

NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



29 July 2026

St Francis Blessing

May the God of peace bless our school community as we begin Term 3.
May the spirit of St Francis guide us to walk gently, to speak kindly, to serve with humility, and to recognise God's presence in one another.
May this term be filled with hope, joy and renewed purpose.
Amen.

Dear Families

Term 3 begins with a wonderful sense of pride and celebration as we reflect on the outstanding achievements that closed Term 2.



Festival of Voices

Our students were delighted to take part in *Festival of Voices: Young Tasmania Sings*, joining hundreds of young singers and the Tasmanian Youth Orchestras in a vibrant celebration of music and community. After weeks of rehearsals and a two-day workshop, they performed with confidence and joy, embracing the experience wholeheartedly. Their dedication was evident, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

We extend our warm thanks to Mrs Melitsis and Ms Clark for their guidance, encouragement and passion. Music is flourishing at Immaculate Heart, and this event was a beautiful reminder of its impact. Congratulations to all our performers on being part of such a memorable and uplifting experience.



Let's Get Loud

Congratulations to our Years 3 - 6 Dance Team on achieving **2nd place** at the Southern Tasmanian Dancing Eisteddfod. We also celebrate **Freya and Lola**, who delivered a fantastic duo performance and secured another **2nd place** and Lexi and Penny, who also graced the stage as a duo.

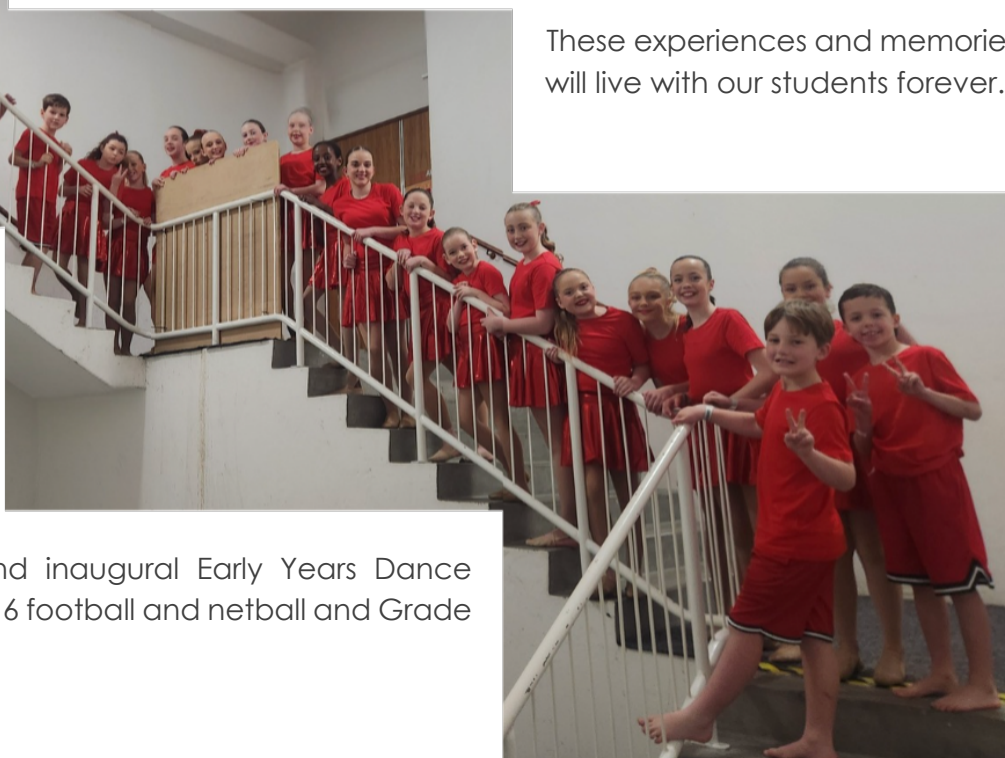
Their commitment over many weeks of rehearsals shone through in performances full of energy, confidence and joy. They represented our school beautifully, and we couldn't be prouder.



A heartfelt thank you to **Mrs Morozoff** and **Miss Patterson** for their care, encouragement and dedication throughout rehearsals and performances. We also acknowledge our wonderful families for their support in making this happen in 2026.

These experiences and memories will live with our students forever.

As we move into Term 3, we look forward to new learning, opportunities and more moments that bring our community together – including our Father's Day Breakfast and inaugural Early Years Dance Event, Grade 5 and Grade 6 football and netball and Grade 4 and Grade 5 camps.



