

NEWS from the HEART...

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



30 July 2025

Sent Forth in Strength and Hope

Loving God,

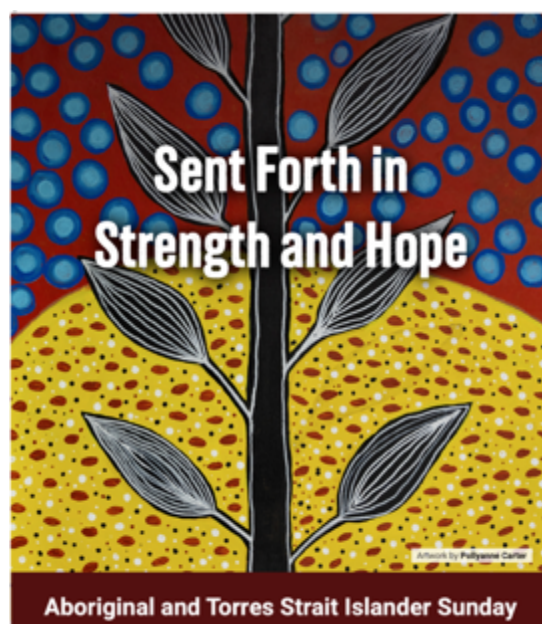
We thank you for the rich culture, deep spirituality,
and ancient wisdom of the Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Help us to walk together in faith, united by your love.

May we listen with open hearts, learn from one another,
And grow as a community of peace, justice, and respect.

Send us forth, strengthened by your Spirit, filled with hope,
To be your hands and heart in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Welcome to Term 3

We hope you've had a restful and refreshing break. It's been a positive start to the new term, and we're already back in full swing. We look forward to the weeks ahead — to learn, to grow, and to continue building strong connections as a school community.

School Leaders



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

We acknowledge and thank Zikolas Schlie and Zoe Mathysen for their fantastic leadership and service during Terms 1 and 2.

Transformation of the Heart - Capital Works Building Project

We're excited to share that our building project is progressing well and is now 55% complete. The site is almost completely "out of the ground" – meaning the major excavation and concrete works are behind us.

A significant amount of progress was made over the school holidays. The framework is taking shape, with the roofing structure now in place, the doors to the new Grade 3/4 learning spaces installed, and substantial progress made on both the access ramp and the elevator shaft.

As the project continues this term, there will be occasional changes to how students access some classrooms. At times, entry to the Prep and Grade 4 areas may be redirected via the canteen. We'll ensure families are given as much notice as possible ahead of these changes to minimise disruption.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work to bring these exciting new facilities to life for our school community. This transformation of our learning spaces reflects our commitment to ongoing growth and connection as a community, creating places that inspire learning, belonging, and shared purpose.

Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

The next site meeting is set for tomorrow 31 July.

The following 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.



Catholic Education Mental Health Support Survey

Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) is undertaking an independent Review of Mental Health Supports, facilitated by Altum Counselling and Consulting Pty Ltd. The review is evaluating how well current mental health and wellbeing supports are provided across CET schools and how they reflect our Catholic mission and commitment to care.

Specifically, the review will consider:

- The accessibility and effectiveness of student counselling services,
- How complex mental health needs are supported and managed,
- The reach and impact of mental health initiatives for staff and students, and
- How all of this is integrated into CET's broader governance and Catholic identity.

We warmly invite you to complete a short survey (approx. 8–15 minutes) to share your perspective. You do not need to have detailed knowledge of these areas—your experience as a parent or carer is what matters. Even if you feel unsure about some questions, your input is still important and helps us build a fuller understanding across the system.

Your responses are anonymous and will not be linked to your name or contact details. All data will be reported in a way that protects individual identities.

Thank you for partnering with us. Your voice will directly inform improvements in how we care for the wellbeing and dignity of every student in our school communities. Please access the survey via this link: [Parent/Carer Survey](#). Please ensure this survey is completed by Friday 9 August.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute. Your voice will help strengthen mental health supports across all Catholic Education Tasmania Schools.

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.

Lego Competition - Brixhibition

It's back...see below! 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

Happy Building!

Nurturing Hearts

Birth to 4 years Program

We will be back this Friday 1 August, from 9:00-10:30am, and look forward to seeing you then!



TERM THREE 2025

Welcome to Term Three of Nurturing Hearts!
The focus for this term's learning experiences is
'ANIMALS and their HABITATS'

Friday 25th July: NO SESSION

Friday 1st August: JUNGLE & RAINFOREST ANIMALS
Friday 8th August: WATER ANIMALS
Friday 15th August: DINOSAURS
Friday 22nd August: COLD CLIMATE ANIMALS
Friday 29th August: 'MINIBEASTS'
Friday 5th September: AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS
Friday 12th September: ANIMALS WITH WINGS
Friday 19th September: EXCURSION (Details TBC)
Friday 26th September: NO SESSION

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.

Classroom Heartbeat

Grade 1

During Wellbeing lessons, Grade One has been learning about teamwork. As part of our unit, one lesson involved students working in teams to build the tallest tower. Each team was provided with newspaper and sticky tape. A timer was set for 20 minutes, and they raced against the clock to create the tallest structure.

In a second lesson, students participated in teamwork games. They worked in small groups and competed against other teams.

To make these activities successful, teamwork was essential. As a class, we brainstormed the key elements needed for effective teamwork. These included sharing, helping, speaking kindly, and including everyone. It was great to see how each team had a unique approach. At the end of each lesson, we reflected on what went well and what could be improved. This helped us identify areas of teamwork to focus on in future activities.




School Soccer BBQ & Medal Presentation

Our school soccer BBQ & Medal Presentation will 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.


Calendar


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

EVENTS





BBQ
3.00 – 3.45







BREAKFAST
8.00 – 8.45






SCHOOL PHOTOS
ALL DAY





MORNING TEA
9.30 – 11.00



Key Dates

Please see the following term dates from Catholic Education Tasmania for the remainder of the 2025 school year.

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*

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 of Events

Thu 31 Jul	Canteen Day
Fri 1 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 1 Aug	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 1 Aug	Grades 5 & 6 – Excursion Festival of Bright Ideas
Tue 5 Aug	Kinder – Bush School
Tue 5 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 6 Aug	Grade 6 – Excursion to Sacred Heart Musical
Wed 6 Aug	Canteen Day
Thu 7 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 8 Aug	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Liturgy – Whole School
Fri 8 Aug	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 8 Aug	Canteen Day
Mon 11 Aug	Grade 2 - Bush School
Tue 12 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm
Wed 13 Aug	Canteen Day