

# NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



13 November 2024

## **Loving God,**

*You sent Your only Son to show us how to live a life of love and compassion.*

*We pray that we can bring Your kingdom by building a world where all humanity can experience peace and security.*



This week we paused, reflected, and remembered the special place we call home. Some classes also reflected on the people whose sacrifice shaped the world we live in today. To commemorate Remembrance Day, our Grade 3-6 students joined for prayer and reflection as part of our Monday morning gatherings and the whole school paused shortly before 11:00am to be still together.

Over recent weeks, our Prep - Grade 6 students have been undertaking annual PAT testing. This point in time information assists us greatly to inform our teaching and learning practices - affirming programs and decisions or outlining areas for growth. Our data across recent years is overwhelmingly positive, which validates the hard work and effort of all stakeholders within our school: families, staff and most importantly, students.

Next Tuesday our new school counsellor begins. Due to reasons beyond our control, we have been without a school counsellor for several weeks and look forward to this essential component of our wellbeing approach being back in action. Families of students who access this service should expect a call over coming weeks from our new counsellor.

We have a number of staffing announcements to share as we progress towards the end of the school year. Please note that class teacher information will be communicated as soon as it is finalised, in coming weeks.

Mrs Nikita Williams and her husband Marc are expecting their first child early 2025. A huge congratulations to them both as they enter the chapter of parenthood. Nikita will take leave for the entirety of 2025 and rejoin us in 2026.

Mrs Kate Jackson and Miss Elise Jackson have informed us of their ongoing desire to learn, grow and explore northern Western Australia and have resigned from their positions at Immaculate Heart. The Jackson family connection to our school runs deep, with Kate being a part of the community for several decades. We will formally farewell and celebrate their contributions in coming weeks.

Last weekend, Miss Millie Cooke and her now husband, Louis, tied the knot! A big congratulations to Millie and Louis, and the whole IHMS community wish them all the best in married life.

Recently, Miss Madelyn Halouvas was successful in her ongoing teacher application and will join our team from 2025. Madelyn brings a depth and breadth of experience to IHMS, having taught across Catholic dioceses in Victoria and Queensland. Maddy is part of our staff already for Term 4, learning lots about our teaching and learning philosophy, whilst getting to know all our young people.

Together we grow,  
Jackson.

## Giving Tree Christmas Appeal

Our Junior Joey's and Mr Treweek have launched the Giving Tree Christmas Appeal for 2024. Although Christmas is a time of joy for many of us, some in our community need some support to make it so. Please see all details for this worthwhile initiative below.



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

OUR JUNIOR JOEY'S AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL ARE ONCE AGAIN SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT.

WE AIM TO SPREAD AS MUCH JOY AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR; EVERY GIFT WILL BRIGHTEN UP ANOTHER CHILD'S CHRISTMAS.

OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL WILL BE RUNNING FROM NOW UNTIL MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LIST OF IDEAS FOR DONATIONS.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY GIFTS OR DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS APPEAL. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT GIFTS ARE NEW AND IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

ALL GIFTS CAN BE PLACED UNDER THE IMMACULATE HEART GIVING TREE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED.



### CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Gifts for individuals and families can help make someone's Christmas extra special. We have added some ideas below. It is good to check with your Conference what items the families they support require. We also recommend asking your Conference if you can assist with gift wrapping.

**Note:** if your local Conference is inactive or does not require additional donations at this time, check in with your Schools Engagement Officer about which local Vinnies Service(s) or Support Centre may require support this Christmas.

Babies and Toddlers	Young Children (4-8yrs)	Older Children (9-12yrs)	Teenagers	Adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Rattles	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Lego	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Vouchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Books
<input type="checkbox"/> Blankets/Comforters	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Cards games	<input type="checkbox"/> Body lotions	<input type="checkbox"/> Perfume or deodorant packs
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Blocks	<input type="checkbox"/> Dolls	<input type="checkbox"/> Magic Trick set	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessories (e.g. caps, jewellery)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetic gift packs
<input type="checkbox"/> Bath Toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant packs	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie vouchers
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Storybooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping/Gift cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Homewares
<input type="checkbox"/> Toy cars or trains	<input type="checkbox"/> Stationery	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair accessories	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Hampers
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas stocking	<input type="checkbox"/> Colouring-in books/texts	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Perfume/spray packs	<input type="checkbox"/> Vinnies Vouchers
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dress-up costumes	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping/Gift cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Make-up (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water pistols	<input type="checkbox"/> Water pistols	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Towels	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas stocking	<input type="checkbox"/> Bags, back-packs	

**SHARE YOUR EFFORTS!**

Share your pictures and stories by tagging us on Instagram: @vinnies\_tasmania and Facebook: @vinniestasmania

**THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO CHANGE LIVES!**



## Grades 3-6 Southern Primary Schools Basketball Tournament

Huge efforts from our Grade 3/4 students on the courts last weekend. Lots of grit, perseverance and determination seeing some great improvement and success across the Tournament. This brings us to the end of the Immaculate Heart 'basketball season'. One last big thank you to all the parents and staff who assisted along the way.



