

NEWS from the HEART...

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



3 June 2026



Loving God,

As we celebrate Pentecost, we remember the day Your Holy Spirit came to the disciples, filling them with courage, joy, and the strength to share Your love with the world.

Fill our hearts with that same Spirit today.

May Your gifts of wisdom, courage, and understanding guide our words and actions.

Help us to be people of kindness, peace, and hope in our school community.

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us with Your love.

Amen.

Dear Families

On Sunday 24 May, we celebrated Pentecost - the moment the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, filling them with courage and wisdom, and sending them out to share God's love. Pentecost reminds us that the same Spirit is alive in our school community today, guiding us to be people of kindness, truth, and hope.

We congratulate Henry, Tadhg, and Neve, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Sunday. Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they continue their faith journey with the support of their families, parish, and our school community. We are very proud of them.



AusAlert

The Australian Government is introducing a new emergency warning system later this year called AusAlert. We are making you aware early so you can be prepared.

AusAlert uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices during local and national disasters.

These messages aim to keep communities informed so they can take action, saving lives and property.

In the lead up to AusAlert being used, there will be some testing of the system during June and July. This will involve compatible mobile devices receiving a loud, unique alarm and a test alert message.

Devices may include:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Children's safety watches
- Tablets

Don't be alarmed when you receive these alerts. You don't need to do anything.

There are two upcoming tests to be aware of:

- **Monday 15 June 2026 at 11am** - a regional test of the Priority Alert in the greater **Launceston area only**
- **Monday 27 July at 2pm** - a national test of the Critical Alert

A Priority Alert

- Is used when there is a high level of threat
- Means conditions are changing and you should 'watch and act'

When receiving a Priority Alert, your mobile device will vibrate and make a loud siren-like warning sound that lasts around 10 seconds. You can switch your phone to 'silent' or 'do not disturb' or turn off the sound and vibration in your device settings, when receiving this Alert.

If you'd prefer not to receive this Alert, you may also choose to turn off your device.

A Critical Alert

- Is the highest level of warning
- Means you may be in danger and should act immediately

During a Critical Alert, your mobile device will vibrate and make a loud siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds before stopping. This will happen, even if your device is on 'silent' or 'do not disturb'.

You can't turn off Critical Alerts but if you'd prefer not to receive it, you may like to consider turning off your device.

You can find out more about how to control the alerts you receive at: [Turning AusAlert messages off | AusAlert](#). We understand that some people may find these alerts distressing or confronting.

For further information and useful resources, including advice about how to support children and young people, visit www.ausalert.gov.au



Immaculate Heart of Mary Feast Day Mass

We warmly invite family members to join our school community as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Mary's Cathedral at 9.30 on Tuesday 16 June.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for Prep - Grade 6 Learning Conversations this week. A massive turnout with close to 100% attendance. These conversations are an important part of how we partner with families at IHMS, giving you the opportunity to sit with your child's teacher, explore their English and Mathematics work samples, and talk together about progress and next steps.

If you were unable to attend or need to arrange another time, please contact the office or your child's class teacher. We want every family to have the chance to connect.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 27 May at 12:00pm, our Prep to Grade 2 students gathered in the Early Years Hub to take part in National Simultaneous Storytime. This annual event brings communities across Australia together to celebrate literacy and the joy of reading.

This year's featured book, *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller*, is an action-packed Australian story that celebrates sport, perseverance, teamwork and following your dreams. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Early Years students to share a story together and enjoy the excitement of reading.

A huge shout out to Nate, Hudson and of course Mrs Kirk for making this such a wonderful experience for our students.





Our IHMS Choir is again participating in Young Tasmania Sings at the Festival of Voices in 2026. Students are continuing their preparation at school and bringing real joy and passion to their rehearsals as they work towards the upcoming workshops and final concert.

We appreciate the commitment our choir students show each week and look forward to seeing them perform at the Federation Concert Hall in the last week of Term 2.

