

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



27 November 2024



Heavenly Father,

*As we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Your Son,
help us to embrace this season of hope and anticipation.
Guide us to reflect on Your love and share it with others.
May we grow in faith, peace, and joy this Advent season.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Dear Families,

As we approach Advent and the end of the year, we begin to look toward the holiday break and Christmas. As Catholics, Advent is a time to share good news and time with our loved ones. The holiday break coming at the perfect time to celebrate with one another and enjoy time with friends and family.

Recently, we received the news that Immaculate Heart of Mary's 2024 NAPLAN results landed us in the top 25 schools across Tasmania - a HUGE result! Our Grades 3 & 5 students should be incredibly proud of this achievement. As a school, a result such as this affirms and validates the teaching and learning practices across the whole school and is a success that can be credited to all members of our school community. We received the following words from Catholic Education Executive Director, Dr Gerard Gaskin:

'My thanks to your entire educational and support staff for all they are doing to help achieve our bold goal of being the most improved educational jurisdiction in Australia. We are well on our way to achieving this - thanks to your educational leadership.'

Earlier this week, information went home to families regarding some key [End of Year events](#). The attached document outlines details for:

- Inaugural Buddy Picnic - Thursday 5th December
- Thanksgiving Mass - Wednesday 11th December
- End of Year Assembly - Tuesday 17th December
- Final day of school (12:00pm finish) - Wednesday 18th December

For our week 8 assembly we are trialling an alternative format as we adapt to school life during our building project. Assembly will remain at the same time, of 1:45pm Wednesday, but will be hosted in two locations simultaneously. Buddy Assembly #1 will be held in Grade 5/6 classroom for our Prep, Grade 1, Grade 4 & Grade 6 students with Grade 6 leading prayer and Grade 1 sharing. Buddy

Assembly #2 will be held across half of our hall for Kinder, Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 5 students with Grade 3 leading prayer and Kinder and Grade 5 sharing. Awards will be given out as normal at assemblies. Members of our community are more than welcome, but please note space may be a little tighter than usual.

Together we grow,
Jackson.

Grade 5 Camp

Our Grade 5 class finished our 2025 camp program with a 'bang', taking Hagley and Launceston by storm! The Grade 5's enjoyed a range of activities at Hagley Farm School including visiting historic museums and immersing themselves in farm life. They also journeyed into Launceston where some of the highlights were Tasmania Zoo, the Planetarium and Cataract Gorge. Staff on the camp once again commending the students' behaviour, attitude and willingness to try some new things!



Capital Works - Building Project

[Walk through video](#) [Community Information](#)

Since we have vacated the Donohoe building, a number of site meetings have taken place with key tradespeople in readiness for demolition and wider works to begin next week. We expect to see site fencing in coming days and to see tradespeople on site daily from mid next week. The linked community information outlines areas of the school site that are likely to be inaccessible for the remainder of the 2024 school year and some guidance around the use of McCann Crescent at key times. For now, our drone shot 'before the destruction' provides a bird's eye view of the project area. Keep your eye out for updated media content throughout the project.



School Sports Athletics

A massive congratulations to Jake Burt and Harry Halloran who have qualified for the School Sports Australia National Championships being held at Sydney Olympic Park this week.



John Turnbull Carols

Our school choir will once again perform at the 'Carols at John Turnbull' this year, hosted by the Lenah Valley Community Association. An afternoon of activities will lead into the carols from 6:00pm. Families of choir students, keep an eye out for specific information soon.

2025 Enrolments

We are currently finalising enrolments for 2025 and have limited capacity in some of our classes. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining Immaculate Heart for 2025 and beyond, please direct them to contact the school office to organise a tour.

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 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

- ☐ Rattles
- ☐ Blankets/Comforters
- ☐ Building Blocks
- ☐ Bath Toys
- ☐ Soft Toys
- ☐ Musical toys
- ☐ Storybooks

Young Children (4-8yrs)

- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Dolls
- ☐ Outdoor games
- ☐ Board games
- ☐ Toy cars or trains
- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Colouring-in books/texts
- ☐ Dress-up costumes
- ☐ Water pistols
- ☐ Christmas stocking

Older Children (9-12yrs)

- ☐ Lego
- ☐ Cards games
- ☐ Magic Trick set
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Activity books
- ☐ Puzzles
- ☐ Hair accessories
- ☐ Outdoor equipment
- ☐ Shopping/Gift cards
- ☐ Water pistols
- ☐ Christmas stocking

Teenagers


- ☐ Movie Vouchers
- ☐ Body lotions
- ☐ Accessories (e.g. caps, jewellery)
- ☐ Deodorant packs
- ☐ Shopping/Gift cards
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Perfume/spray packs
- ☐ Make-up (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)
- ☐ Beach Towels
- ☐ Bags, back-packs
- ☐ Christmas stocking

Adults


- ☐ Books
- ☐ Perfume or deodorant packs
- ☐ Cosmetic gift packs
- ☐ Movie vouchers
- ☐ Homewares
- ☐ Hampers
- ☐ Vinnies Vouchers

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!





Nurturing Hearts

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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: Gross 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!



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*

Calendar

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

Calendar of Events	
Fri 29 Nov	Schools Triathlon
Fri 29 Nov	Nurturing Hearts - Christmas Fun - 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 3 Dec	Prep Bush School
Tue 3 Dec	Kinder Cathedral Visit 12 noon
Tue 3 Dec	Grade 2 Cathedral Visit 2.00pm
Wed 4 Dec	Assembly 1.45pm
Wed 4 Dec	Grade 2 Bush School
Wed 4 Dec	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Thu 5 Dec	End of Year Whole School Buddy Picnic – Bush School Site
Fri 6 Dec	Nurturing Hearts at John Kennedy Park - 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 10 Dec	Prep Cathedral Visit 12 noon
Tue 10 Dec	Grade 1 Cathedral Visit 2.00pm
Wed 11 Dec	Thanksgiving Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am
Wed 11 Dec	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thu 12 Dec	Prep Excursion to the Botanical Gardens Pantomime
Thu 12 Dec	Step-Up Session 9.30am
Thu 12 Dec	Kinder Parents Afternoon 2.00pm

Nature Holiday Program



"My kids come home with sparkling eyes and tales of adventure!"

January 2025

Whittle with real knives!

Potions, clay & paints

Camp cooking + hot chocolate

Fire-making with flint & steel

Cubbies & swing building

plus much more!

Scan the code to learn more.

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Nature. Be in It.



Early Bird Special Hobart (Sandy Bay)

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

Hobart

Monday Feb 3rd - Wednesday Feb 5th
1st 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
- 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
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- 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)
Check website of Illustrating Man for the following day

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Special 3 Day Hobart Event

Sandy Bay February 3rd - 5th

CARTOONING



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!

