

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley

13 August 2025



"We must teach more by example than word."

Mary MacKillop

Prayer to St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

St Mary of the Cross,
You lived with courage, faith, and compassion.
You saw the dignity in every person and gave
your life in service to those in need.
Inspire us to follow your example - to be kind in
our words, generous in our actions, and
steadfast in our faith.
May we trust, as you did, in God's providence
and care. St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.
Amen.



Feast of St Mary MacKillop – 8 August

Last week our school came together to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Mary was a woman of deep faith who believed, "We must teach more by example than word." Her life of kindness, courage, and service continues to guide and inspire us. Through prayer, reflection, and class visits to the Josephite Centre over this term, we have learned about her extraordinary legacy and the many ways we can follow her example in caring for others every day.

Installation of Archbishop Anthony

This morning, our School Captains Alice and Prisha, Miss Longey, and I attended the installation of Archbishop Anthony Ireland, the 12th Archbishop of Tasmania. In his address to the congregation, Archbishop Anthony spoke with great hope and humility, wholeheartedly embracing his mission in the Catholic Church in Tasmania.



Farewell and thank you Mr Waddington

This week we farewell our wonderful Teacher Assistant, Tadhg Waddington. We are incredibly grateful for the care, patience, and support he has given to our students and staff. His warmth, enthusiasm, and willingness to go above and beyond has made a real difference in our classrooms and in the lives of those he has worked with. We wish him every blessing and success as he moves into the next stage of his journey beyond Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Outstanding NAPLAN Results

This term, we received our 2025 NAPLAN results, and we're thrilled to share the highlights. Our collective achievements clearly demonstrate our ongoing commitment to high-quality learning for every student.

Across all year levels, our results exceed system, state, and national averages, with strong growth shown in both literacy and numeracy. These impressive outcomes reflect the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and families. We celebrate the shared effort that drives success at Immaculate Heart of Mary and reinforces our focus on excellence in teaching and learning.

Absence

Next week, I will be attending the Australian Catholic Education Conference. Miss Shae Longey will be Acting Principal in my absence.

School Soccer **UPDATE****

Immaculate Heart soccer teams have been included in an extra round of soccer at the end of the season on Saturday 30 August, please check your rosters.

Our school soccer BBQ & Medal Presentation will **still take place on Tuesday 26 August from 3.00pm – 3.45pm**, serving sausages and drinks from the Canteen.

Coaches will gather with their teams as a group and present the medallions to each player. We encourage all players and their families to attend to celebrate the season.

Book Week

Our much-anticipated Book Week parade will be held on the Astro (weather dependent) at 9.00am on Wednesday 20 August. This is a great day where students and staff dress up as a book character.

The theme for this year is "Book an Adventure". All parents are invited to attend.

Please contact our Librarian, Mrs Jane Kirk, via email at jane.kirk@catholic.tas.edu.au if you require any assistance.

Classroom Heartbeat

Grade 2 - Saint Mary MacKillop: Australia's First Saint

Grade 2 students have been exploring the inspiring life and legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. As part of our learning, we were fortunate to visit the Mary MacKillop Centre, where we deepened our understanding of her story and her mission.

Together, we reflected on the meaning of her well-known words: "Never see a need without doing something about it." We talked about what this could look like in our own lives, and shared some thoughtful examples of how we can live out Mary's message every day:

- If someone is left out, I will include them - Philly
- If someone is hurt, I can help them - Henry
- I will give some money to charity and donate toys and clothes - Finn
- I will say kind words - Xavier
- If someone is left out, I will say, "Are you OK? Do you want to play with me?" - Lachy



Focus From the Heart

Japanese



This year grade 1 and 2 Japanese students have been focusing on learning about food, colours, classroom instructions, numbers, and the Japanese writing system.

In preparation for learning origami (the Japanese art of paper folding), they spent a lesson creating a mini fruit booklet.

This booklet enabled students to practise their folding skills whilst continuing to expose them to simple vocabulary.



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 8.15am - 9.00am & 2.30pm - 3.15pm.

School Photo Day

Our school photo day will be Tuesday, 16 September. Please see attached flyer on how to order your school photos from Leading Image. Our Access Key is 82ZLH6EH.

