportunity for the 38 Catholic Schools in Tasmania to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic Education strives to make a difference in the lives of all who attend our school and in the wider community by challenging our students to live out the message of Jesus, and to reach their full potential as compassionate and contributing members of society.

On Thursday, our Grade 6 Leaders attended the Southern Schools Catholic Education Week Mass and received our acknowledgement for our Response to the Archbishop's Charter. This reflects our commitment to Mission, Leadership, Catholic Identity and Learning within the context and charism of Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Validation

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback. There were many positive contributions and some honest feedback which will help form our strategic planning for Immaculate Heart of Mary in the future. I look forward to sharing our commendations and recommendations after the Validation process is complete.

Transformation of the Heart - Capital Works Project

I'm ecstatic to inform you that the Tender process for our building project closes tomorrow, with our vision to transform learning spaces at the Heart about to become a reality. We will be in a position to communicate the successful tender, timeline for works and arrangements at school for our Grade 2 - Grade 4 students in the coming weeks.

The scope of the project will include:

Entrance from McCann Crescent

- A main entrance point, creating an obvious connection between McCann Crescent and the Heart of our school.

Central Heart

- The central heart will become the vocal point and meeting place within our school, with obvious pathways to all buildings and locations.

Community Hub and Library

- Adjacent to the heart, the Community Hub will encompass our school library as well as space and facilities to connect.

Early Years Classrooms

- A dedicated Early Years centre with opportunity for inside and outside learning
- Early Years specific construction and design

Connection and accessibility

- A streamlining of different levels, ramps, a lift and updated stairs will increase the accessibility of our site.
- Increased connection through new undercover walkways.

A home for The Arts

- The current Learning Support building will become a dedicated home of The Arts.

New School Bus

We have purchased a Fuso Rosa 25 seater to replace our current Toyota Coaster 30 seater.

Our new bus will be used in conjunction with our Toyota Hiace 12 seater, to ensure our daily bus run before and after school to Sacred Heart College, Bush School, wellbeing and options programs, Grade 3 - Grade 6 camps, sporting programs and class excursions run smoothly.

Pivot Data - Sleep

Through our regular wellbeing survey of Grade 3-6 students, sleep quality has been flagged as an area for growth – with only 65% of students reporting adequate sleep. The Sleep Foundation recommendations and sleep hygiene tips offer some good learning for us all.



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.

Mobile Phones

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".

Warm regards
Rachel Kelly
Principal



TERM THREE 2024

Welcome to Term Three of Nurturing Hearts for 2024!

This term, we will be exploring 'WATER', and our learning experiences will have a specific STEM focus- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.

Friday 26th July: Exploring Water for Washing

Friday 2nd August: Exploring Water and the Weather

Friday 9th August: Exploring Sea and Shore

Friday 16th August: Exploring Freezing and Melting

Friday 23rd August: Gross Motor Morning in the Hall

Friday 30th August: Exploring Water Mixing

Friday 6th September: Exploring Floating and Sinking

Friday 13th September: Exploring Rivers, Creeks and Waterfalls

Friday 20th September: Silver Falls Excursion

(Friday 27th September: NO SESSION)



NURTURING



HEARTS

Student Free Days 2024

Monday 14 October 2024

Term Dates

Term 3: Tuesday 23 Jul- Fri 27 Sep 2024

Term 4: Tuesday 15 Oct – Wed 18 Dec 2024

Calendar

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





Calendar of Events

Fri 23 Aug	Nurturing Hearts Gross Motor in the hall -9.00-10.30
Fri 23 Aug	Grade 5/6 Football & Netball
Mon 26 Aug	Basketball training
Mon 26 Aug	Soccer end of season BBQ 3-4pm
Tue 27 Aug	Grade 1 Excursion Marine Discovery Centre
Tue 27 Aug	Grade 2 Liturgy
Wed 28 Aug	Father's Day Breakfast
Wed 28 Aug	Grade 5 Taster Afternoon
Wed 28 Aug	Kinder & Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 28 Aug	Uniform Store Open 2.30-4.30pm
Thurs 29 Aug	Athletics Carnival Domain 9.30am- 2.00pm
Fri 30 Aug	Nurturing Hearts (Set up for Success Program)
Fri 30 Aug	5/6 Netball and Football
Mon 2 Sept	Grade 6 Leavers Photo
Tue 3 Sept	Prep Bush School
Wed 4 Sept	Grade 6 Camp
Wed 4 Sept	Unform Shop Closed

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School warmly invites
you to attend our**



Father's Day Breakfast

Join us for complimentary Egg & Bacon
Rolls and Barista coffee will be available
on site.

Fathers, grandfathers and special
persons are all welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 28th August
8:00am - 8:45am**

**Breakfast Club toast available for students
8:30am - Combined Choir Performance**
