

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

18 September 2024



Living the Gospel with a Josephite Heart

Sr Veronica Dillon

A story to enter ...

A language to speak ...

A group to belong to ...

A service to do ...

A way of proceeding ...

A face of God to see ...



Sister Veronica lived a life of great faith and service, including the foundation of Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1961. Immaculate Heart was looking a little different at this time, beginning with 19 enrolments in what is now our Prep and Grade 1 building. Such was Sr Veronica Dillon's impact, that we now have Dillon House and the Dillon Building (Grade 5/6) named in her honour.

Tomorrow our students will gather for a prayer service to commemorate her life and significance in our school. Members of our leadership team will also be attending Sr Veronica's funeral on Thursday.

Sister Veronica lived the gospel with a Josephite heart - may she rest in peace.

Building Project

Our building project is all systems go, with a successful tender being appointed this week. This project has evolved over the last four years, from a \$1.2 million to a \$4.5 million project, which will be a transformation for our students, staff and families, providing the best facilities and opportunities for our students.

We are expecting work to commence during Term 4. Throughout the project, we will have to adjust our learning environment. This will include relocation of our Grade 2 - Grade 4 classes, a mobile Library, a flexible Learning Support approach, and Discovery Outside Hours Care operating out of the Grade 5/6 Learning Space.

Mr Cracknell will communicate with all families the exact details as soon as we have a confirmed start date in Term 4.

Validation

As part of Catholic Education Tasmania's ongoing school improvement process, each school participates in Validation every five years. This is a deep dive into our work as a Catholic school to provide the best outcomes for our students.

On Monday, our Leadership Team spent the day with the Validation Panel. This was an incredibly affirming process for our school, sharing our story over the past five years with a focus on:

- Our Catholic Identity & Mission
- Learning & Wellbeing
- Upward trending data testing
- Analysis of Parent, Staff & Student Feedback Surveys
- Master planning and pending building project

Many thanks to our students and parents for welcoming the panel and sharing your open and honest insights throughout the day.

Over the next few weeks, the Validation Panel will provide their formal feedback to our leadership team. This will be pivotal in our strategic directions moving forward.

Leave & Leadership remainder 2024

At the end of this week, I will be taking leave for the remainder of 2024.

Term 4 is a great term in a school community, and I know Jackson, Shae and Kieran will be exceptional in their Acting Principal and Deputy Principal positions. Immaculate Heart of Mary is truly blessed to have outstanding educators.

To our Grade 6 cohort, enjoy your last steps as a Primary School student. We know you are ready to walk beyond our school and wish you every success and happiness in the road ahead.

I wish everyone all the very best for what is to come in 2024 and look forward to seeing you all at the commencement of the 2025 school year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Kieran Gill, and his wife Susannah on the birth of their second child, a daughter Adelaide, over the weekend.



NITA Education

Over the past week, under a snow topped kunanyi, we welcomed Trish, Mathius and CJ from NITA education to our bush school site to work with students in Grades 1, 2, 3, 5 and Kinder. Surrounded by the peaceful gums, the groups embarked on a journey to learn about Aboriginal culture. The students listened to the ancient Dreaming stories of Mooinee and Dromedere, two brothers who shaped the lands of lutruwitta, Tasmania. They also embraced the opportunity to learn how to create fire by friction and moved with enthusiasm during the emu dance.



Sports Colours Day

Immaculate Heart will celebrate Sports Colours Day next Thursday 26 September. All students are invited to dress up in their favourite sports team colours. Please note: Students do not have to wear licensed sporting gear. Wearing clothes that are the colour of your team is a wonderful and inexpensive exercise. We look forward to celebrating all things sport!

Nurturing Hearts

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)

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Brixhibition

Congratulations to category winners of the 2024 Brixhibition Lego Competition.



Kinder/Prep Winner:

Angus Lowe
Soccer Pitch



Grades 1/2 Winner:

Ellie Clifford
Cruise Ship



Grades 3/4 Winner:

Evie Anderson
Dog Hotel



Grades 5/6 Winner:

Charlie Rawson
Dream Boat

Overall Winner:

Evie Anderson
Dog Hotel



Key Dates



Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 30 October

SUPPORTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN

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- How and why anxiety shows up & the science behind helpful responding
- Helping children regulate & work through anxious moments
- The cycle of avoidance and stepping alongside our fears.
- Practical strategies for overthinkers
- Separation anxiety & forming response plans
- AND much more!



Tues 19 Nov, 2024

9am-2:30pm

Kickstart Arts, New Town (Old School Room)

\$264 incl gst

Morning Tea & lunch provided



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2025 School Dates

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

2025 Catholic Education Tasmania Gazetted School Calendar

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.*

2024 Term Dates

Term 3: Tue 23 Jul - Fri 27 Sep 2024

Term 4: Tue 15 Oct - Wed 18 Dec 2024

Student Free Days 2024

Monday 14 October 2024

Calendar

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

Calendar of Events	
Wed 18 Sep	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED – QKR orders will still be filled
Thu 19 Sep	Chess Club 12.15pm – 1.00pm
Fri 20 Sep	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 20 Sep	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am SILVER FALLS EXCURSION
Tue 24 Sep	Grades 3 & 4 Class Mass
Wed 25 Sep	Assembly 1.45pm
Wed 25 Sep	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 25 Sep	Kinder Bush School
Wed 25 Sep	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED – QKR orders will still be filled
Thu 26 Sep	Sports Colours Day
Thu 26 Sep	Ryka Alli Cultural Performance
Thu 26 Sep	Chess Club 12.15pm – 1.00pm
FRI 27 Sep	NO NURTURING HEARTS
Fri 27 Sep	FINAL DAY OF TERM 3
Mon 14 Oct	STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF ONLY
Tue 15 Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4