

NEWS from the HEART...

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



6 May 2026

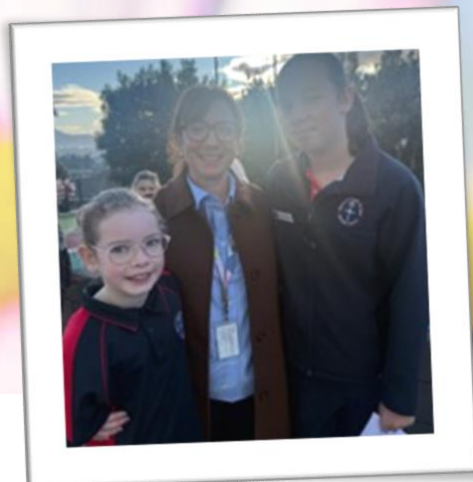
Mother's Day Prayer

God of Love,

We thank You for the mothers and all who care for us
in our Immaculate Heart of Mary community.
For their patience, strength, and everyday acts of love,
we are truly grateful.

Watch over all mothers —
those who feel joy,
those who are tired,
and those who carry worries or sadness.
Hold each one in Your care.

May Mary, model of love,
guide us to be compassionate people
who listen, help, and love generously.
Bless our families with peace,
and help us see the goodness
that mothers bring into our lives each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Dear Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed some time to rest and recharge. A warm welcome to all our families as we begin Term 2. We've had a great start, with our Prep–Gr 6 students enjoying Learn to Swim at the Collegiate Pool this week and a lovely Mother's Day Breakfast yesterday. It was the first time that our students performed on "The Deck", for our families. A huge thank you to Miss Clark and Mrs Melitsis for preparing our students so beautifully and to our staff for preparing breakfast for our special ladies on Tuesday.

We're now looking ahead to our Cross Country Carnival next Thursday at John Turnbull Park. Further details, including times and arrangements for each year level, will be shared with families via Compass.

Staffing: Leadership Team Update – 2026

I'm pleased to share some updates to our Leadership Team for 2026, and to celebrate the people who continue to support and shape our school community.

Acting Deputy Principal

Congratulations to Miss Shae Longey on her appointment as Acting Deputy Principal. Shae brings a deep understanding of our school, strong relational leadership, and a genuine care for our staff, students, and families. I know she will continue to nurture the positive and supportive culture that defines our community.

Acting Curriculum Lead: K–6 Literacy & Enrichment

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Cristy Mahony has been appointed as Acting Curriculum Lead for K–6 Literacy and Enrichment. Over the past three years, Cristy has strengthened and streamlined the Student Support Coordinator role. In 2026, she will lead our whole-school literacy approach while continuing to further enhance enrichment opportunities for our students.

Acting Student Support Coordinator

I'm very pleased to share that Mr Jonathan Horne has been appointed as Acting Student Support Coordinator. As a former Immaculate Heart student, Jonathon has a strong connection to our community. He is a highly accomplished teacher with valuable leadership experience, and we look forward to welcoming him into this role when he joins us in Week 4.

Capital Works Project

Over the coming fortnight, work will be completed on the stairs and tiered seating at the McCann Crescent entrance. Once this final stage is finished, our goal is for Kiss and Drop to return to this area, giving families a smoother and more direct entry point again.

Handrails have now been installed on the stairs from the Library to Grade 3, new carpet has been laid in Grade 3/4, the roof of the Performing Arts space has been repainted, and drainage work is underway outside the student toilets. We are incredibly close to the end of what has been an epic journey for everyone.

Thank you for your patience and support as we reach the final stretch.

Anzac Day

On Saturday 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, Billy and Molly for laying a wreath on behalf of Immaculate Heart and to the many students who proudly represented our school at the service.



*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.*



IHMS Soccer Teams

All the very best to our Prep – Grade 2 soccer teams as they play their first game this Saturday. A huge shout-out to our wonderful coaches and team managers, for their time, energy, and support.

