



Week 7 Term 4 2023

Important Dates

End of Year Concert
Friday 1 December 2023

P & F Christmas Stall
Thursday 7 December 2023

Year 1/2 HW Excursion - AFL Max
Friday 8 December 2023

Year 6 Aquatics Day
Friday 8 December 2023

Semester 2 Reports Emailed
Monday 11 December 2023

R/1s Teddy Bear Picnic
Monday 11 December 2023

Meet the Teacher - 11:30am - 1:00pm
Tuesday 12 December 2023

Year 2 School Sleepover
Friday 8 December 2023

End of Year Mass & Graduation - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday 12 December 2023

Farewell Assembly

Year 6 Farewell

End of Term 4 -

29.11.23

From the Principal

IHM Staffing for 2024

I am very pleased that the majority of our staff are remaining next year, as I'm sure you will agree that they are all excellent, high-quality teachers and education support officers.

We are sad to be saying farewell to **Vittoria Driver, Felicia Mihelios and Paula Clark**. Ms Driver is pursuing her passion of working back in an Early Learning Centre, Ms Mihelios has taken up a teaching role in 2024 (congratulations to her on her graduation from teaching) and Ms Clark is returning to Stella Maris.

I take this opportunity to thank them all for their amazing work and contribution to our school community. They will be missed, but we wish them every blessing.

We will have an opportunity to farewell Ms Clark, Ms Driver and Ms Mihelios in the final week of term but if you happen to see them I am sure they would appreciate you passing on your thanks and best wishes.

Welcome Visit New Leadership



Today **Julie Hancock** our new School Principal and **Jhovana Fenu** our new 2024 APRIM/Inclusive Education Coordinator visited IHM and got to meet all our wonderful students and staff. They were so positively received by everyone and welcomed so beautifully (as I knew they would be) and they both are so excited to begin their journey at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Class Structures

The class structures and teaching staff for next year are outlined below for your information. You will notice that the class structures are slightly different again this year. This occurs due to the number of students in each year level and how we believe the children will learn best. Having composite classes is our preference for a number of educational, social and wellbeing reasons.

Due to the significant challenges of sourcing a STEM teacher, STEM will not be offered as a Specialist Subject area in 2024. As part of the Australia curriculum, all outcomes will still be met, but this will be done by our very competent teachers as part of their classroom learning. This is not new for teachers, as all IHM teachers already teach Science, Technology and Mathematics as part of their classroom learning.

We have a few staffing changes with the appointment of new leadership and new teachers who we look forward to welcoming in 2024.

The class structures and teaching staff for next year are as follows:

Class Teachers

Year R/1	Sophie Mihelios
Year R/1	Kelsey Thompson
Year 1/2	Kyra Karagiannidis
Year 2/3	Catherine Hulley (0.8) and Suzie Wallace (0.2)
Year 3/4	Antonia Papazaharoudakis
Year 4/5	Alex Ferrier
Year 5/6	Isaac Landolfi

Specialist Teachers

Music, Choir, Ukulele	Kristine Rebeiro (0.3)
Physical Education	Astrid-Marie Powell (0.25)
Auslan	Mary Mellon (0.25)
Visual Arts	Astrid-Marie Powell (0.25)
Inclusive Education Coordinator	Jhovana Fenu (0.4)
Chaplain	Suzie Wallace (0.1)
EAL Coordinator	Catherine Hulley (Classroom Release)

Education Support Officer Team

Administration	Office Manager: Julie Hansen Finance Officer: Kristina Neumann Resource Centre: Carmel Johnston WH&S: Doris Patini
Classroom/Student	Rachel Belperio Angela Vagionas Doris Patini Carmel Johnston Nicoletta Mihelios Tom Pearce Joseph Bianco

Leadership Team

Principal	Julie Hancock
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)	Jhovana Fenu (0.4)
Leader of Learning	Sonia Bianco (0.1)
Leader of Learning	Catherine Hulley (0.1)
Data Coordinator	Sonia Bianco (0.3)

School Reports and Meet the Teacher



Reports

As we approach the end of another fruitful year at Immaculate Heart of Mary, we would like to inform you that our school reports will be emailed out on **Monday 11th December**. Additionally, the class placement for the upcoming year will be included in this email.

The children will have a chance to meet their new class and teacher on **Tuesday 12th December**. The class placement process has considered parental requests and the valuable insights of your child's current teacher.

P & F News

As our year comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge the sensational work of the IHM Parents and Friends Committee. They have supported our school in so many ways including Shrove Tuesday, special lunches for the students, Breakfast Club, the Referendum BBQ/Cake Stall as well as donating funds to support resources we need at IHM.

In 2024 the P & F have funded our Bond Blocks Program, Cyber Safe Families Parent Workshop, and decodable readers. The P & F recently donated \$3000 to purchase more decodable readers for IHM in 2024. We could not be more grateful to each of them.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank **Cindy Lovegrove and Belinda Kurek** for being Co-chairs in 2023. They have done a wonderful job leading the P & F. Both Cindy and Belinda will be stepping down as co-chairs at the end of 2023. On behalf of the IHM school community, I thank them for all they have done.

I would also like to say a fond farewell to **Cindy** who will be leaving IHM and the P & F after many, many years in the group. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

In 2024, we will have two new Co-chairs. I would like to congratulate **Erica Fuller and Judith Le Lievre**. Thank you for taking on this role and I know you will be a wonderful team and continue to lead the P & F in a positive way.

End of Year Christmas Concert - Friday 1st December



Our end of year concert is this Friday!

