

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

2 July 2025



End of Term Wrap



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of love for God and all people, we thank you for your gentle care and for always guiding us to Jesus. Help us to listen with kind hearts, to learn with joyful minds, and to treat others with love and respect. Be with us in our school, in our homes, and in our hearts.

Amen

Immaculate Heart of Mary Feast Day

Celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is one of the highlights of our school year. It is a day where we come together in faith, strengthen relationships, and celebrate what it means to be part of a connected and caring community.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a symbol of Mary's love for God and others. It reminds us of her kindness, strength, and faith through both good and hard times and encourages us to show love and faith in our own lives.

We pondered, connected, and celebrated this love and our shared faith, gathering with Fr Steven to celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Our students' behaviour and participation were excellent. It was wonderful to be joined by many parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who accepted the invitation to connect and celebrate with us. We particularly acknowledge our students who played an active role in the Liturgy, and our Grade 3-6 Choir who lifted their voices beautifully to enhance the spirit of the celebration.

Thank you to our Grade 6 students for leading from within and fostering House spirit through the House Cup competition. The energy, encouragement and enthusiasm on the day made it an event to remember.

Congratulations to Young House - winners of our Feast Day Competition in 2025!

Archbishop Anthony Ireland

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Anthony Ireland as the new Archbishop of Hobart. Bishop Ireland will succeed Archbishop Julian Porteous, who is retiring after almost 12 years.

We will have staff and student representatives attending the installation Mass to mark this important moment in the life of the Church in Tasmania on 12 August and look forward to coming to know Archbishop Anthony as he begins his new role.



School Leaders

Student school leaders play an essential role in promoting school spirit, fostering unity, and advocating for positive changes from within. They serve as role models, demonstrating leadership qualities and encouraging their peers to get involved and contribute to their school's growth and success.

Congratulations to Alice Gill and Prisha Stanfield who have been appointed as our School Captains for Term 3 and Term 4.

We acknowledge and thank Zoe Mathysen and Zikolas Schlie for their leadership and service over the first half of the school year.

Festival of Voices Young Tasmania Sings

The Festival of Voices celebrates the transformative power of singing, bringing joy and warmth to our communities and providing an experience of the emotional and physical health benefits of singing.

Congratulations to our choir members from Grades 4-6 who participated in the Festival of Voices: Young Tasmania Sings gala performance last night. Your preparation at school, participation and behaviour throughout the two days of workshops and performance last night were exceptional. Many thanks to Mrs Van Emmerick, Mrs Gates and Mr Della-Fontana for your preparation and support to make this experience possible.



Vinnies Winter Woollies

The Junior Joeys would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the generous members of our school community for the overwhelming support and donations of long-life food items for the Vinnies winter appeal. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant impact on those in need this winter.



Community, Mental Health and Wellbeing | Department of Health

The Department of Health are calling seeking insights and perspectives from Parents + Friends to help shape a healthier Tasmania and build a *20-Year Preventive Health Strategy* for Tasmania. Please find below information to have a voice and be part of this initiative.

End of Term Wrap

As Term 2 comes to a close at Immaculate Heart, we take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved over the past 10 weeks. It has been a busy and rewarding term, with much to celebrate:

- Sacramental Program – Sacrament of Confirmation
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Bush School Program
- Reconciliation Week
- Refugee Week
- Class Excursions
- Feast Day Celebrations
- Nurturing Hearts Birth-to-Five Program
- School Cross Country Carnival
- Symmons Plains State Cross Country
- STCPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- Chess Club & Inter-School Chess Tournament
- Festival of Vocals - Young Tasmania Sings
- Winter Woollies Appeal
- Sharing Learning with Families
- Lisa Ford Parent Seminar and Student Workshops – Friendships and Mean Behaviours
- IHMS Soccer Teams
- Grades 5 & 6 Football & Netball Round Robin

A reminder to all families that tomorrow, Thursday 3 July, is the last day of Term 2 for students. Term 3 commences on Tuesday, 22 July.

We wish all our families a wonderful winter holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 3 on Tuesday 22 July.

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. There will be no session of Nurturing Hearts this week due to end of term. Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall look forward to seeing you all again next term. Stay tuned for our Term 3 program themes.

Capital Works - Building Project

Access to the building from all entry points has begun, creating a central heart for our school. Over the school holidays, work will commence on preparing Grade 3 and Grade 4 classrooms and the newly designed outdoor gathering spaces.

[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.

School Calendar

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

Student free day – Friday 4 July 2025

Student free day – Monday 21 July 2025

Key Dates

Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

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 - Tuesday
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



ALL DAY



MORNING TEA
9.30 - 11.00



Calendar of Events

Thu 3 Jul	Last Day of Term 2
Fri 4 Jul	NO SCHOOL - Student Free Day
Fri 4 – Mon 21 Jul	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Mon 21 Jul	NO SCHOOL - Student Free Day
Tue 22 Jul	First Day of Term 3
Tue 22 Jul	Kinder – Bush School
Tue 22 Jul	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 23 Jul	Canteen Day
Thu 24 Jul	Canteen Day
Fri 25 Jul	Grades 5 & 6 Football/Netball
Fri 25 Jul	Canteen Day
Fri 25 Jul	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am



20-Year Preventive Health Strategy

Health that starts where life does

You're invited!

Register for a free online workshop just for parents and friends:

- [Wed 23 July 2025, 10:00am](#)
- [Wed 23 July 2025, 7:00pm](#)
- [Thu 24 July 2025, 7:00pm](#)

🕒 Each session runs for 1 hour – join the conversation from home!

What is this about?

We're building a *20-Year Preventive Health Strategy* to make Tasmania a place where every child and every family has the chance to live their best life.

We know that's not the reality for everyone right now. But it *can* be. And it *should* be.

What do we mean by health?

Health doesn't start in a clinic. It starts where life does.

Over 70% of your health is actually shaped by the everyday stuff that makes life harder or easier – not just the health system!

It's all the things that help families thrive:

- 🏠 Stable housing
- 🍷 Affordable food
- 🎓 Safe schools
- 💬 Social connection
- 💰 Financial security
- 🌬️ Clean air
- ⌚ Time to rest

That's all health! And when those things aren't working, it shows up in people's lives *and* in their health.

More than "good choices"

You've probably heard it before: "*Just make better choices.*" But what if you never really had a fair choice to begin with? You don't get to choose where you grow up, if your family's doing it tough, if there's mould in your house or whether the bus even turns up.

Sure, personal choices matter. But we can't expect people to stay well in systems that work against them.

When families are juggling insecure work, rising costs, poor housing – it takes a toll. Not just on daily life, but on people's physical and mental health.

And the reality is, most of it can be prevented.

Why this matters for you

Statistically, most Tasmanian families are on track to struggle with preventable illness – just because of how the system works. That's not fair. And it's not their fault.

Right now, the system waits until something goes wrong – then tries to fix it. But we don't wait to fix brakes after a crash. So why treat people's lives that way?

What if we stopped problems before they start?

What we want to know

- ✗ What's getting in the way
- ☑️ What needs to change
- 🧑 Who can fix it
- 🗣️ How to get them to listen

Want to stay involved?

- Email: consultation@health.tas.gov.au
- Fill out a quick survey [here](#)