Book Week

Our much-anticipated Book Week parade will be held on the Astro (weather dependent) at 9.00am on Wednesday 26 August.

This is a great day where students and staff dress up as a book character. The theme for this year is "Symphony of Stories". All parents are invited to attend.



School Environment

Over the past few weeks, we've continued to enhance our outdoor and entry spaces to create a welcoming and engaging environment for our students and families. Significant landscaping work has commenced along the bank on McCann Crescent, improving both safety and appearance. We are also awaiting the installation of new signage at our entrance points, wayfinding areas and buildings to support clearer navigation across our school.

Our much-loved red umbrella has also received a facelift and now sits proudly above the sandpit, providing shade and a refreshed look to one of our busiest play areas. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a vibrant, safe and inviting learning environment for all.

School Photo Day

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **12/08/2026**



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DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to 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: **RD6JM7KE**

Scan to order!



Nurturing Hearts Birth-4 Years

Our Nurturing Hearts coordinator, Mrs Lucy Brook, is taking an extended break overseas to be with family. Nurturing Hearts will not be held this Friday. An update regarding next Friday's session will be available soon.



School Advisory Board

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.

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. Last week, I received a respectful email from a neighbour in Edge Avenue, asking parents not to park over driveways during pick-up and drop-off.

We remind families that while Edge Avenue is a public street, we all share responsibility for being considerate of residents and keeping access to their homes clear. Using the designated **Kiss & Drop area** on McCann Crescent helps us maintain safe traffic flow and supports positive relationships with our neighbours.

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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Classroom Heartbeat

In Term Two, Grade 6 students engaged in a range of rich learning experiences in English through the close study of different literature.

'Free Diving' by Lorraine Coffin: We explored the pearl diving industry through this picture book. We were learning about the experiences of Indigenous people who were separated from their families and worked in challenging and often dangerous conditions. Students demonstrated their understanding by writing and sharing diary entries from a character's perspective and creating artwork inspired by their learning.

'Once' by Morris Gleitzman: Students enjoyed reading *Once*, a novel that follows the journey of a young boy in Germany during World War II. Throughout the unit, they explored the characters, examined events from different perspectives, expanded their vocabulary and engaged in thoughtful discussions about the themes and experiences presented in the story. The novel was so well received that many students were eager to continue the

journey so we followed up with reading the sequel *'Then'*. Incorporating the HaSS curriculum into our English studies, we also

completed an information report on Vietnam. We were learning how to research effectively, take notes, organise information and write structured paragraphs following the conventions of an information report.

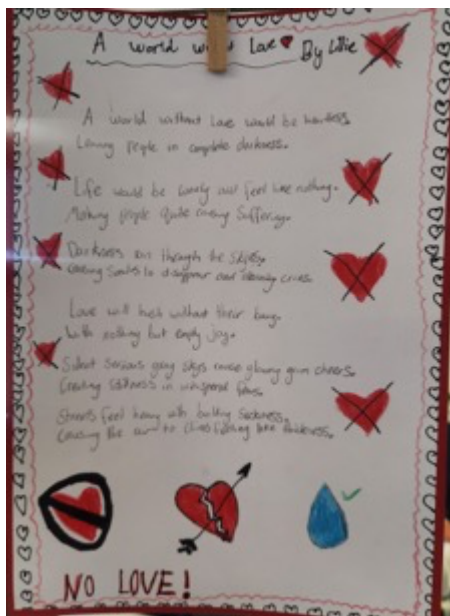
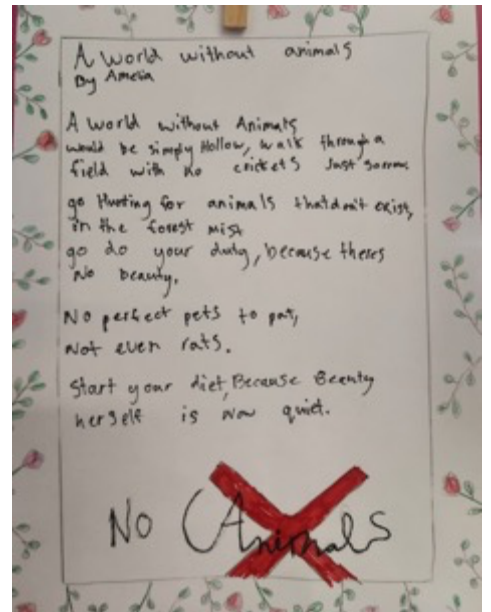
'There will come soft rains' by Sara Teasdale: Students explored a range of poetic devices, including similes, personification, alliteration, and rhyme. They then applied these techniques to create their own poems on the theme *A World Without...*, choosing a topic of personal interest. Their poems consisted of 4–6 stanzas and featured rhyming words at the end of each line, resulting in a collection of imaginative and creative pieces.

