



# Week 1 Term 3 2024

## Important Dates

**Track & Field Trials**  
Wednesday 24 July 2024

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Thursday 25 July 2024

**9am Assembly - led by 2/3 HW**  
Friday 26 July 2024

**Dance Lessons Begin - R-6**  
Monday 29 July 2024

**9am Class Mass - run by R/1M & R/1T**  
Wednesday 31 July 2024

**Communion Workshop at IHM - 6:30pm**  
Wednesday 7 August 2024

**SACPSSA Cross Country**  
Wednesday 7 August 2024

**R/1s & 1/2K - Bugs & Slugs Incursion**  
Thursday 8 August 2024

**IHM Mini-Olympics Day - 11:30am - 1:00pm**  
Friday 9 August 2024

**House Meeting (students wear House coloured top)**  
Friday 9 August 2024

**Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion - 9am Sacred Heart Church**

**Book Week Commences (19/8/24 - 23/8/24) 'Reading is Magic'**

**9am Class Mass - led by 1/2K (Feast of the Assumption)**  
Wednesday 21 August 2024

**Book Week Dress Up Parade - 9am**  
Friday 23 August 2024

Hindmarsh Library

9am Assembly -  
Led by 3/4 P  
Friday 23 August 2024

SAPSASA Track &  
Field  
Monday 26 August 2024

School Photo Day  
Tuesday 3 September 2024

End of Term 3 -  
3:00pm  
Friday 27 September 2024

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to you all. I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy some relaxing time with your family and friends during the holiday break.

We are excited to welcome our new Reception students and their families to IHM this term as they begin their journey with us.

**A big welcome to:**

**Ada, Georgia, Arlo, Makayla, Noah, Teresa, Levi, Rory, Eva, Makenzie, Annie, April, Kian and William.**

Sisters of Mercy Foundress, Catherine McAuley, noted, "A good beginning is of great importance." This is important for children starting school but also important for all students at the start of every term. In this spirit, staff at IHM are committed to building relationships with students and their families to ensure they feel supported and achieve their goals. Positive partnership between home and school is an important indicator of school success for students.

**Questions to Ask Your Kids**  
**The First Week of School**

the ultimate guide

1. What was the best part of your day?
2. Who did you play with today?
3. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
4. What did you do to make someone smile today?

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## Living Learning Leading Survey Week 2

Next week IHM will distribute the Living Learning Leading Survey to Parents, Students and Staff in our school, this occurs across all Diocesan schools in the Catholic Education System. The Living Learning Leading Surveys have been developed by Catholic Education SA to support schools in rating their performance and progress towards meeting the intent of the Framework that we all work with. Data collected using the Surveys will be interpreted and used by our school to support our self-assessment of performance against the four components of the Living Learning Leading Standard (namely, Catholic identity; Curriculum and co-constructed learning and

assessment design; Students agency, identity learning and leadership; and Community engagement). Further, the perception data will provide important information that can be triangulated with other data when making school improvement decisions.

#### **Important things to know:**

- The survey takes between three and five minutes.
- It's an important opportunity for parents and caregivers to tell the school staff how things are going for them and their children.
- We value your feedback and will try to respond to the information that you provide.
- Feedback does NOT include the data of individuals; rather, feedback involves graphs based on feedback from all parents and caregivers.
- If you have more than one child at the school, respond based on your experience of your oldest child at the school.

### **Term 3 Uniform**

As we commence Term 3 the winter weather has truly arrived so please ensure your child is warmly dressed. Our active uniform ensures there are multiple choices and garments that can be layered to stay warm. Thermal wear can also be worn under the school uniform, where it is not visible. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that is not part of the school uniform. Please see the uniform shop should you require any additional pieces as we usually have stock available.

- Earrings should be plain gold/silver sleeper or studs.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.
- Accessories to be in school colours.

Please check the uniform policy should you need clarification:

[\\_\\_files/d/17804/2024\\_School\\_Uniform.pdf](#)

### **Student Safety and Duty of Care**

The school gates open at **8.30am** every morning and staff commence duty from this time. With the building project entry is through the East Street cottage gates and Drayton Street gate. Please ensure your child's safety by supervising them until they enter school grounds. Students should not be left outside of school grounds without adult supervision before this time. The gates will be locked again at **8:50am** to ensure the safety of our students.

