

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



29 October 2024

A teacher is one who is able to impart learning and wisdom for life. Teaching can take place in different ways, but, at the end of the day, a teacher is one from whom you learn.

John 3: 1-2



On Friday 25 October, we celebrated and recognised World Teachers Day at Immaculate Heart. A great opportunity to stop, think, and recognise the daily impact of our staff on the young people of our community. We are incredibly blessed to have a depth and breadth of experience in our teaching team and thank them for their ongoing efforts. The passage from the gospel of John reminds us that we all play the role of teacher in all interactions with young people as they soak in the world around them.

This Thursday, 31 October, our Socktober fundraising day brings an opportunity to raise funds for Catholic Mission. Socktober engages Australian students to make a difference by raising awareness and critical funds for mission programs supporting children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds in many countries around the world. Students are encouraged to wear bright and crazy socks with their school uniform - bringing a gold coin donation. To 'walk in the shoes' of others, we'll also only be using homemade sports equipment at play time - a big thank you to Mr Treweek and the Grade 5/6 students for preparing some sockballs for us!



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. This week we focus on how we show respect during gatherings, with Grandparents Day and assembly coming up. Some of the respectful behaviours we are working on include:

- Move to and from Gatherings respectfully
- Listen when others are speaking
- Calm body
- Move silently during transitions

A reminder that tomorrow morning we celebrate Grandparents Day, welcoming all special people in our students' lives to Immaculate Heart. The specifics for the morning are available on Facebook and Compass - please forward on as required.



Together we grow,
Jackson

Grades 3-6 Southern Primary Schools Basketball Tournament

Grade 5/6 - wow! The first weekend of the Southern Primary Schools Basketball Tournament - 5 teams, 20 games and a whole lot of sweat and smiles filled the weekend. Our teams embodied the IHMS spirit across all divisions, developing and growing together as the weekend progressed. A special shoutout to our division 1 boys - a matter of seconds and one shot away from a Grand Final.

Our attention now turns to the Grade 3/4 competition on November 9/10. All rosters and final information will be available in due course. We are still on the lookout for a few Grade 3/4 boys to add numbers to our teams. Please reach out to the school office for any information.



Grades 3 & 4 Camps



Recently our Grade 3 and Grade 4 classes have embarked on their annual school camps. Grade 3 tested their skills at Rock It Climbing Centre before heading to Orana Guide Camp for an afternoon of team building activities. Day 2 saw them work with the weather to spend time at Lauderdale Beach and Bellerive Park before heading back to school.

Grade 4 journeyed to the Tasman Peninsula for two nights, immersing themselves in Tasmania's convict past with visits to Port Arthur Historic Site and Saltwater River. They also enjoyed Unzoo and some sightseeing. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the two camps: Trudi Merkel, Emma Coad, Hella Foss, Chloe Mead, Demi Tsai, Cristy Mahony and Don Ryan. Great adventures had by all!



Capital Works - Building Project

[Walk through video](#)

We grow ever closer to a start date on our project. Community information regarding adjustments to the end of the 2024 year are being finalised and will be communicated shortly. For now, the walk-through video is worth another watch!

The walk-through video linked above takes you from the McCann Street 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.

2025 School Dates

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

Term One Resumes (Teaching Staff)	3 February 2025
Term One Resumes (Students)	7 February 2025
Term One Concludes (Students)	10 April 2025
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	11 April 2025
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	14 April 2025 – 25 April 2025
Easter (Good Friday)	18 April 2025
Easter (Easter Monday)	21 April 2025
Easter (Easter Tuesday)	22 April 2025
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume)	28 April 2025
Term Two (Concludes)	4 July 2025
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	7 July 2025 – 21 July 2025
Term Three Resumes (Teaching Staff)	21 July 2025
Term Three Resumes (Students)	22 July 2025
Term Three Concludes	26 September 2025
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	29 September 2025 – 13 October 2025
Term Four Resumes (Teaching Staff)	13 October 2025
Term Four Resumes (Students)	14 October 2025
Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff)	18 December 2025*

Nurturing Hearts



Calendar

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

Calendar of Events	
Wed 30 Oct	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 9.15am – 11.00am
Wed 30 Oct	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thu 31 Oct	Socktober Fundraising Day
Fri 1 Nov	STCPSSA Athletics Carnival
Fri 1 Nov	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Sat/Sun 2-3 Nov	Tasmanian All Schools Athletics Carnival
Mon 4 Nov	Pre-Kinder Orientation #3
Tue 5 Nov	Grade 6 Finding Nemo
Tue 5 Nov	Kinder Excursion to Molesworth
Tue 5 Nov	Grades 1 & 4 Class Liturgy
Tue 5 Nov	Grades 2 & 3 Class Liturgy
Wed 6 Nov	Assembly 1.45pm
Wed 6 Nov	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 6 Nov	Prep Bush School
Wed 6 Nov	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Fri 8 Nov	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Sat/Sun 9/10 Nov	Grades 3/4 Southern Primary Basketball Comp
Mon 11 Nov	Pre-Kinder Orientation #4
Wed 13 Nov	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
