
NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

7 May 2025



"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith".



As a community, we join with the global Catholic community in mourning the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. Pope Francis had an unwavering commitment to education as a path to peace, justice and human dignity. Pope Francis cared deeply about people who are struggling, especially the poor, the young, and those who feel left out. He believed that education has the power to change lives, and his vision aligns with what Catholic schools aim to do—help children grow in knowledge, faith, and kindness.

Welcome back to Immaculate Heart of Mary for Term 2. We hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break and a happy Easter. As we commence the Term, I know you join me in acknowledging and congratulating Miss Shae Longey on her appointment as our Acting Deputy Principal for Term 2 and 3.

We welcome Mr Ollie Grubb, who has joined our staff as a Teacher Assistant this term

Learning Meetings – Feedback to Families

To support stronger partnerships in learning, we're launching 'Learning Meetings' in Term 2. These 15-minute sessions give parents and carers a chance to sit down with teachers, view English and Maths work samples, and talk about how to support their child's progress. This replaces SeeSaw feedback and builds on the Term 1 welcome conversations.

We ask all parents to attend these meetings. Mid-Year Summary Reports will be distributed to all parents at the end of Week 9.



ANZAC Day Service – Lenah Valley

On Monday 25 April, members of our school community gathered at the Lenah Valley ANZAC Day Service, joining thousands across Australia and New Zealand to honour the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of the ANZACs.

We extend our sincere thanks to our School Captains, Zoe and Zikolas, and House Captain, James, for laying a wreath on behalf of Immaculate Heart. We are also grateful to all students who proudly represented our school at the service.

A special moment in the ceremony was the address delivered by SHC College year 10 leaders Isabella (older sister of Alfie Grade 3) and Vincent. Their reflections offered a powerful reminder of the legacy of the ANZACs and the importance of remembering.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Lest we forget



Thank You and Farewell Miss C

After four fabulous years at Immaculate Heart, Miss Kate Choraziak will be leaving us at the end of this week to join the staff of Mt Carmel College. We have been truly blessed with the dedication, care, and positivity Miss C has brought to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School over the past four years and wish her every success in the next step of her career.



Nurturing Hearts

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: Incy Wincy 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))



Mother's Day Breakfast

We wish all our mothers and special women a wonderful day on Sunday and look forward to welcoming you for breakfast next Tuesday morning

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO OUR
MOTHER' S DAY BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 13 MAY
FROM 8.00 AM
CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT 8.40 AM



Friendships and Mean Behavior Parent Workshop – Save the date

Monday 2nd June

Over the past two years, we've been fortunate to have Lisa Ford—Clinical Psychologist and founder of The Resilience Co. work with our school community through workshops for staff, students, and parents focused on understanding anxiety, grit and resilience.

The poster is for a seminar titled "Navigating Friendships & Mean Behaviour" by Lisa Ford, Clinical Psychologist. It features the logo for "the resilience co." at the top, which consists of three blue mountain peaks. A pink oval in the top right corner says "Immaculate Heart Parent/Carer Seminar". The main title is in large white font on a green background. Below it, the subtitle "With Lisa Ford, Clinical Psychologist" is in a smaller white font. A green box contains the text: "Gain a deeper understanding and develop a toolbox of practical strategies to support children to navigate friendships, mean behaviour and more." Below this is a photo of five children sitting on a wooden deck. To the right of the photo, a list of topics is provided: "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", and "-Explore the role of empathy development, Perspective and much more." At the bottom left, a pink oval says "RSVP via office". At the bottom right, a green box contains the date and time: "MONDAY June 2nd 6pm – 7:30pm" and the location: "Grade 6 Classroom".

the resilience co.

Immaculate Heart Parent/Carer Seminar

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With Lisa Ford, Clinical Psychologist

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What do I do when other children are being mean?
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- 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

This year, Lisa will be facilitating a parent/ student workshop on **Friendships and Mean behaviour**.

Lisa will focus on:

- Supporting your child through friendship drama
 - How to respond when other children are being mean
 - What to do if your child is the one being mean
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Edge Avenue

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.

Winter Uniform

With the cooler weather now setting in we expect to see students in their full winter uniform. Please familiarise yourself with the uniform expectations which are available on the school website.

Capital Works – Building Project

It is incredibly exciting to see our building project moving into the next stage with wall and window framing well advanced, stormwater drainage underway and structural steelwork installation to internal completion

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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2025 School Dates

Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

Term Two Student Free Day	6 June 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*

Student Free Days 2025

Friday 6 June 2025

Friday 4 July 2025

Key celebrations are:

Mother's Day Breakfast: Tuesday 13th May 8.00am - 8.45am

Father's Day Breakfast: Tuesday 2nd September 8.00am - 8.45am

Grandparent's Day: Tuesday 28th October 9.30am - 11.00am

Calendar

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

Warm regards

Rachel Kelly
Principal

Calendar of Events	
Mon 5 May- Fri 9 May	Learn to Swim (Prep to Grade 6)
Thur 8 May	Canteen Day - orders due by 8.30am
Fri 9 May	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Fri 9 May	Nurturing Hearts (Birth to 4 years) 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 9 May	Kinder 2026 enrolments close today
Mon 12 May	Grade 3 Excursion – Bonorong
Tue 13 May	Mothers Day Breakfast 8.00-8.45am
Tue 13 May	Kinder Bush School
Tue 13 May	Grade 3 Liturgy 11.30am
Tue 13 May	Grade 4 Liturgy 12.15pm
Tue 13 May	Uniform shop open 2.30 -4.00pm
Wed 14 May-Fri 16 May	Canteen Day – orders due by 8.30am
Wed 14 May	Grade 2 Excursion – Mt Field
Tue 20-Thur 22	Parent teacher conversations
Tue 20 May	Grade 1 Liturgy 11.30am
Tue 20 May	Grade 2 Liturgy 12.15pm
Tue 20 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wed 21 May	National Simultaneous Storytime 12.00 noon
Wed 21 May	Board Meeting
Wed 21May- Fri 23 May	Canteen – orders close at 8.30am



~ 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
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