

NEWS from the HEART...

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



4 June 2025

Bridging Now to Next *National Reconciliation Week 2025*

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation,

As we journey together in this Great Southern Land,
we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will,
with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage,
wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the
many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and
give us strength to walk together as one.

Amen

Artwork:

Bree Buttenshaw
Proud Kalkadoon Woman



Dear Families,

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us on Monday evening for Lisa Ford's presentation on supporting children as they navigate friendships. Over the past three years, Lisa has worked closely with our students, staff, and families, helping us to build a shared understanding and language around resilience, friendships, and managing anxiety.

Lisa's insights continue to shape the way we support student wellbeing, and we are deeply grateful for the wisdom and care she brings to our school community.

Our data shows that we had 98% attendance for our first round of Learning Conversation meetings with parents in week 4. Our teaching staff are currently preparing Mid-Year Summary Reports which will be distributed to families at the end of Week 9. Learning Conversations and Mid-Year Summary Reports go hand in hand. With the distribution of reports, we will seek your feedback/perspective as to our change in process with a view to keep growing in our approach.

Well done to all our students who took part in the Kinder - Grade 6 Cross Country Carnival at John Turnbull Oval on Thursday 22 May 2025. Big efforts, big smiles, big hearts from our students. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to cheer - your support means so much and really helped make the day feel extra special.

Good luck to the IHMS Grade 3-6 Team who will be participating in the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Primary School Sports Association (STCPSSA) Carnival tomorrow.

A reminder that this Friday 6 June is a student free day and Monday 9 June is public holiday.

Rachel.

IHMS Advisory Board

In Tasmanian Catholic Schools, Advisory Boards provide a forum for discussion and discernment, where the parent voice and perspective are available to influence the decisions made by the principal for the good of the school, where the wellbeing and outcomes for students are paramount.

We are blessed at Immaculate Heart of Mary to have a fully functioning Advisory Board. Following our AGM meeting on Wednesday 21 May, I am pleased to inform you of our new Board as follows:

Board Chair: David Morse

Deputy Chair: Lauren Anderson

Treasurer: Clare Le Fevre

Secretary: Jeremy Holloway

Parish Priest: Fr Steven Smith

Parish Associate: Sr Monica Shelverton

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.

School Fees

Do you have a Concession Card? You may be eligible to receive a fee discount.

Please contact the School Office for more information.

Winter Appeal

This week, our Junior Joeys prepared delicious soup and sweet treats for Loui's van. Jody from Vinnies inspired them with stories of compassion and community service. This activity kicked off our winter appeal, seeking donations of long-life food items to aid Vinnies and those in need. Together, we can spark change and warmth this winter!



Winter Appeal

Our Junior Joey's outreach initiative for Term 2 is to collect long life food items for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

From now until the end of Term 2 we invite all families to bring in donations of long life food items. Examples of appropriate long life food can be found on the poster.

Please send your donations to the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.



JUNIOR JOEYS 2025



food donations

St Vincent de Paul Society TASMANIA *good works*

Shopping List.

The next time you go shopping, please could you purchase a few extra items from Vinnies' Shopping List? A few extra items in your shopping trolley will go a long way to help alleviate hunger and assist a family or person in need.

BEVERAGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Coffee ✓ Long Life Milk ✓ Tea 	QUICK & EASY MEALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cup of Soups ✓ Instant noodles, rice, pasta ✓ Packaged meals (non-perishable) 	TINNED GOODS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Baked beans ✓ Fruit - all types ✓ Soups - all types ✓ Spaghetti ✓ Tuna ✓ Vegetables - all types
PANTRY ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Biscuits - savoury & sweet ✓ Cereals ✓ Pasta ✓ Pasta Sauces ✓ Porridge ✓ Rice ✓ Spreads: vegemite, jams, honey, etc ✓ Sugar 	SNACKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dried fruit ✓ Energy bars ✓ Muesli bars ✓ Nuts ✓ Shapes biscuits 	

Thank you



Classroom Heartbeat

Kindergarten

This term, in Kindergarten, we have been learning about Mary and thinking about what kind of Mummy she may have been to Jesus. We have been finding out about Nazareth, where Mary lived with Jesus and Joseph, and we discovered that it was a very hot place, with buildings made from stone and mud bricks. There were no shops or supermarkets, so Mary would have made clothes from sheep or goats' wool and made food for her family from vegetables and plants.

