

# NEWS from the HEART...

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



25 March 2025

## ***"Celebrate Diversity, Embrace Belonging"***

Dear Families,

### **Harmony Week**

This week, we celebrate Harmony Week across Australia - a time to recognise and embrace our nation's rich cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone who calls Australia home.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, we take pride in our diverse community, made up of many cultures, traditions, languages, and experiences. Our diversity is our strength, reflecting our core values of love, hope, connectedness, inclusivity, and justice.

Harmony Week is represented by the colour orange, symbolising social connection, meaningful conversations, and the freedom to share ideas while fostering mutual respect.



## Farewell Mrs Parodi

Mrs Grazia Parodi will be retiring at the end of Term 1. A parent, grandparent, member of the P&F and Teacher Assistant, Grazia has gone above and beyond to sow seeds of kindness and beauty at Immaculate Heart of Mary since 2000 and will be missed.

We wish you every happiness and blessing in the next chapter of life Grazia (and Stephen) and will have the opportunity to farewell you in style at our end of Term 1 Assembly.



## Feedback for Families

To strengthen the way we share student learning feedback and provide deeper insights into your child's progress, we are restructuring our Sharing Learning with Families Model in 2025. Our goal is to create more structured, timely, and meaningful opportunities for parents to engage in discussions about their child's learning and well-being with the introduction of **"Learning Conversations"**. Information was distributed to all families via Compass last week.

### School Effectiveness Survey Mon 24 March - Fri 4 April 2025

Insight SRC is surveying on behalf of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Catholic Education Tasmania. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' and guardians' perceptions of their child/ren's experience of school. The results will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information about how the school can plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school.



Although we strongly encourage you to participate, your participation is voluntary. It is important to remember, however, that the success of this important project is dependent on parents'/guardians' involvement. On Monday, information was distributed to all parents to complete this survey.

The online survey can be accessed between Monday 24 March to Friday 4 April 2025. You may complete the survey at your convenience during this time. We appreciate your contribution to our continuous improvement.



## Attendance Policy - Every day at School Matters

Attached to this newsletter is the newly updated Attendance Policy for all Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) schools. To highlight the importance of regular school attendance, CET has also developed a series of infographics to support students and families. These resources provide clear guidance on the benefits of daily attendance and essential information regarding student enrolment, particularly when family holidays extend beyond one school term.

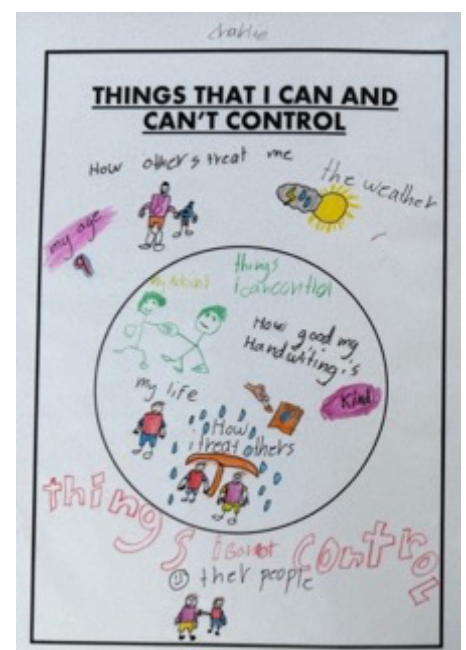
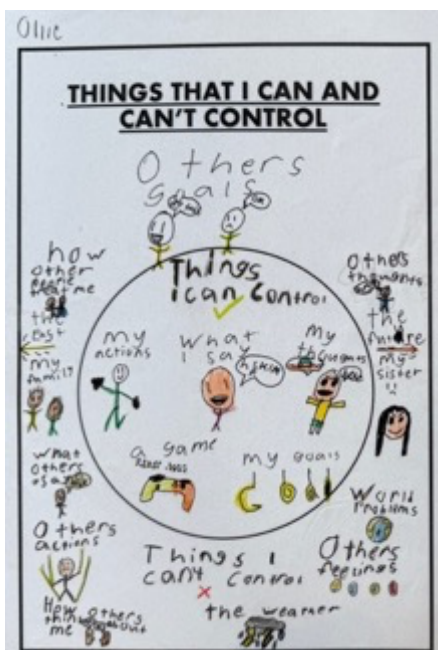
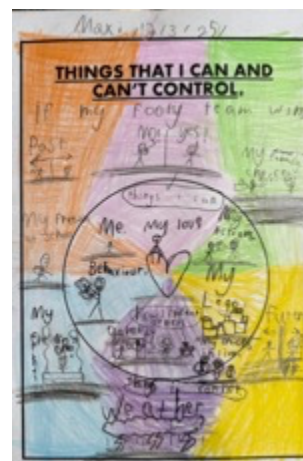
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# Classroom Heartbeat