If students arrive after this time they must enter via the front office so that they can be marked as arriving late.

OSHC care is available from 8.00am to 8.30am, with a fee of \$6.30. Please contact them should you wish to use this service.

### **Communication with School Staff**

Staff look forward to a positive term of learning and care for your child and are committed to being available and working in partnership with families with strong, open and respectful communication.

The Seesaw app is the regular form of communication between class and home where you will find the day to day information from teachers around classroom programs and events.

The school newsletter distributed through School Stream in Weeks 1, 4, 7 & 10 provide whole school information from leadership. If you would like support to set these up please see the front office.

Whilst teachers are in classrooms teaching or on duty supervising children they are not able to engage in deeper conversations with parents around important issues in a way that adequately gives the attention deserved. They also are unable to check emails and Seesaw during the day whilst teaching or on duty breaks. Should there be anything urgent or important please contact the office, where staff can relay messages directly, or alternatively make an appointment time to discuss matters with a staff member that require a face to face conversation.

Staff want to be able to give the appropriate attention and time needed. Staff will respond to emails or messages within 48 hours of receiving them and will do so within business hours, but not after hours or on weekends.

Have a good week.

**Julie Hancock**

**PRINCIPAL**

## From the Assistant Principal

### Prayer for the Beginning of a New Term

God of Knowledge,  
We pray for our school.  
We pray for the families who have chosen us,  
We pray for all the children who learn here,  
We pray for each staff member and the gifts they bring,  
We pray that our school will continue to be a place of wonder, curiosity, and creativity.  
May our Heart Spirituality always lead us to love to learn and learn to love,  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Liturgies and Masses – Term 3      Time: 9am      Location: IHM Hall

Class Leaders	Date	Theme	About
R/1M and R/1T	Week 2 Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	LITURGY Fourth World Day for Parents and the Elderly	Pope Francis has declared Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July to be the fourth celebration of 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly'. The Reception and Year 1 students will be thanking God for the gift of Grandparents.
1/2K	Week 5 Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> August	MASS The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Through prayer, 1/2K will celebrate Mary's compassion, kindness and faith in God.
5/6L	Week 8 Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MASS Season of Creation	This year's theme is: 'To hope and to act with Creation'

### The Southern Cross Newsletter

Our Green Hearts Ecological and Sustainability lunch time program was recognised by The Southern Cross newsletter this month (*P.18*).  
We would like to acknowledge and thank Miriam and Rhiannon for sharing their gifts with us.

The Southern Cross July 2024.



## Thank You

Our SRC's would like to thank our school community for wearing their favourite Sport's Guernsey on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Together we raised \$142.00.

This kind donation will be used to support the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Sandra Bahlij (St Vinnies Representative) will be present at our school assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July to receive the donation.

Our next Mission Day is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.



## Stronger Families - A Positive Parenting Conference

Catholic School Parents South Australian are offering this one day event facilitated by prominent parenting experts:

**Maggie Dent** - 'Help Me Help My Teen'

**Paul Dillion** - 'Teens, Parties, Alcohol and Vapes - What Parents Need to Know'

**Madhavi Nawana Parker**- 'Maintaining Calm amidst Parenting Challenges'

For more information visit: CSPSA

## **IHM Sacramental Program**

Our Parish Sacramental Program is family based, facilitated by our Sacred Heart Church and supported by the APRIM's (Assistant Principal-Religious Identity and Mission) from St Joseph's School, Hindmarsh, St Michael's Primary Campus and Preca Community.

If you are interested in your child participating in the next cycle of the Sacramental Program - which will begin with RECONCILIATION or would like further information please email Jhovana.

Please note that it is a requirement for children who participate in Sacramental Program to be baptised. If your child is not baptised, we encourage you to contact the Parish office on 8346 3901 or Email: shparish@shphf.com.au

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## Sports News

### **Track and Field Trials**



Tomorrow **Wednesday 24th July and Thursday 25th July** we will be holding trials for students that would like to compete at the upcoming SAPSASA Western Districts Track & Field Day (26th August).

**Students should be aged:**

- 10 (born 2014)
- 11 (born 2013)
- 12 (born 2012)

**Students can try out for the following events:**

- 100 metres
- 200 metres
- 800 metres
- High Jump
- Long Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus

**Astrid-Marie Powell**

**SPORTS COORDINATOR**

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