## Nurturing Hearts

# NURTURING

# HEARTS



### TERM FOUR

Welcome back to Nurturing Hearts for Term Four!  
The focus for this term's learning experiences is 'WHAT'S LIVING OUTSIDE?'

Friday 18th October: Cross Motor Play in the Hall  
Friday 25th October: **NO SESSION**  
Friday 1st November: Exploring Garden Animals  
Friday 8th November: Exploring Flowers and Plants  
Friday 15th November: Exploring Birds and Eggs  
Friday 22nd November: Exploring Fruits & Veggies  
Friday 29th November: Christmas fun! 🎄  
Friday 6th December: Drop-In Park Play Session at John Kennedy Park (Pedder Street)

We look forward to a wonderful final term with you all!



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## Capital Works - Building Project

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### [Walk through video](#)

Grade 2 are now settled into their new classroom location, our former library. This space has come together incredibly well. Our Grade 2 students have hit the ground running with their learning in the new space and are loving the separate mat and desk areas!

This week, our Grade 3/4 classes transition from their classrooms to the hall. In a similar vein to the library, the hall will be transformed into two separate learning areas, including some breakout spaces. We look forward to watching this one unfold.

From Thursday afternoon (14 November), Discovery OSHC will be based in our Dillon Building (Grade 5/6). Students attending OSHC can be dropped off and collected from this building for the entirety of the building project. The easiest way to access this building is through the staff car park - parking on Edge Ave.

### 2025 School Dates

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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*

### Calendar

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

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## Calendar of Events

Fri 15 Nov	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 18 - Wed 20 Nov	Grade 5 Camp
Tue 19 Nov	Prep Bush School
Wed 20 Nov	Pre Kinder Parent Information Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wed 20 Nov	Grade 6 MJR Day
Wed 20 Nov	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 21 Nov	One Day School 2025 Parent Information Session 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Fri 22 Nov	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 25 Nov	Grade 7 Orientation Day (respective colleges)
Tue 26 Nov	Prep & Grade 6 Class Liturgy
Tue 26 Nov	Kinder & Grade 5 Class Liturgy
Wed 27 Nov	Prep Excursion to the Botanical Gardens Pantomime
Wed 27 Nov	Grade 4 Bush School
Wed 27 Nov	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm



**Early Bird Special**  
**Hobart (Sandy Bay)**  
 Book all 3 Long Days (Monday to Wednesday) before Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> by 4.30pm & we will give your child / children **\$30 Credit each** towards Meal Deals, the canteen & books

**Hobart**  
 Monday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>  
 1<sup>st</sup> Derwent Sea Scout Hall  
 Corner Marieville Esplanade  
 & Marsden Streets, Sandy Bay

It's the end of the Summer School Holidays the kids are about to go back to school  
 The best way to enjoy the last few days is to come to our annual program in Hobart

**BOOKINGS**

- [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)
- Click the **Cartoon Workshops** button in the middle of our home page
- Select: **Your location - Hobart**
- Please check your junk, spam folders for the confirmation
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email
- The workshops are for children aged 4 to 15 years

**\$60 Short Day** 9.30am - 3.30pm  
**\$65 Long Day** 8am - 6pm (or part thereof)  
**\$30 Tuesday night** 6pm - 9pm

Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)  
 Costs include all materials and are inclusive of GST

**02 9343 0833**  
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[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)  
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**Special 3 Day Hobart Event**  
 Sandy Bay February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
**CARTOONING**  
**Fun WorkShops**

Cost of Living Sale - our fees have been reduced.  
 Bonus: Book 3 Long Days & get \$30 Credit for the Canteen

**The best fun your children will have!**



**HEY MUM!**  
 CAN WE GO TO **CARTOONING** in Sandy Bay

We'll get to draw all our favourite cartoon characters...  
 We'll make some new friends  
 Make cool stuff with craft materials  
 Learn painting techniques  
 AND BEANS MORE!

Sure sounds like fun, & it's very reasonably priced!  
 I'll ring Mrs. Field & see if she wants to book in too!