

# NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School  
10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



12 March 2025

*"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision..."*

*Pope Francis*

Dear Families,

On Ash Wednesday, we commenced the season of Lent, the forty days before Easter, to pause and reflect on our own lives, and our capacity to enhance the lives of those around us.

At Immaculate Heart, we are blessed to have Grade 5 and Grade 6 Junior Joeys, a team of champions who follow in the footsteps of St. Mary MacKillop, embracing her values of kindness, service, and perseverance.

Last week was a big week out and about for the Junior Joeys; attending the launch of Project Compassion, sharing pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, leading our Ash Wednesday Liturgy and leading prayer for senior leaders in Catholic Education. Information has gone home to all families about supporting Project Compassion, to "Unite Against Poverty" this Lent.

School Effectiveness: 4 Year Cycle of Strategic and Annual Planning

This year, Immaculate Heart of Mary has entered a discernment phase of School Effectiveness, to develop our strategic priorities over the next four-year period. As part of this initiative, Insight SRC is conducting surveys among students, parents, and staff on behalf of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Catholic Education Tasmania. This effort aims to better understand perceptions from all stakeholders and gather valuable insights into our current environment.

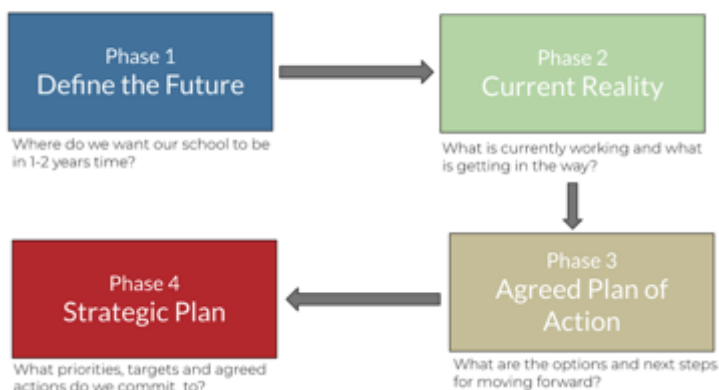


Your open and honest feedback is crucial in helping us reflect on our present state and effectively plan for the future. Please take the time to share your insights, an opportunity to shape our path forward together. Information will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Mrs Nikita Williams, and her husband Marc, on the birth of their precious baby girl Nura.

Rachel

#### Discernment Year Phases



## Haldane Reserve



## Haldane Reserve Community Consultation

February 2025

### Introduction

Lenah Valley Community Association acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where the Haldane Reserve sits in Nipuluna, Hobart, and we pay respect to Palawa elders past, present and emerging. We are grateful to Aunty Kris Schaffer for Ceremony on the Reserve at our community day on October 29th 2023.

Many people have contributed their time and ideas to the process of this consultation. This is Lenah Valley residents' invitation to comment on the future of the Reserve to LVCA before a formal document is presented to council. **PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND EMAIL your brief comments to [info@lenahvalley.com.au](mailto:info@lenahvalley.com.au) ASAP.**

**If you know the Haldane Reserve well, scroll down to "Looking Forward"**

### The Haldane Reserve



The Haldane Reserve is a local bushland area located in the gully of Pottery Creek in Lenah Valley. The Reserve comprises approximately 3.1 hectares plus a further 1.8 hectares of adjoining council reserve.

The Haldane Reserve offers an opportunity for people to enjoy informal interaction with the natural environment. Although it may be remnant, undeveloped land, it is not thriving; the stream is blocked in places, the walking paths are not established and are overgrown with disuse, and non-native weeds are in abundance.

Pottery Creek, June 2024 (Hilary Clared)

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## Edge Avenue

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Thank you for the combined efforts to ensure safety is paramount during our building project. With the resurfacing of Edge Avenue, we have had several students and parents slip on loose gravel, and some drivers finding it difficult to hold on the hill when coming out of park. Please leave enough space between parked vehicles.

# Classroom Heartbeat

## Grade 6

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Last Wednesday, we were thrilled to have Marty visit us from *Making Jesus Real* (MJR), bringing with him not only a message of faith and positivity but also plenty of fun and laughter! MJR is a program that provides students with the tools and resources to discover the values, qualities, and attitudes needed for a faith-filled, meaningful life. It encourages young people to develop a positive outlook on their future, empowering them to take their place in society with confidence and compassion - especially for those who are marginalised. The Grade 6 class thoroughly enjoyed this experience and are looking forward to Marty returning in Term 4 to help prepare them for their transition into high school.