## Grade 6

In Grade 4, we have been focusing on the Circle of Control in our Wellbeing lessons. As a class, we discussed some of the things that we are in control of such as our own emotions, actions, behaviour and how kind we are to others. We also discussed some of the things that are not in our control; other people's actions, whether someone wants to be friends with us and what other people think of us. We created our own Circle of Control displays as a reminder that during moments of stress and worries we all inevitably experience; it is a tool that we can use to calm and ground ourselves.



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# Focus From the Heart



## **Basketball**

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Basketball season is again upon us with the Southern Regional Schools Basketball Tournament being held during the next two weekends. This weekend, our Grade 5/6 teams hit the court, and Grade 3/4 the following weekend.

Immaculate Heart has one of the highest participation rates of any school – something we are very proud of! The basketball tournament caters for students of all skill levels and is a great opportunity for our students to build connections with students from other schools.

## **Kiss & Drop Zone**

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Thank you to all our parents for their vigilance to ensure safety is paramount at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park in the Kiss and Drop Zone between 8.15 am - 9.00am & 2.30 - 3.15pm.

## **Immaculate Heart Soccer**

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If you have registered an interest for your child to play soccer, and they are still keen, it is now time to complete the online registration [HERE](#). Registrations are to be complete for team list sorting by next Monday, 31 March.

If you have any difficulties, please contact Jane in the office Mon-Wed or by email at [jane.sargent@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:jane.sargent@catholic.tas.edu.au).

## **Capital Works - Building Project**

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### **Building Project:**

- 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.

### **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.**
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- 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.



## Birth to 4 Years Program

Our Nurturing Hearts Program, for children from birth to 4 years of age, is a wonderful opportunity to learn with your child and connect with our families. Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall can't wait to see you!

# NURTURING

# HEARTS

## TERM ONE 2025

Welcome back to Nurturing Hearts for 2025!  
We are very excited to begin our Term One Program on Friday 28th February.  
The focus for this term's learning experiences is 'TRANSPORT'

Friday 28th February: Construction Vehicles  
Friday 7th March: 'On the Road'  
Friday 14th March: Boats  
Friday 21st March: Air Travel  
Friday 28th March: Emergency Vehicles  
Friday 4th April: Easter Fun! 🐣  
Friday 11th April: NO SESSION - STUDENT FREE DAY

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## Kinder Enrolment

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Kindergarten 2026 enrolments are now open and close on 10 May - spread the good news.

~ 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

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## 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

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Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

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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Thu 27 Mar	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Fri 28 Mar	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 28 Mar	STCPSSA Swimming Carnival
Fri 28 Mar	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Sat/Sun 29-30 Mar	Grades 5/6 Primary Schools Basketball Tournament
Tue 1 Apr	Options Day
Tue 1 Apr	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 2 Apr	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Thu 3 Apr	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Fri 4 Apr	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 4 Apr	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Sat/Sun 5-6 Apr	Grades 3/4 Primary Schools Basketball Tournament
Mon 7 – Wed 9 Apr	Grade 6 Camp
Tue 8 Apr	Assembly
Tue 8 Apr	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 9 Apr	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am

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# Nature Holiday Program

APRIL  
15, 16, 17  
23, 24  
2025



Get outside with Kara  
and her team of  
nature play specialists.



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