

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

4 September 2024



**Celebrating Teacher Aides –
Empowering and supporting
Students everywhere, everyday!**



Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week celebrates the invaluable support teacher aides provide in school communities throughout Australia. From assisting with student learning to fostering a positive school environment, the dedication and contributions of our support staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary make a profound difference everywhere, everyday!

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We congratulate Monica Holloway and Molly Fulton (Grade 4) who received the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, a joyous occasion for the girls and their families. Our heartfelt thanks to Mr Simon Treweek for his leadership and support of our sacramental candidates throughout their faith journey.



Father's Day

The wild weather did not dampen the huge turnout of the great men in our lives with our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Father's Day is a time to show appreciation for the incredible role models in our lives who provide unwavering support, guidance, and love. Fathers, grandfathers, and father figures are our heroes, offering strength, wisdom, and encouragement every step of the way. We hope you all enjoyed a great day on Sunday.



Athletics Carnival

It was all systems go with the Athletics Carnival last Thursday - one of the great events of the year for our school community.

The spirit of participation and competition from all our students was phenomenal, as was the huge turnout of our parents and special people to support our event.

We particularly acknowledge and recognise our Dillon, Young and Doyle House Captains for 2024; Connie Millar, Ollie Knuckey, Jack August, Atsedey Chide, Kidus Mesfin and Kheenan Speed. You have led your houses with the spirit of participation and teamwork throughout 2024.

A wonderful aspect of our carnival was the support provided by our parents. A big thank you to Krystel Halloran, Trent Henderson, Lucy Henderson, David Smith, Lauren Anderson, Sophie French, Peter Wright, Kristy Robinson, Ben Hayes and Austin Jordan for your assistance and to the Grade 9 students from St Virgil's College who also helped us out.

Mr Cracknell will announce the winning house at our next school assembly.



Selected students will participate in the STCPSSA carnival early in Term 4.

Thank you to Mr Clark, Mr Cracknell and Miss Longey for all the work and early set-up at the carnival to make this event happen. I'm not going to lie, we had Plan A, Plan B and Plan C with the wild weather across the state last week. Thankfully, we landed Plan A!

Lego reminder

A reminder to all those interested in the Lego Competition – entries must be submitted to the office by next Monday 9 September.

Grade 6 Camp

The Grade 3-6 Camp Program commences today, with our Grade 6 students heading to Spring Beach today for 2 nights for their final primary school camp experience.

We believe that camps are a wonderful opportunity for our students to promote:

- Peer connection and team building
- Curriculum experiences
- Wellbeing and resilience building
- Wide-ranging opportunities for success

CSPCA Parent Engagement Survey

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY





Catholic School Parents
AUSTRALIA

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School
Parents Australia
is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia
(CSPA) acknowledges the funding
received from the Australian
Government to support this work.

The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/ carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

[Survey link](#)

Scan QR code above for Parent Survey

IHMS Soccer Wrap 2023

This year 86 students from Prep to Grade 6 played for Immaculate Heart in the Central Region competition. Many thanks to our coaches and managers for your commitment and support of all players and congratulations to all players for your participation, growth and teamwork throughout the season.



A huge thank you to our office staff for all the work behind the scenes to enable our students to participate and celebrate the season that was.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Shae Longey and Mr Kieran Gill, on their appointment as Acting Co-Deputy Principals, supporting Mr Jackson Cracknell as Acting Principal, in Term 4. Our community is blessed to have such capable and passionate leaders at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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: Cross 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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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.*

Key Dates



Grandparent's / Grandfriend's Day - 30 October

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](#)

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Wed 4-6 Sep	Grade 6 Camp
Thu 5 Sep	Chess Club 12.15pm – 1.00pm
Fri 6 Sep	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 6 Sep	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Wed 11 Sep	Assembly 1.45pm
Wed 11 Sep	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 11 Sep	Kinder Bush School
Wed 11 Sep	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED – QKR orders will still be filled
Thu 12 Sep	Chess Club 12.15pm – 1.00pm
Fri 13 Sep	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 13 Sep	Interschool Chess Competition
Fri 13 Sep	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 17 Sep	Grades 5 & 6 Mass
Tue 17 Sep	Prep Bush School
Wed 18 Sep	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED – QKR orders will still be filled