The children have all been learning a song within their weekly music lesson and a dance during their dance lesson, with specialist dance teachers from Ground Force Dance Studios. Classes have been practicing and perfecting their songs and dances ready for the concert so prepare yourself for a great night of entertainment.

Families and friends are all invited and can bring along their picnic tea for fun family dinner on the lawns before the concert begins. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday night.

- **Where:** Concert held on our school grounds
- **5:30pm:** Gates Open

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children until they meet with their teacher at **6:00pm**
- **6:00pm:** Children meet their teacher in classroom to prepare for performance
- **6:30pm:** Concert starts
- **8:00pm:** Concert ends (approximately)

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Friday night for our End of Year Concert. It's sure to be full of fun and entertainment!

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Annette Diassinias

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Recent News

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From the Assistant Principal

Reminder - Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Christmas can be a very difficult time for families, particularly those who are experiencing poverty and disadvantage. The support from our IHM families helps assist St Vincent de Paul to support the people who turn to them for help over the festive season. Together as a community we can make a real difference to their lives.

IHM are again supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal in 2023 and we ask families to help by sending donations to contribute to your child's class Christmas hamper. Our SRC Reps and House Leaders will oversee the organisation of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year.

Families are invited to donate the following items:

R/1 M, R/1 T & R/1 D Classes - Toys

Puzzles, games, dolls, blocks, science kits, action figures, baby toys, toys for the beach.

Year 1/2 HW Class - Christmas Theme

Decorations, puddings, cakes, Christmas bon bons, tinned ham.

Year 3/4 P Class - Food

Pre-packed foods e.g. pasta, rice, noodles, tinned veggies, soups, baked beans.

Years 4/5 F and 5/6 L - Food

Baby food, formula, tea, coffee, milo, jam, juices, honey, long life milk.

There will be a basket in each class for families to place their donations.

A member of the St Vincent de Paul Society will collect items during the final week of school, so we ask that all donations are in by **Monday 11th December**. If you would like you can make your own online monetary donation: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>



The Whole School Family End of Year Mass is a significant event in the life of our Catholic school and at this mass we formally farewell our Year 6 students who have made an amazing contribution to our school.

As this is such an important whole school celebration, we ask that you please place this date in your diary. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is not able to attend.

Details of the Mass

When: Tuesday 12th December 2023

Being held at: Sacred Heart Church - 252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

Time: Arrive by 6.15 pm - the Mass should be finished by around 7.45pm

What to wear: School Uniform

PLEASE NOTE:

As children are required to wear their school uniform to Mass, you may send your child to school on **Tuesday in casual clothes** so that their uniform is clean and fresh.

Why we Celebrate Advent



This coming Sunday, 3rd December, we begin the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The Season of Advent offers us each year, an opportunity to seek God within the boundaries of our souls while living outwardly amidst the noise and activity of the world around us.

"Advent: Re-Sowing the Seeds of Faith and Hope"

"The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate His birth in a bed of straw in a messy stable, perhaps, we see our own life as being a little messy too. Our life is often distracted, self-centred and sometimes leaves us wishing we were better people. But if we can slow down and refocus our attention, we might realise that God is there, waiting to love us even though we have so many unfulfilled good intentions and so many unfulfilled desires about our spirituality."

Congratulations – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations are extended to **Zara and Paige** who celebrated their First Reconciliation with Fr Lancy on the 15th of November following our Whole School Reconciliation Liturgy. It was so lovely to see them celebrate this special occasion with so many of their family members there to support them.

Next year will see both girls celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We ask that you keep Zara, Paige and their families in your prayers as they undertake these next steps in their faith journey.





Southern Cross

The current edition of the Catholic newspaper put out by the Archdiocese called, 'The Southern Cross,' is available at; www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Thought for the Week

"We make a living by what we get – we make a life by what we give. "

Paula Clark

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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Year 3/4 P News

Passion Projects

This term, we have been working with our buddies in 1/2 HW to explore a topic of our choice. This has allowed us to be in charge of our learning. Here are some interesting facts we have learnt along the way:

LUCA - In Manchester, one of Etihad Stadiums facilities include a prison cell.

ZARA – The MCG is located in Melbourne, Victoria. It is about 10 minutes from the city. The MCG was established in 1853 which is about 170 years ago.



HARRISON – The Titanoboa is the largest snake to have ever lived on earth. It was 42 feet long.



SOPHIA – Did you know, although they are a mammal, platypuses lay eggs – making them a monotreme. They're one of only five monotreme species left in existence.

The Platypus



ROSIE – The oldest piece of bubble gum in the world is 9,000 years old.

AARAV - 18.51 million people have bought and play The Legend Of Zelda Tears Of The Kingdom.

NATE – The Fastest completion of any Zelda game was 31 minutes and 37 seconds by Rodrigo Lopez on June 12, 2006.

ALEX – There are over 550 species of passionfruit.



JACOB - The capacity of Adelaide Oval is 53,500. It was built in 1871.

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End of Term Reminders



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Please note the following:

- **MS ANNETTE DIASSINAS** will be farewelled at our last assembly for the year on **WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER at 9:00AM** - everyone is welcome to attend
- Students finish school on **WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER AT 3:00PM**
- Students **CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES** (no donation required)

Camp Australia OHSC is taking bookings for:

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER and FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

If you require care for your child/ren on these two days please ensure you book in as soon as possible - **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!**

P & F Christmas Stall

P&F FUNDRAISING EVENT

P&F CHRISTMAS STALL

7TH

DECEMBER

Starts at
Lunchtime

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

GRANGE CRICKET CLUB

January 9th & 10th

9:30am - 12:00pm

(Military Rd & Fort St.)



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