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# NEWS from the HEART...

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



25 February 2026

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Connection in faith ...  
Partnership in learning ...  
Community in action ...

Loving God,

As we walk the Lenten path,  
open our hearts to those in need.  
Teach us to see with compassion,  
to act with courage,  
and to give with generosity.  
May our prayers bring hope,  
our sacrifices bring justice,  
and our actions reflect Your love.  
Help us to live simply,  
love deeply, and serve joyfully -  
as one community in faith.

Amen.



Connection sits at the heart of who we are. The way we connect with one another - students, staff and families - shapes our culture and creates the strong sense of belonging that allows every child to flourish.

As we move into Week 4, we continue to intentionally make space and place for meaningful connections, knowing that when relationships are strong, learning and wellbeing thrive. Strong connections between school and home create the foundation for a thriving community where every child feels known, valued and supported to flourish.

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## Catholic Community

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On Ash Wednesday, we gathered as a whole school to begin our Lenten journey. It was a simple and reverent time of prayer, reminding us that we walk together in faith.

Our School Leaders have also connected with the wider Catholic community through Caritas, deepening their understanding of service and exploring how we can support others beyond our own school community.



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## Early Years (Prep - Grade 2)

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With our Prep - Grade 2 students now sharing the same learning space, there is a wonderful flow between the students, parents and staff. Each Friday afternoon, free play takes place across the shared space, giving students the opportunity to connect, collaborate and learn from one another. These shared experiences are strengthening connections and supporting smooth transitions across the Early Years.

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## Assembly

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Yesterday we gathered for our first Assembly for 2026 - a special space where we celebrated our community. Together, we recognised effort, shared learning and acknowledged the many contributions that continue to strengthen our school.

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## Welcome Learning Conversations

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Establishing strong partnerships with our families is vital to a great start. Our Welcome Learning Conversations create space to connect and collaborate, with a shared focus on each student's learning and wellbeing. These conversations help build a strong foundation for the year ahead, ensuring every child is supported to grow, thrive, and succeed.

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## Junior Joeys

A record number of Junior Joeys are already putting faith into action, showing care and compassion in practical ways. As we know, small actions can make a big difference. It was a privilege to present their badges at Assembly yesterday, and we look forward to seeing their faith in action continue to grow throughout 2026.



## Swimming Carnival

We look forward to our Grade 3 - Grade 6 Swimming Carnival this Friday at the Clarence Pool. All information has been shared to our families via Compass.

## Nurturing Hearts Birth-4 Years

Our Nurturing Hearts Program will commence this Friday 27 February in Kindergarten. This 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!

## Volunteers WWVP Cards

We love volunteers! It is a requirement of volunteering in a school that you hold a current Working with Vulnerable People card. Does your WWVP card require renewal?

**TERM ONE 2026**

**Welcome to Nurturing Hearts for 2026!**  
We are very excited to begin our Term One Program on Friday 20th February.

The focus for this term's learning experiences is **'FOOD'**.

- Friday 20th February: Exploring Fruits and Veggies
- Friday 27th February: Exploring Baking
- Friday 6th March: Exploring Food from around the World
- Friday 13th March: Exploring 'Sometimes' Foods
- Friday 20th March: Easter Fun! 🐰
- Friday 27th March: Gross Motor Play in the Hall
- Friday 3rd April: **NO SESSION - GOOD FRIDAY**
- Friday 10th April: Excursion (Location TBC)
- Friday 17th April: **NO SESSION - STUDENT FREE DAY**



**Renew early**

Jump the queue  
**Renew your RWVP early**

Did you know that you can renew your Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) up to **3 months** before it expires?

It's easy: Check your RWVP card to see when it expires, then renew early at MyRWVP



Visit [justice.tas.gov.au/rwvapply](http://justice.tas.gov.au/rwvapply) or [renew/renew-your-rwvp](http://renew/renew-your-rwvp)

Your renewed RWVP will begin from the date that your current RWVP expires.