We wish all our young players a fantastic season ahead.

Learning Conversations

To support stronger partnerships in learning, we launched Learning Conversations in 2025, and these will continue in 2026. These 15-minute sessions give parents and carers the opportunity to sit with teachers, view English and Maths work samples, and discuss how best to support their child's progress.

We ask all parents to attend these meetings. Mid-Year Summary Reports will be distributed at the end of Week 9. Bookings for Learning Conversation will open at the start of Week 4 via Compass.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations will focus on

- Reading
- Writing
- Maths
- Wellbeing

Learning conversations provide a valuable opportunity to connect with teachers to discuss how to best support your child's development!

Term 2 & 3 each year

Bookings can be made via the Conferences tab in Compass

Contact Us 62283335

Soft Toys, Pokémon Cards & Fidgets – Reminder for Families

We ask that toys, fidgets, trading cards (including Pokémon cards) and similar personal items not be brought to school. We've noticed a few slipping in, and they can create unnecessary distractions or worries when items go missing. Some students do use approved sensory items as part of their learning plan, and these are arranged in consultation with the class teacher. We appreciate your support in keeping our learning spaces focused, calm, and fair for everyone.

Winter Uniform - Week 2

Grade 3 – Grade 6 students are required to wear their formal winter uniform in Term 2 and Term 3 (commencing week 2). Our uniform shop is open every Tuesday 2.30pm – 3.30pm (during term). Our school uniform policy is available on our website: <https://ihms.tas.edu.au/enrolments/uniforms/>



CALENDAR EVENTS

TERM 2, 2026

4 MAY	LEARN TO SWIM WEEK - PREP TO GRADE 6
5 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FROM 7.45 AM
14 MAY	IHMCS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL (K-6)
26 MAY	ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm
29 MAY	STCPSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - REP TEAM
1 JUNE	FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION WEEK
2/4 JUNE	LEARNING CONVERSATIONS W/ CLASS TEACHERS
10 JUNE	WINTER WOOLIES DAY
12 JUNE	SILENT DISCO (MORE INFORMATION TO COME)
16 JUNE	IHMCS FEAST DAY - MASS / BUDDY ACTIVITIES
23 JUNE	ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm
29/30 JUNE	NITA EDUCATION AT IHMCS
6 JULY	NAIDOC WEEK
7 JULY	END OF TERM ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm
6/7 JULY	FESTIVAL OF VOICES - CHOIR STUDENTS
9 JULY	DANCE TEAM EISTEDDFOD COMPETITION
10 JULY	FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 (STUDENTS)

Nurturing Hearts Birth-4 Years

For all children aged between birth and 4 years of age, our Nurturing Hearts Program begins again next Friday, 15 May from 9am until 10.30am in our Kinder room. Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall would love to see you there!



Key Dates

Please see the following school dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

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*

Calendar of Events

Mon 4 May	First Day of Term 2
Mon 4 May – Fri 8 May	Learn to Swim Program – Collegiate Pool
Thur 7 May	Canteen Day
Fri 8 May	Canteen Day
Tue 12 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.30
Wed 13 May	Canteen Day
Thur 14 May	IHMCS Cross Country Carnival – John Turnbull Oval K-6
Fri 15 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am Kindergarten room
Fri 15 May	Canteen Day
Tue 19 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.30
Wed 20 May	Canteen Day
Thur 21 May	Canteen Day
Fri 22 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am Kindergarten room
Fri 22 May	Canteen Day
Tue 26 May	Assembly (hall) @ 1.45
Tue 26 May	Uniform Shop open 2.30-3.30
Wed 27 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Wed 27 May	Canteen Day
Thur 28 May	Canteen Day
Fri 29 May	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am -10.30am Kindergarten room
Fri 29 May	STCPSSA Cross country carnival – REP team



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is located in Nipaluna on the Traditional Lands of the Muwina 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.