

# NEWS from the HEART...

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



27 August 2025

## "Tenacious Dreaming – Faith Anchored in Hope"

God of hope,  
Thank you for the gift of Catholic education  
and the chance to gather and learn together.  
Bless our students with the courage to dream big  
and share their voice, our teachers with patience and wisdom,  
and all of us with the strength to keep working for a better future.  
Keep us grounded in faith, open to new ideas,  
and always walking together with hope.  
Amen.



### Australian Catholic Education Conference – A Reflection from Immaculate Heart

Last week, I had privilege of attending the **Australian Catholic Education Conference** in Cairns. With the theme "*Hope, Anchored in Faith*," the gathering brought together Catholic educators from across the nation to reflect on the pillars of **faith, excellence, and access** in our schools.

Inspired by the evocative artwork *Tenacious Dreaming* and the call to elevate **student voice**, the conference served as a powerful reminder of our shared mission: to nurture both **hearts and minds**.

Recent findings from the **HILDA study** into Catholic education further reinforced this vision. The study highlighted the lifelong benefits of a Catholic education, showing that graduates enjoy **stronger employment outcomes, higher wages, better health, and greater life satisfaction**. These outcomes reflect what we witness every day: Catholic education nurtures not only academic achievement, but also the development of **confident, compassionate young people** ready to contribute meaningfully to their communities. Click [HERE](#) if you would like to read more.

With this in mind, we remain deeply committed to **ongoing school improvement** - ensuring our teaching, learning, and community practices continue to evolve in ways that best serve our students and families.



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## Soccer Wrap 2025

Yesterday, we held our Soccer BBQ to celebrate the season. Thanks to everyone for coming along and braving the rain to wrap up the season and to give our players and parents the opportunity to thank their coaches.

This year, 51 students from Prep to Grade 6 played for Immaculate Heart in the Central Region competition. Many thanks to our coaches and managers for your commitment and support of all players and congratulations to all players for your participation, growth and teamwork throughout the season.

Please return playing strips to the office next week.

Have a great last game this Saturday!



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## Planning 2026

Planning for 2026 is underway - if your family is considering leaving Immaculate Heart at the end of the year, we kindly ask that you notify the school as soon as possible to assist with enrolment and staffing preparations.

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## Transformation of the Heart - Capital Works Building Project

### Transformation of the Heart Fly Through

Our Building Project continues to run on schedule, with current work focusing on roof gutters, accessibility features, and the internal fit-out.

In the coming weeks, we'll also be working with the Project Team to design new "wayfinding signage" to help everyone navigate the spaces with ease.





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# Focus From the Heart

📚✨ Book Week Parade 2025 – Book an Adventure ✨📚

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Book Week with this year's theme, "Book an Adventure"!

Our students and staff brought stories to life with their amazing costumes, transforming the school into a parade of favourite book characters.

A huge thank you to our families for supporting the day and helping us celebrate the joy of reading.

This year's winners:

Kindergarten - Imogen Sutton

Prep - Evelyn Rainbird, Mitchell Davis, Patrick Moser

Grade 1 - Toby Clifton, Imogen Le Fevre, Lily Wright

Grade 2 - Roscoe Sutton, Hamish Palfrey, Poppy Clarke-White

Grade 3 - Lola Daniels, Hazel Fulton, Patrick Le Fevre, Albie Milne

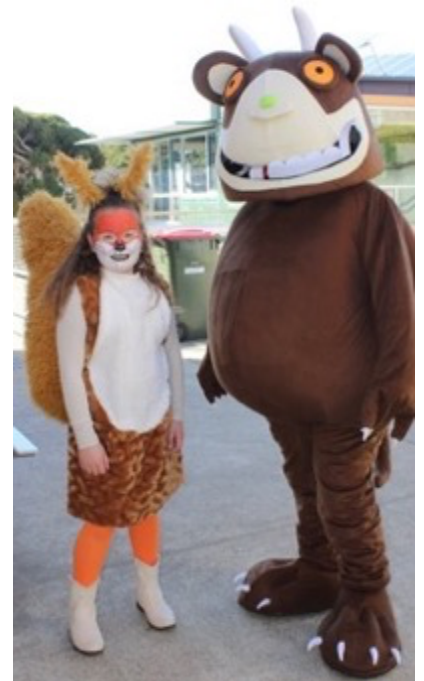
Grade 4 - Patrick Clifton, Lola Marsh, Max Luttrell