Silent Disco



Kiss & Drop on McCann Crescent

Kiss & Drop is now our new normal as we establish consistent routines to support safety and smooth transitions for students and adults in and out of school each day.

Morning Drop Off

- **Please stay in your vehicle during Kiss & Drop to keep traffic flowing smoothly.**
- **Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the no-parking zones.**

End of Day Pick Up

- Leadership Team staff will supervise bus students and parent pick-up each afternoon.
 - Witches hats will be moved at 3.00pm with the departure of the van/bus to clearly mark no-parking areas.
 - **Please stay in your vehicle during Kiss & Drop to keep traffic flowing smoothly.**
 - **Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the no-parking zones.**
 - Unattended cars create banked traffic and reduce visibility and safety.
 - Your cooperation ensures a safe, calm, and predictable end to the day for all students.
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Advisory School Board

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are fortunate to have a committed and fully operational Advisory School Board that supports the Principal and Deputy Principal in the leadership and ongoing development of our school.

Last week, we held our Annual General Meeting and confirmed our Board for the year ahead.

Current Board Membership:

- Board Chair: Jeremy Holloway
- Deputy Chair: Lauren Anderson
- Secretary: Clare Le Fevre
- Ex Officio Members: Rachel Kelly, Shae Longey, Sr Monica, Fr Steven

We extend our sincere thanks to David Morse for his dedicated service to the Advisory Board from 2019 - 2026.

We are seeking several new members from our school community to join the Board. The Advisory School Board works collaboratively with the Principal in a supportive, consultative role. Members are appointed for a three-year term, with the option of reappointment.

Board Member Expectations

Board members:

- bring enthusiasm for and commitment to the mission of Catholic education
- offer their gifts, skills, and service to the school community
- undertake induction and formation
- commit to monthly meetings (approximately 60 minutes, early evening)

Eligibility Requirements

Potential members must:

- work cooperatively and constructively with others
- uphold confidentiality in Board matters
- meet volunteer screening requirements under Child Protection Protocols

If you are interested in nominating, please submit a written nomination signed by the proposer, seconder, and nominee. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Nurturing Hearts Birth-4 Years

Nurturing Hearts at Immaculate Heart of Mary is a free learning program for children aged from birth to five years, and their families. Mrs Lucy Brook and Mrs Kathryn Wall look forward to welcoming you for these sessions on Friday mornings from 9am until 10.30am in our Kinder room. This term's focus is 'Traditional Tales and Modern-Day Classics'.



Welcome to Term Two of Nurturing Hearts for 2026!

The focus for this term's learning experiences is **'TRADITIONAL TALES AND MODERN-DAY CLASSICS'**

