

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



21 May 2025

Peace be with you

Pope Leo XIV emerged from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica in Rome to signify the beginning of a new Papacy with the words "Peace be with you".

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us,
together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.

Amen.



Dear Families,

School excursions provide invaluable opportunities for primary students to engage in hands-on learning experiences beyond the confines of the classroom. These outings are pivotal in fostering confidence, nurturing curiosity, and promoting teamwork through immersive, real-world activities. Last week, our enthusiastic Kindergarten, Grade 2, and Grade 3 students embarked on exciting adventures to explore the bush, Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, and the breathtaking landscapes of Mount Field. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parent helpers whose support made these enriching experiences possible.

With Term 2 Learning Conversations taking place this week, we hope you find them a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership supporting each student's growth and success. The aim of our conversations is to strengthen our capacity to share each child's progress, celebrate achievements, and work collaboratively with teachers to address any challenges.

Mid-Year Summary Reports will be distributed in Week 9 to parents.

A reminder to all families that Friday 6 June is a student-free day at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Rachel.

Cross Country

We look forward to all the action tomorrow with our Kindergarten - Grade 6 Cross Country Carnival at John Turnbull Oval.

Race times:

1000	Grade 5	(4 LAPS)
1015	Grade 2	(2 LAPS)
1030	Grade 1	(2 LAPS)
1045	Grade Prep	(1 LAP)
1100	Grade Kinder	(1 LAP)
1115	Grade 3	(3 LAPS)
1130	Grade 4	(3 LAPS)
1145	Grade 6	(4 LAPS)
1200	DEPARTURES	

Safety Online

Teaching students to be safe, respectful and responsible online goes hand in hand with learning. We encourage a working partnership between parents and school to ensure students are safe and treat others with the same respect as they would offline.

Some concerns have been raised with the school regarding students taking photos on their mobile phones after school hours and potentially sharing these on apps such as TikTok.

Students are reminded that taking photos or videos of others must always be done with clear and respectful consent. Every individual has a right to privacy, and no photo or video should be taken, shared or posted without the explicit permission of the person involved.

The Push Up Challenge - Your Push is Our Power

This coming June, Arlo, Thea, Abbi and Charlotte are participating in The Push Up Challenge supporting Lifeline Tasmania to help raise awareness for better mental health for all Australians.

If you would like to find out more and get behind these Little Legends who will be completing 3,214 push-ups over 23 days, please follow this link: [The Push-Up Challenge - The Little Legends](#)

Kiss and Drop Zone

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.

Classroom Heartbeat

Grade 3

Last week, as part of our science unit this term, Grade 3 went to Bonorong Wildlife Park to learn about how the external features of animals help us to classify them into groups. We saw wombats, Tasmanian devils, kangaroos, wallabies and lots of birds – including a Cape Barren Goose called Lucy. It was interesting to find out about wombats' homes, marsupials' pouches and what people are doing to save the Tasmanian Devil from a terrible disease.

"I learned that wombats have an infinite set of teeth".
Cooper W

"We saw a wombat called Bingo and he kept going up to the man's feet and snuggling". Thea

"I learned about the Devil Facial Tumour Disease – that if a sick devil bites a healthy one, then the healthy one gets sick too". Daisy

"I learned that wombats can break Tassie Devils' jaws with their bottoms". George



Focus From the Heart



Grade 7 Enrolments – Final Reminder

Nurturing Hearts is Immaculate Heart of Mary's Early Learning Program for children aged from Birth to Five and their families and endorsed by Catholic Education Tasmania's 'Set Up for Success' initiative. Our weekly program invites children to engage in fun 'hands-on' learning experiences that support their developing interests, encourage exploration, discovery and interaction, and help children to begin to make sense of their world. Simultaneously, we support parents in their role as the primary educators of their child to better understand the importance of early learning and childhood development in the critical first 1000 days, giving their child the best possible start to their learning. Our wonderful community of little learners and their families is also a special place to build connections to our school and staff, and to forge enduring friendships with other families!