Grade 5 - Poppy Gordey, Toby Marsh, Tomas Sutton, Evie Anderson

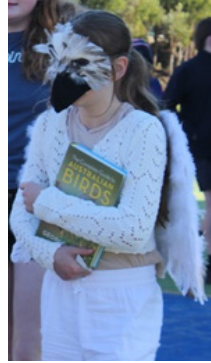
Grade 6 - Charlie Arthur, Rosalinda Fuentes, Izzy James

Overall Winners - Amber Gordey and Henry Holloway

Runners up - Apisai Clarke-White and Georgia Davis









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## Father's Day Breakfast

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## EVENTS



BREAKFAST  
8.00 - 8.45



ALL DAY



MORNING TEA  
9.30 - 11.00



# Classroom Heartbeat

## Grade 3

As a part of both our Mathematics and Geography learning this term, Grade 3 has been investigating maps and mapping. In HaSS we looked at the map of Australia and investigated the oceans, states, territories, capital cities and natural features of different areas. In Maths we have been looking at interpreting maps that have grid coordinates.

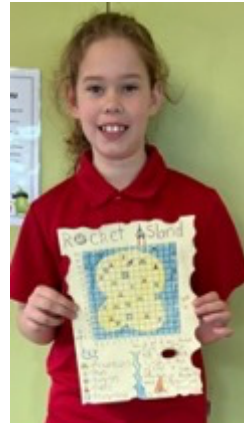
One task we completed was to make our own map of an imaginary island. We added features to our island and used grid coordinates and a key to show the location of those features. We even hid a secret message within our maps!

Reuben - "My island is called Parrot Island and it is shaped like a parrot".

Mila - "My island is called Peace Island, and I enjoyed colouring it in and making it neat".

Laura - "My island is called Rocket Island and there are a lot of space-themed features on mine".

Esme - "My island is called Esme's World and I liked using the grid coordinates to show where my house is on the island".



## Nurturing Hearts

### Birth to 4 years Program



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025**.
- Each School or group to have judged and announce their winning entrant by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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
- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy + \$300 Toyworld voucher**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy + \$200 Toyworld voucher**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy + \$100 Toyworld voucher**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Prize – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Trophy + Small Lego Set**
- Winners and announced at Brixhibition Hobart on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Application forms and conditions are available from your school or group

## 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.

## 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.

## Key Dates

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

|   |                                     |
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| 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*                   |

**Have You Ordered Your School Photos?**

Your photo day is: 16/09/2025

leadingimage.com.au

Scan to order!

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

To order your school photos:

1. Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **82ZLH6EH**

**LEADING IMAGE** School Photos

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## Gazetted School Calendar 2026

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| 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

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

## Calendar of Events

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| Thu 28 Aug | IHMS Athletics Carnival                          |
| Thu 28 Aug | Canteen Day                                      |
| Fri 29 Aug | Canteen Day                                      |
| Fri 29 Aug | Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am                |
| Mon 1 Sep  | Grade 2 – Bush School                            |
| Tue 2 Sep  | Assembly   |
| Tue 2 Sep  | Father's Day Breakfast                           |
| Tue 2 Sep  | Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm                  |
| Wed 3 Sep  | Canteen Day                                      |
| Thu 4 Sep  | Canteen Day                                      |
| Fri 5 Sep  | Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am                |
| Fri 5 Sep  | Canteen Day                                      |
| Tue 9 Sep  | Kinder – Excursion to Molesworth                 |
| Tue 9 Sep  | Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 4.00pm                  |
| Wed 10 Sep | Grades 5 & 6 – Excursion to Sacred Heart Musical |
| Wed 10 Sep | Canteen Day                                      |

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