Oden: "I think Mary looked after Jesus and was a really good Mum. She fed him and cared for him and loved him."

Sienna: "Mary got the water and carried it on her head. She even looked after Jesus when he was a teenager."

Amal: "Mary looked after her baby when he was sleeping."

Raphael: "Mary was a good kind heart Mum. She washed the dishes and was cutting wood with Jesus."

Ryleigh: "Mary did planting and growing."

This week, the Kinders visited St Mary's Cathedral in search of Mary! We found her in the stained-glass windows, in the art sculptures for the 'Stations of the Cross', and in statues! We discovered that there are 23 Marys inside the Cathedral, as well as another Mary statue outside the Cathedral!



The Kinders were interested to know why Mary always wears blue clothes...? Father Steven told us that blue represents peace and calm, so Mary is shown in blue colours in art. Interestingly, Father Steven told us that Mary wouldn't have worn blue dresses or veils in real life, as clothes were mostly brown in Mary's time.



Focus From the Heart

Reconciliation Week

During Reconciliation Week, Djuker Heart and Linton Burgess engaged our First Nations Students in a meaningful culinary experience. Together, they crafted chocolate and wattle seed cupcakes topped with zesty lemon myrtle icing, alongside a selection of native teas featuring river mint, lemon myrtle, coastal rosemary, pepperberry, and corea. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share knowledge, and embrace the Reconciliation Week theme of Bridging Now to Next.



Capital Works - Building Project

It is incredibly exciting for our community to see our building project move towards lock-up stage in the next couple of weeks.

Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

Progress to date:

- Wall framing practically complete.
- Rafter & truss installation complete.
- Timber floor frame well advanced.
- Glazing installation underway.
- Window frame installation well advanced.
- Electrical rough-in underway.
- Footings excavated and poured for ramps, deck & lift shaft.

Progress to next fortnight:

- Wall framing complete.
- Timber floor frame complete.
- Glazing installation well advanced.
- Window frame installation complete.
- Rough-in works to electrical, plumbing & mechanical continuing.
- Cement sheet cladding underway.
- Blockwork to lift shaft & ramps underway.
- Roofing works underway.
- Structural steelwork to deck area underway.

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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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!



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 (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*

Term Dates 2026

2026	
Term One Resume (Teaching Staff)	2 February 2026
Term One Resume (Students)	6 February 2026
Term One Concludes (Students)	16 April 2026
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	17 April 2026
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	20 April 2026 – 01 May 2026
Easter (Good Friday)	03 April 2026
Easter (Easter Monday)	06 April 2026
Easter (Easter Tuesday)	07 April 2026
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume)	04 May 2026
Term Two (Concludes)	10 July 2026
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	13 July 2026 – 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff)	27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Students)	28 July 2026
Term Three Concludes	02 October 2026
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	05 October 2026 – 16 October 2026
Term Four Resume (Students and Teaching Staff)	19 October 2026
Student Free Day	23 October 2026
Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff)	18 December 2026*

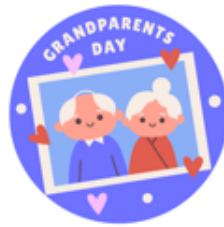
EVENTS



BREAKFAST
8.00 - 8.45



ALL DAY



MORNING TEA
9.30 - 11.00



Calendar of Events

Thu 5 Jun	STCPSSA Cross Country
Thu 5 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 6 Jun	NO SCHOOL – Student Free Day
Mon 9 Jun	NO SCHOOL – Public Holiday
Tue 10 Jun	Prep – Class Liturgy 11.30am
Tue 10 Jun	Grade 5 – Mass at Sacred Heart 9.15am
Tue 10 Jun	Kinder – Bush School
Tue 10 Jun	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 11 Jun	Canteen Day
Thu 12 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 13 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 13 Jun	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 16 Jun	Lisa Ford Parent Session 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 17 Jun	Grade 6 – Sacred Heart Mass
Tue 17 Jun	Assembly 1.45pm
Tue 17 Jun	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 18 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 4 Jul	Student Free Day