"Our favourite thing about English lessons is when we get to read new books that we wouldn't normally choose" - Evie & Poppy

"I really enjoy learning new words to add to my writing" – Chantelle

"My favourite book was *Free Diving* because I really enjoyed learning about pearl diving and its background" – Molly

"I enjoyed reading *Once* because I feel like I now know so much more about World War II and it was an exciting story" - Jasper



Thu 30 Jul	Canteen Day
Thu 30 Jul	Grade 3 Excursion to Bonorong
Fri 31 Jul	Grade 5/6 Football/Netball
Fri 31 Jul	Canteen Day
Fri 31 Jul	NO NURTURING HEARTS
Mon 3 Aug	Grade 4 Excursion to Marine Discovery Centre
Tue 4 Aug	Indigenous Students Barefoot on Country Day
Tue 4 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 5 Aug	Prep Excursion to Mackillop Centre
Wed 5 Aug	Grade 4 Excursion to Mackillop Centre
Wed 5 Aug	Canteen Day
Thu 6 Aug	Canteen Day
Fri 7 Aug	Grade 5/6 Football/Netball
Fri 7 Aug	Nurturing Hearts (to be confirmed)
Fri 7 Aug	Canteen Day
Sun 9 – Fri 14 Aug	Catholic Education Week
Tue 11 Aug	Uniform Shop open 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 12 Aug	School Photo Day
Wed 12 Aug	Grade 1 Excursion to St Paul's
Wed 12 Aug	Canteen Day



CALENDAR EVENTS

TERM 3, 2026

28 JULY	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS KINDER - GR 6
10 AUG	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
18 AUG	ASSEMBLY - 1.45PM - SCHOOL HALL
19 AUG	MUSICA VIVA CONCERT
26 AUG	BOOK WEEK PARADE - 9AM - ASTRO COURT
1 SEP	FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST - FROM 7.45 AM
3 SEP	IHMCS ATHLETIC CARNIVAL - DOMAIN
8/10 SEP	LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (PARENT / TEACHER)
15 SEP	ASSEMBLY 1.45PM - SCHOOL HALL
21 SEP	GRADE 5 CAMP
28 SEP	GRADE 4 CAMP
29 SEP	END OF TERM ASSEMBLY 1.45PM - SCHOOL HALL
1 OCT	MUSIC AND DANCE SHOWCASE - KINDER - GRADE 2 MORE INFORMATION TO COME

Term Dates 2027

2027	
Term One Resume (Teaching Staff)	Monday 1 February 2027
Term One Resume (Students)	Friday 5 February 2027
Term One Concludes (Students)	Thursday 08 April 2027
Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff)	Friday 09 April 2027
Term One Student (Non-Attendance Time)	Monday 12 April 2027 - Friday 23 April 2026
Easter (Good Friday)	26-Mar-27
Easter (Easter Monday)	29-Mar-27
Easter (Easter Tuesday)	30-Mar-27
Term Two (Staff and Students Resume)	Monday 26 April 2027
Term Two (Concludes)	Friday 02 July 2027
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 05 July 2027 – Monday 19 July 2027
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff)	Monday 19 July 2027
Term Three Resume (Students)	Tuesday 20 July 2027
Term Three Concludes	Friday 24 September 2027
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 27 September 2026 – Friday 08 October
Term Four Resume (Students and Teaching)	Monday 11 October 2027
Student Free Day (Southern Schools only)	Friday 22 October 2027
Student Free Day (Northern Schools only)	Friday 29 October 2027
Year 10 Students Conclude	Friday 10 December 2027
Students Conclude	Thursday 16 December 2027*
Teaching Staff Conclude	Friday 17 December 2027*

*In circumstances where a Show Day public holiday falls within student non-attendance time, the students within that region will conclude on Wednesday 15 December 2027 and staff on Thursday 16 December 2027.



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.