Each Nurturing Hearts session is planned using the national Early Years Learning Framework and incorporates a wide variety of learning invitations and play provocations to specifically develop children's early Literacy Skills and Vocabulary-Building, Social Skills and Regulation, Mathematical Understanding, Fine Motor Skills and Hand-Eye Coordination, Gross Motor Skills and Muscle Strengthening, Problem-Solving and Cognitive Skills, and their Concentration, Attention and Memory - all at an age-appropriate level and pace.



Each term we explore a broad theme or interest and, this term, our learning and play experiences encourage children to develop an interest in and understanding of Nursery Rhymes, while supporting their families with ideas and information to build their child's language, literacy and brain development through rhythm & rhyme.

We warmly invite families in our local community, with a child aged from birth to five, to join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall on Friday mornings, from 9:00-10:30am in our Kindergarten space! (And if your own children are a little too old for our program, feel free to bring along a younger niece or nephew!)



Capital Works - Building Project



Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

Progress to date:

- Footings and excavations are ongoing to ramps, stair footings & lift shaft base
- Pouring of footing continuing
- Structural steelwork installation to internal of building complete
- Stormwater drainage installation complete
- Wall framing well advanced
- Rafter installation well advanced
- Stormwater drainage complete
- Window frame installation practically complete
- Agg drain to rear of server room installed. Lower ramp blockwork walls laid

Progress to next fortnight:

- Wall framing complete
- Rafter & truss installation complete
- Timber floor frame well advanced
- Glazing installation underway
- Window frame installation complete
- Rough-in works to electrical, plumbing & mechanical underway
- Civil works continuing

The next site meeting is on 22nd May.

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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Friendships and Mean Behaviour Parent Workshop - Save the Date



Immaculate Heart
Parent/Carer Seminar

Navigating Friendships & Mean Behaviour

With Lisa Ford, Clinical Psychologist

Gain a deeper understanding and develop a toolbox of practical strategies to support children to navigate friendships, mean behaviour and more.



How do I support my child through friendship drama?
What do I do when other children are being mean?
What if my child is the one being mean?

- Discuss developmental trends in friendships
- Unpack mean behaviour and bullying
- Empower your child rather than take over
- Discuss problem solving & assertiveness
- Explore the role of empathy development, Perspective and much more.

RSVP via office

MONDAY June 2nd
6pm – 7:30pm
Grade 6 Classroom


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!


TERM TWO 2025

Welcome to Term Two of Nurturing Hearts!
This term, we will be exploring 'NURSERY RHYMES'

Friday 2nd May: Mary Mary, Quite Contrary
Friday 9th May: Ince Wince Spider
Friday 16th May: Old Macdonald had a Farm
Friday 23rd May: Pat-A-Cake
Friday 30th May: Once I Caught a Fish Alive
Friday 6th June: NO SESSION (Student Free Day)
Friday 13th June: Humpty Dumpty
Friday 20th June: Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star
Friday 27th June: Bush School Excursion
(Friday 4th July: NO SESSION (Student Free Day))



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HEARTS

Calendar

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

Student Free Day – Friday 6 June 2025

Student free day – Friday 4 July 2025

Key Dates

Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

Term Two (Concludes)	3 July 2025 (<i>student free day Fri 4 July 2025</i>)
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*

EVENTS



BREAKFAST
8.00 - 8.45



MORNING TEA
9.30 - 11.00



Calendar of Events

Thu 22 May	IHMS Cross Country Carnival
Fri 23 May	Canteen Day
Fri 23 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 27 May	Assembly 1.45pm
Tue 27 May	Kinder – Bush School
Tue 27 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 28 May	Canteen Day
Thu 29 May	Canteen Day
Fri 30 May	Canteen Day
Fri 30 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 2 Jun	Lisa Ford Parent Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 3 Jun	Grade 6 – Sacred Heart Mass
Tue 3 Jun	Kinder – visit St Mary's Cathedral 12.00pm
Tue 3 Jun	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 4 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 6 Jun	Student Free Day
Fri 4 Jul	Student Free Day
