

# NEWS from the HEART...

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



7 August 2024



The Paris 2024 Olympics is captivating the world with spectacular athleticism and inspiring stories. Athletes from around the globe are showcasing their skills, breaking records, and uniting in the spirit of sportsmanship. As we reflect on these games, let's cherish the values of perseverance, excellence, and unity that they embody. With effort and unity, anything is possible!



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## Principal Leave

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I wish to advise our families that I will be taking Long Service Leave from the last week of Term 3 until the end of the 2024 school year.

I'm delighted to inform you that Mr Jackson Cracknell will be Acting Principal during this time.

I will be in a position to inform our community who will replace Jackson as Acting Deputy Principal shortly.

## St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

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On 8 August we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's beloved first saint and patron saint of our school.

On this day, we celebrate the important role she played in making education accessible for children in our country. Mary MacKillop devoted her life to ensuring a holistic Catholic education for children from rural, poor families. St Mary MacKillop's impact on Australian education was remarkable.

Last week, classes from Prep to Grade 6 had the opportunity to visit the Josephite History and Mission Centre to learn more about the work of Mary MacKillop, Fr Julian Tenison Woods and the Josephite Sisters. The Josephites founded many schools across Tasmania in the 1800's and 1900's, including Immaculate Heart in 1961. We look forward to celebrating Mass as a school community on Thursday morning. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

## School Validation

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This term our school will participate in a Validation school improvement process. Validation is a point in time exercise which ensures the system (in this case, Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) as the relevant educational authority) satisfies all aspects of Church, system and government requirements within the context of school improvement processes.

Validation provides system assurance about:

- The school's progress in responding to the Archbishop's Charter;
- The involvement of the school community in on-going improvement for learning; and
- How the school is meeting the Tasmanian non-Government Schools Registration Board Standards.

You would have recently received a request to complete a survey from MYPCorp as a part of the validation process. We encourage as many people as possible to complete this survey as your feedback is critical in informing us and giving us direction as we strive to provide the best possible education for our children.

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## Athletics Carnival – \*\*Date Update

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Please note the Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 29 August. Our apologies for any confusion with previous correspondence.

## Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts

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We are again facilitating competition for our students in the Brixhibition Kids Competition this year. Please see information attached at the end of the newsletter. **All entries need to be brought to the school office by Monday 9 September.** We look forward to seeing our students' creations!

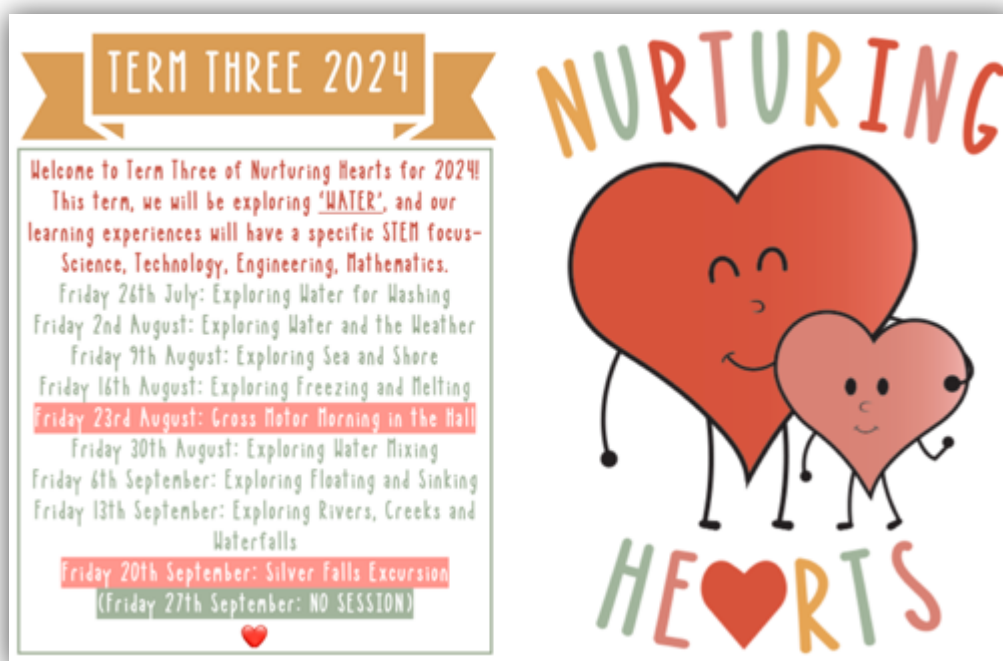
## Attendance

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There has recently been a lot of sickness within our school, including some cases of Influenza A. If your child is unwell, please keep them home to avoid the spread of ill health. Please notify us of your child/ren's absence via the Compass app or phone the school office on 6228 3335.

## Nurturing Hearts

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## Key Dates (please check for updates!)\*\*

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Father's Day - Wednesday 28 August \*\*UPDATED



Athletics Carnival - Thursday 29 August \*\*UPDATED



Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 30 October

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## Swimming Feedback

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Thank you to our parents/carers who provided feedback on our swimming program this year. Our responses provided much positive feedback for the move to the Collegiate Pool and the length of the program.

We have secured a booking for autumn in 2025 (Term 2 Week 1), taking onboard your feedback regarding the cold weather and student illness towards the end of Term 2.

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## Sacred Heart Old Scholars Tour

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On Saturday 10 August, from 2 – 4 pm, Sacred Heart College is hosting an event to welcome Old Scholars, past staff and members of their college community to visit their school and join a tour of present-day Sacred Heart. See further details below.



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## 2024 Term Dates

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Term 3: Tue 23 Jul - Fri 27 Sep 2024

Term 4: Tue 15 Oct - Wed 18 Dec 2024

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## 2025 School Dates

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Catholic Education Tasmania has released the following school dates for 2025.