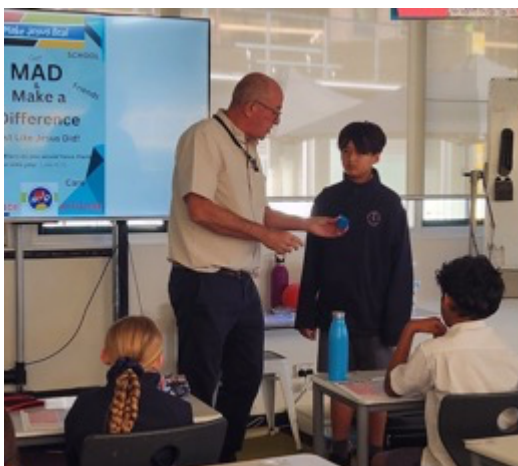
"I liked Marty coming in for MJR because he did magic tricks and taught Jesus' life to us so we can appreciate what we have and it made me feel good" - Jensen

"Marty made me think about how I was speaking to my family and now I am speaking nicely to others more" - Prisha

"Marty was great because he makes MJR more than just 'making Jesus real', he helps us and makes us all wonder" - Lotte

"MJR is great because Marty brings the fun into learning about Jesus using funny tricks and inspirational videos" - Zoe

"MJR is great because it teaches us new things and makes everyone do better" - Harry



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# Focus From the Heart

## **Grade 7 Enrolments – Final Reminder**

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As part of the enrolment process for Catholic Secondary Colleges for Grade 7 in 2026, parents are asked to submit enrolment applications to their preferred secondary school by 14 March 2025. This includes enrolments to Sacred Heart College. To complete this, you must contact the school of your preference.

We are happy to support families with enrolment enquiries and help you with the application process if needed.

## **Capital Works - Building Project**

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It is all systems go with our build project, with a massive amount of demolition over the last fortnight.

### **Building Project Updates:**

- Schedule of work to span the full school year
- Demolition of the interior is continuing
- The server has been relocated
- Lock up stage scheduled for June
- Work is about to commence on the elevator shaft
- Access to stairs and deck alongside and above the toilet block is now restricted
- Connection to B Block (Grade 3 and Grade 4) is most likely be the final stage of work.

Our next project meeting will be this coming Thursday.

### **Walk through video**

These arrangements are in place to prioritise the safety of all students and adults, all day, every day:

- Restricted Access: Entry from McCann Crescent is now restricted.
  - **We have moved our Van and Bus back to McCann Crescent - as it was too tricky for everyone on Edge Avenue.**
  - Staff Car Park: Access to the staff car park will be limited during school hours.
  - Kiss and Drop Zone: This will be relocated to Edge Avenue at this time of the year.
  - Pedestrian Access: All students and adults entering on foot through the staff car park must use the designated pathways.
  - Assistance: If you require help accessing the school, please contact the school office.
  - Blue Astro Court 8:30 - 8:45am: To support safe access, kicking games will be restricted during this time as the Blue Court will be a major thoroughfare.
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~ Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School ~

# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2026



IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN  
2021, WE WOULD LOVE TO  
WELCOME THEM INTO OUR  
KINDERGARTEN  
IN 2026

To find out more, please visit our website  
[www.ihms.tas.edu.au](http://www.ihms.tas.edu.au)  
or call our School Administration Office on  
6228 3335 to arrange a guided tour

Enrolments close 10th May 2026

Current Immaculate Heart Families, with a child born in 2021, are reminded to submit an Enrolment Form to secure a Kindergarten place in 2026

## Calendar

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

Student free day – Friday 4 July 2025

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## Key Dates

Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

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| 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)                              | 3 July 2025 (student free day Fri 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*                              |

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## Calendar of Events

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| Fri 14 Mar | Grade 7 2026 Enrolments Due       |
| Fri 14 Mar | Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Mon 17 Mar | Basketball Training               |
| Tue 18 Mar | Options Day                       |
| Tue 18 Mar | Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm   |
| Fri 21 Mar | Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Tue 25 Mar | Assembly                          |
| Tue 25 Mar | Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm   |
| Wed 26 Mar | Grades 1 & 2 Bush School          |