Parents who want to order Family Photos can use the same Access Key. Family Photo orders must be completed by 4:30pm the night before Photo Day.

All students will have an individual photo taken regardless of whether they make an order or not. Individual student ordering will stay open after Photo Day. Orders placed after the bulk order has been sent will be sent directly to parents from Leading Image and will incur a postage charge.

Family Photos that have not been ordered before the cut-off will not be taken. Unfortunately, we cannot make any exceptions on the day.

To ensure the safety of their staff, Leading Image ask that children who are away from school due to being unwell do not attend for their photo.

Uniform Requirements:

Grades 3 - 6: Formal uniform - including ties and softshell jacket

Grades K - 2: Sports uniform (IHMS sport top - not house colour top) - including softshell/polar fleece.

Key Dates

Please see the following term dates from Catholic Education Tasmania for the remainder of 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*

Transformation of the Heart - Capital Works Building Project

Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

The next site meeting is set for tomorrow 14 August.

Progress to date:

- Blockwork to lift shaft & ramps is practically complete
- Block 2 handed back to school for occupation
- Plastering works continuing with ceiling insulation, sisalation paper & ceiling grid.
- Structural steel for the courtyard and suspended slab area is practically complete
- Footings for stairs and retaining walls in the middle section are practically complete

Progress to next fortnight:

- Plastering works
- Deck for suspended slab underway
- Excavation for footings continuing
- Ceiling lining and plastering continuing
- Gutter replacement 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.
- 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.

EVENTS



BBQ
3.00 - 3.45



BREAKFAST
8.00 - 8.45



SCHOOL
PHOTOS
ALL DAY



GRANDPARENTS
DAY
MORNING TEA
9.30 - 11.00



Lego Competition – Brixhibition

All student creations are to be brought to the office by Monday 8 September.



Brixhibition Kids Competition 2025

The Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and Brixhibition invite all Primary School students in the Southern Tasmanian area to compete in a Lego Competition running in the third term of 2025.

- Each student to have their Lego creation completed and ready for judging to your school or group by **Monday 8th Sept 2025**.
- Each School or group to have judged and announce their winning entrant by **Friday 12th Sept 2025**.
- The winner of each age group at your school or group will win a winners medal, a free pass to Richmond Goal, Leven River Cruises and Beaconsfield Museum. Your schools 1x overall winner will receive a special Overall Winners Medallion.
- Each Southern Primary School's or Group's Overall Winner is then invited to participate against other Southern Primary Schools or Groups.
- All Lego Challenge winners displayed at Brixhibition will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members
- **1st Prize – 1st Place Trophy + \$300 Toyworld voucher**
- **2nd Prize – 2nd Place Trophy + \$200 Toyworld voucher**
- **3rd Prize – 3rd Place Trophy + \$100 Toyworld voucher**
- **4th Prize – 4th Place Trophy + Small Lego Set**
- Winners and announced at Brixhibition Hobart on Sunday 5th October
- Application forms and conditions are available from your school or group

Nurturing Hearts

Birth to 4 years Program



Gazetted School Calendar 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*

*In circumstances where a Show Day public holiday falls within student non-attendance time, the schools within that region will conclude on Thursday 17 December 2026.

Calendar

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

Calendar of Events

Thu 14 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 15 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 15 Aug	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 18 Aug	Prep – Excursion to Woodbridge Marine Discovery
Tue 19 Aug	Assembly
Tue 19 Aug	Kinder – Bush School
Tue 19 Aug	Grade 4 – Excursion to Sustainability Learning Centre
Tue 19 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 20 Aug	Book Week Day Parade
Wed 20 Aug	Canteen Day
Thu 21 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 22 Aug	Grades 5 & 6 – Festival of Bright Ideas
Fri 22 Aug	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 22 Aug	Canteen Day
Mon 25 Aug	Grade 2 – Excursion to The Transport Museum
Tue 26 Aug	Soccer BBQ & Medallion Presentations
Tue 26 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 27 Aug	Grades 5 & 6 – Excursion to Sacred Heart Musical
Wed 27 Aug	Canteen Day