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## ***Kindergarten Enrolment***

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Kindergarten 2027 enrolments are now open and close on the 15 May.



 **GROW WITH US**

Enrolments for KINDERGARTEN 2027 are now open

If your child was born in 2022,  
we would love to welcome them to  
Immaculate Heart in 2027!

For more information, please visit our website  
[www.ihms.tas.edu.au](http://www.ihms.tas.edu.au)  
or call 6228 3335 to request an Enrolment Pack  
and arrange a Principal Tour of our school.

Current Immaculate Heart Families, with a child born in 2022, are reminded to submit an Enrolment Form to secure a Kindergarten place for their child in 2027.

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## ***Grade 7 Enrolments***

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As part of the enrolment process for Catholic Secondary Colleges for Grade 7 in 2027, parents are asked to submit enrolment applications to their preferred secondary school for Grade 7 by 13 March 2026. This includes enrolments to Sacred Heart College. To complete this, you must contact the school of your preference. We are always happy to support families with enrolment enquiries and help you with the application process if needed.

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## Hockey Fun

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The Australian Men's and Women's Hockey teams have been in Hobart over the last couple of weeks, playing in the FIH Pro League at the Hockey Centre in New Town. We have many OHA Hockey Club players at Immaculate Heart and they were lucky enough to participate in the Guard of Honour for international players entering the playing field prior to the start of each game. There were plenty of big grins...and even a little glimpse of them on the televised broadcast!



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## Key Dates

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Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

<b>2026</b>	
Term One Concludes (Students)	Thursday 16 April 2026
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	Friday 17 April 2026
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 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)	Monday 04 May 2026
Term Two (Concludes)	Friday 10 July 2026
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 13 July 2026 – Monday 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff)	Monday 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Students)	Tuesday 28 July 2026
Term Three Concludes	Friday 02 October 2026
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 05 October 2026 – Friday 16 October 2026
Term Four Resume (Students and Teaching Staff)	Monday 19 October 2026
Student Free Day	Friday 23 October 2026
Year 10 Students Conclude	Friday 11 December 2026
Students Conclude	Thursday 17 December 2026*
Teaching Staff Conclude	Friday 18 December 2026*

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## Calendar of Events

Thu 26 Feb	Canteen Day
Fri 27 Feb	IHMS Swimming Carnival
Fri 27 Feb	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Tue 3 Mar	Grade 5 Liturgy 11.30am
Tue 3 Mar	Grade 6 Liturgy 12.15pm
Tue 3 Mar	Uniform Shop open 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 4 Mar	Grade 1 Excursion to Bonorong 9.30am – 12.30pm
Wed 4 Mar	Canteen Day
Thu 5 Mar	Canteen Day
Fri 6 Mar	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Fri 6 Mar	Canteen Day
Tue 10 Mar	Grade 1 Liturgy 10.20am
Tue 10 Mar	Grade 2 Liturgy 11.30am
Tue 10 Mar	Grade 4 Liturgy 12.10pm
Tue 10 Mar	Uniform Shop open 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 11 Mar	Canteen Day



**St Brigid's Catholic School**  
*is celebrating*  
**100 Years of Catholic Education**  
 Join us for our Anniversary Mass and Open Day

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Time: 10.00am-1.00pm**  
**Location: 89 Montagu Street, New Norfolk**

Let us relive some memories from the past and look towards the future with our wonderful current students. We will begin with a Mass in our school Hall, followed by morning tea and school tours, concluding at 1pm with a BBQ.  
 RSVP 18th March 2026  
 Ph: (03) 6261 1778



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is located in Nipaluna on the Traditional Lands of the Muwinina people of the South East Nation who lived with and cared for this Land for many generations.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Palawa people, and the deep connection they have to Country and Culture. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community and to Elders past and present.

We are committed to learning as a part of this community, and to supporting the continued sharing of knowledge and culture.