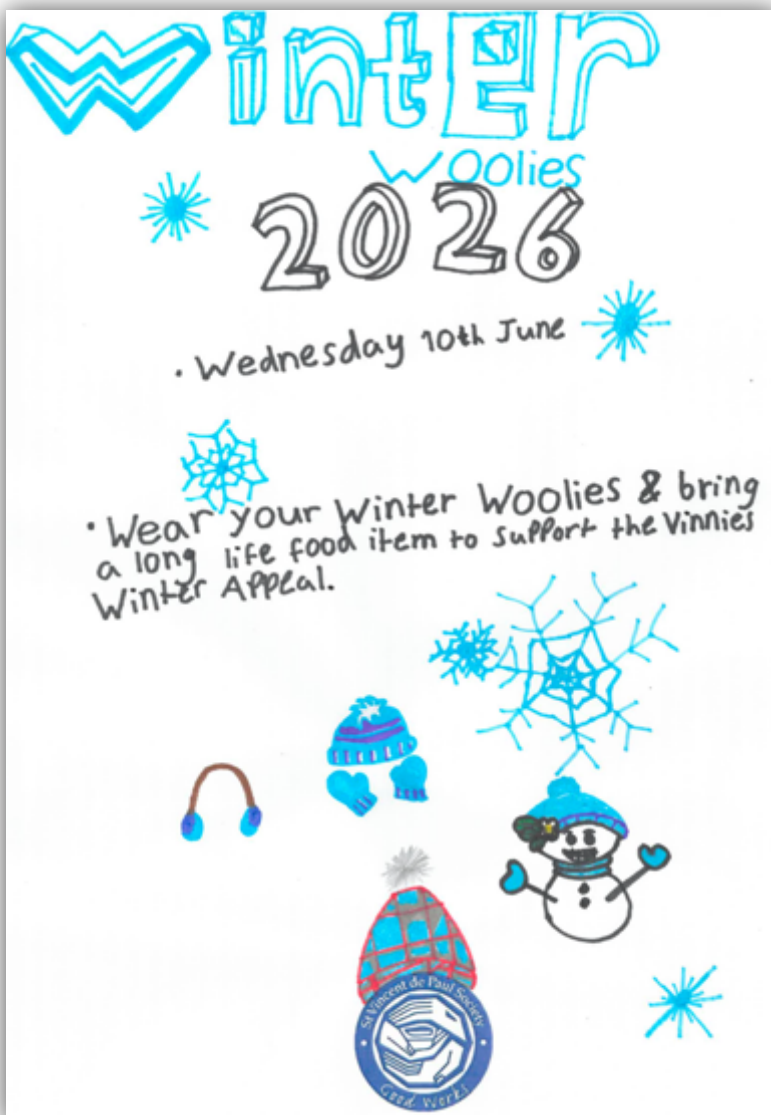
Friday 15th May: Exploring 'The Three Little Pigs'
Friday 22nd May: Exploring 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
Friday 29th May: Exploring Indigenous Stories
Friday 5th June: Exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'
Friday 12th June: Exploring 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'
Friday 19th June: Exploring 'Cinderella'
Friday 26th June: Gross Motor Morning in the Hall
Friday 3rd July: Bush School Excursion to (belatedly) celebrate International Mud Day
(Friday 10th July: NO SESSION)



Focus From the Heart

Junior Joeys

Our Junior Joeys recently enjoyed an excursion to visit the St Vincent de Paul Society where students had the opportunity to see the Louis Van and learn more about the important work Vinnies does to support people in our community. As part of their learning and service this term, the Junior Joeys have been cooking soups for Louis Van, helping provide warm meals for those in need.



Winter Woolies

Wednesday 10 June will be our "Winter Woolies Day." Students are encouraged to come dressed in their warmest winter clothes and are invited to bring along a long-life food item to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generosity will help support those in need this winter.

Classroom Heartbeat

Kindergarten - Let's Pretend!

In Kindergarten, every day brings opportunities for our children to play imaginatively in role, designing their own storylines, scenarios and characters and, sometimes, their own costumes and props too!



When children role-play in real-world or fantasy roles, they are learning important social interactions and language skills that enable them to...

- communicate, direct, and negotiate play
- develop new vocabulary and expressive language
- express care, compassion and empathy
- enhance their understanding of roles, responsibilities and relationships
- practice their critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- make sense of real-life experiences and develop their understanding of our world

This term, our Kindergarten children have been exploring opportunities to role-play with puppets and 'small-world' toys such as animals, trains and cars, but the Fancy Dress costumes and props have very quickly become firm favourites!





CALENDAR EVENTS

TERM 2, 2026

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)

Thu 4 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 5 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 5 Jun	Nurturing Hearts 9.00am – 10.30am
Mon 8 Jun	No School – Public Holiday
Tue 9 Jun	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 10 Jun	Canteen Day
Thu 11 Jun	Canteen Day
Fri 12 Jun	Canteen Day
Tue 16 Jun	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 17 Jun	Canteen Day

HOBART SPEEDCUBING!

Come and meet Speedcubers in Hobart! 2-3pm, Second Saturday of Every Month

Meet at Good Games Hobart!
44 Brisbane Street

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!!

Saturday May 9th Saturday June 13th Saturday July 11th Saturday August 8th

Free to come along!

facebook.com/speedcubingtasmnia



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.