### 2025 Catholic Education Tasmania Gazetted School Calendar

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**Term One:**

Teaching Staff Resume: Monday 3 February 2025  
(4 student free days: including one mandatory system development day - Science of Learning – Tuesday 4 February 2025 - Requirement that all education staff attend this day).  
(DECYP teachers in schools return Monday 3 February 2025)

Students Resume: Friday 7 February 2025  
(DECYP students return Thursday 6 Feb 2025)

Term 1 Concludes (Students): Thursday 10 April 2025  
(DECYP students conclude on Friday 11 April 2025)

Term 1 Concludes (Teaching Staff): Friday 11 April 2025  
(Student free day – CET Formation For Mission Day)

Term 1 Student Non-Attendance Time: Monday 14 April 2025 – Friday 25 April 2025  
(DECYP: Monday 14 April 2025 - Friday 25 April 2025)

Easter: Good Friday = 18 April 2025, Easter Monday = 21 April 2025,  
Easter Tuesday = 22 April 2025, Anzac Day = 25 April 2025

**Term Two:**

Staff and Students Resume: Monday 28 April 2025  
(DECYP students return Monday 28 April 2025)

Term 2 Concludes: Friday 4 July 2025  
(DECYP conclude Friday 4 July 2025)

Term 2 Student Non-Attendance Time: Monday 7 July 2025 – Monday 21 July 2025  
(DECYP: Monday 7 July 2025 – Friday 18 July 2025)

**Term Three:**

Teaching Staff Resume: Monday 21 July 2025  
(Science of Learning – Student free day - Requirement that all education staff attend)

Students Resume: Tuesday 22 July 2025  
(DECYP students return Monday 21 July 2025)

Term 3 Concludes: Friday 26 September 2025  
(DECYP conclude Friday 26 September 2025)

Term 3 Student Non-Attendance Time: Monday 29 September 2025 – Monday 13 October 2025  
(DECYP: Monday 29 September 2025 – Friday 10 October 2025)

**Term Four:**

Teaching Staff Resume: Monday 13 October 2025  
(Science of Learning – Student free day - Requirement that all education staff attend)

Students Resume: Tuesday 14 October 2025  
(DECYP students return Monday 13 October 2025)

Students and Teaching Staff Conclude: Thursday 18 December 2025 \*  
(DECYP students finish on 18 December 2025, teachers conclude Friday 19 December 2025)

*\*In circumstances where a Show Day public holiday falls within student non-attendance time, the schools within that region will conclude on Wednesday 17 December 2025.*

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## Student Free Days 2024

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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 8 Aug	Feast Day Mass
Fri 9 Aug	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 9 Aug	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 12 Aug	Grade 6 Excursion to Parliament House
Tue 13 Aug	Grade 6 Excursion to Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery
Wed 14 Aug	<b>Assembly 1.45pm</b>
Wed 14 Aug	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 14 Aug	Kinder Bush School
Wed 14 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Fri 16 Aug	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 16 Aug	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 20 Aug	Grade 1 Class Liturgy
Tue 20 Aug	Prep Class Liturgy
Tue 20 Aug	Prep Bush School
Wed 21 Aug	<b>Book Week Parade</b>
Wed 21 Aug	Grades 3 to 6 Options
Wed 21 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm





## Brixhibition Kids Competition 2024

The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and Brixhibition invite all Primary School students in the Southern Tasmanian area to compete in a Lego Competition running in the third term of 2023.

- Each student to have their Lego creation completed and ready for judging to your school or group by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**.
- Each School or group to have judged and announce their winning entrant by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024**.
- The winner of each age group at your school or group will win a winners medal, a free pass to Richmond Goal, Leven River Cruises and Beaconsfield Museum. Your schools 1x overall winner will receive a special Overall Winners Medallion.
- Each Southern Primary School's or Group's Overall Winner is then invited to participate against other Southern Primary Schools or Groups.
- All Lego Challenge winners displayed at Brixhibition will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members
- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy + \$300 Toyworld voucher**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy + \$200 Toyworld voucher**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy + \$100 Toyworld voucher**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Prize – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Trophy + Small Lego Set**
- Winners and announced at Brixhibition Hobart on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Application forms and conditions are available from your school or group

**Happy Building!**



Brixhibition Hobart

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024: 9:30am – 4:30pm

**New Bigger and Better venue at:**

South East Sports Complex (Basketball Complex)  
Montagu Street, Sorell, Tasmania

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## Brixhibition Kids Competition 2024

### Information and Conditions of entry for individual Students

The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. invites all Primary School Children in Southern Tasmania to compete in a Lego building competition, running in the third term of 2024.

### For schools or community groups with less than 12 participating students

all students to enter into the same age group, with only one overall winners mediation awarded.

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### For schools or community groups with more than 12 participating students. There are 4x age groups (with a least 3 students per age group)

- **Kinder -Prep:** winner to receive a winner's medallion (Age Group or Age Group & Overall Winner)
- **Grades 1-2:** winner to receive a winner's medallion (Age Group or Age Group & Overall Winner)
- **Grades 3-4:** winner to receive a winner's medallion (Age Group or Age Group & Overall Winner)
- **Grades 5-6:** winner to receive a winner's medallion (Age Group or Age Group & Overall Winner)



**Your school or community group then must pick 1 overall winner from your age group winners, to represent your school this year.**

Your School's or community group's overall winner will receive 1x "Age Group & Overall" winners' medallion, plus 1x voucher for a Leven River Cruise, 1x free pass to Beaconsfield Heritage Museum, Richmond Gaol and a free family pass to Brixhibition Hobart 2024 at Sorell.

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