

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



16th October 2024

Prayer – We Gather, We Listen, We Respond, We Go Forth

A big welcome back to all our families for Term 4. This term we look forward to many things, including Grandparents Day, camps, outdoor excursions, the farewell of our 2024 Grade 6 students, and many planned opportunities to connect with each other.



This week our staff were led by Tricia Phillips and Leanne Pritchard (CET) in professional learning around Prayer - as a foundation of our Catholic faith. Prayer can take many outward and inward forms and gives an opportunity for our students to share moments that strengthen bonds with one another and learn more about elements of faith. Each day in our classrooms, Prayer may involve sharing or responding, celebrating through song, thinking and wondering about an idea or story.

This term our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) focus continues to be 'Be Respectful' as we positively support our students to be their best selves, every day. Some of the respectful behaviours we are working on include:

As we move into the warmer months, it has been great to see so many students straight into their hats and summer uniform (Grade 3-6). A reminder to families that all students are required to bring an IHMCS hat to school each day this term. Grades 3-6 students can now also transition to their short sleeve shirts and are able to leave the tie at home. Please see the [uniform information](#) on our website or contact the school office with any questions.

I look forward to connecting with you all this Term as we strive to finish the 2024 school year in a positive and enriching way.

Together we grow,
Jackson



- Show good manners by acting and speaking respectfully
- Value personal and school environment
- Listen when others are speaking
- Appreciate others ideas
- Be a role model for younger students
- Wear your uniform with pride
- Consider the privacy and personal space of others
- Accept feedback and decisions positively

Capital Works - Building Project

[Walk through video](#)

Since being made aware of Maveric Builders as the successful tender for our upcoming works, much planning and preparation has been occurring in the background. Our project will definitely begin this term, with a final start date to be communicated at a meeting tomorrow (17 Oct). Once we are aware of the date, specific information will be circulated to families. This will include specifics as to the classroom structures of our Grade 2/3/4 students, any changes to locations of spaces or events, and any parking/traffic requirements. This information will be sent out via Compass.

The walk-through video linked above takes you from the McCann Crescent entrance and into the Heart. From there, we journey into the library/hub space and into the first classroom. Down the 'amphitheatre' stairs and past small group learning spaces before walking through the two additional classrooms. Once finished inside, we see the undercover and accessible pathways and indoor-outdoor learning spaces of our current Prep/Grade 1 classrooms.

[Socktober](#)

Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency. It is an organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education and spiritual care. Socktober cultivates the passion of students to rise up, engage their local community, and take action through the world game of soccer. We can kick goals for good by raising awareness and funds to support children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds in many countries around the world. Please see the poster below for further details about our school's event on Thursday 31 October.

[Grades 3-6 Southern Primary Schools Basketball Tournament](#)

The Primary Schools Basketball Tournament is on the horizon, an event where Immaculate Heart has the highest participation percentage of any primary school in the state with around half of all Grades 3-6 students taking part.

Next weekend the Grades 5-6 students participate in their matches (October 26-27). Following this our Grades 3-4 students play November 9-10. Could all participating families please ensure their child is correctly registered with their team through Basketball Tas. All information needed is in the Compass posts. Rosters, playing tops and match balls will be sent out the week prior to tournaments.

[Grandparents Day](#)

On Wednesday 30 October, we welcome Grandparents, Grandfriends and those our students value most to Immaculate Heart. Beginning at 9:30am and concluding with morning tea, we look forward to seeing those who can join us and hearing many a story.

As it can be difficult to communicate directly with those outside of our parent body - please pass this information on as required. A formal invitation will go out via Compass and Facebook later this week.

Ryka Ali Visit

During the final week of Term 3, we welcomed Ryka Ali and his sister Billy for a cultural performance. Their heritage stems from the Yidinji clans of Cairns, the Kuku Yalinji clans of Mossman & the Torres Strait Islands. The workshop was interactive with all our students participating in the songs and dances.



Nurturing Hearts

Nurturing Hearts kicks off Term Four with our final 'Gross Motor Morning' for this year!

Please join us in the Hall on Friday 18th October, from 9:00-10:30, for high-energy muscle movement and fun!



Key Dates



Grandparents / Grandfriends Day - 30 Oct

2024 Term Dates

Term 4: Tue 15 Oct - Wed 18 Dec 2024

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)
<small>*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.</small>	

Calendar

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

Calendar of Events	
Thu 17 – Fri 18 Oct	Grade 3 Camp
Fri 18 Oct	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 21 – Wed 23 Oct	Grade 4 Camp
Mon 21 Oct	Pre-Kinder Orientation Session #1
Wed 23 Oct	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 23 Oct	Kinder Bush School
Wed 23 Oct	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 24 Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY SHOW DAY – NO SCHOOL
Fri 25 Oct	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Sat/Sun 26/27 Oct	Grades 5/6 Southern Basketball Competition
Mon 28 Oct	Pre-Kinder Orientation Session #2
Wed 30 Oct	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
Wed 30 Oct	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm



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FOOTY ADVENTURE

CENTRAL HOBART ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK CENTRE



PLAY



Starts 22nd October

6 Weeks, Tuesdays 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Grades: 3 - 6

Cost: \$85 (Includes Pack)

John Turnbull Oval

SUPERKICK
REGISTRATION



TICKET TO PLAY



\$100 TAS GOV
VOUCHER - SCAN
FOR MORE INFO



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