



# School Newsletter

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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Cana School stands in the suburb of Hillside. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



TERM 3 ISSUE 6 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

On Monday we celebrated the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Fr Maurie held a Mass for all students to commemorate this special day.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August is 'Book Week'! **Don't forget** to dress up as your favorite character. We can't wait to see you all !



*Father in heaven,*

*All creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come  
from you.*

*In the plan of your wisdom she who  
bore Christ in her womb was raised  
body and soul in glory to be with  
Him in Heaven.*

*May we follow her example in  
reflecting your holiness and join in  
her hymn of endless love and  
praise.*

*We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.*

*Amen*

# Dates for your Calendar

## Term 3

<b>THIS COMING MONDAY</b>	<b>DON'T FORGET</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	 <b>Book Week</b> – Children can dress up as their favourite character. <b>See flyer attached</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Father's Day Stall</b> – Details to follow
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>4G will be leading the Mass</b> - PB, 1T, 2T, 4G, 5K, 6G will be in the hall. 2pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>3S will be leading the Mass</b> – Grade 3 & 4's will be in the hall. 2pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b> – <b>School will be closed</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>1A will be leading the Mass</b> - PR, 1A, 2J, 3S, 4S, 5S will be in the hall. 2pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Footy Day</b> – Sausage Sizzle; Details to follow

## Term 4

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Beginning of Term 4</b> – Start time 8:45am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Cana Trivia Night ... with a twist</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Novemebr	<b>Cana Catholic Primary School Dinner Dance</b> – Expression of Interest form attached

**Wearing of Masks – Strong Recommendation** - Please keep children home if they have any symptoms.

## **WEEK 6 Term 3 COVID SCHOOL UPDATE**

- Total of **0** positive COVID cases reported within our school community
- All learning and gathering spaces fitted with air purifiers
- Communication at grade and school level when positive cases are reported occurring once school is notified
- Daily RAT tests undertaken by 'Household Contacts'
- 'Household Contacts' in grade 3-6 to wear masks in learning spaces.
- Students highly encouraged to wear masks at school
- Families to continue to inform classroom teacher and Michelle Cassar via email of positive case

[michelle.cassar@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michelle.cassar@canahillside.catholic.edu.au)

*We hold all those in our school community affected by COVID in our thoughts and prayers, for a speedy recovery and return to school.*

Please continue to contact Mrs Michelle Cassar on [michelle.cassar@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michelle.cassar@canahillside.catholic.edu.au)



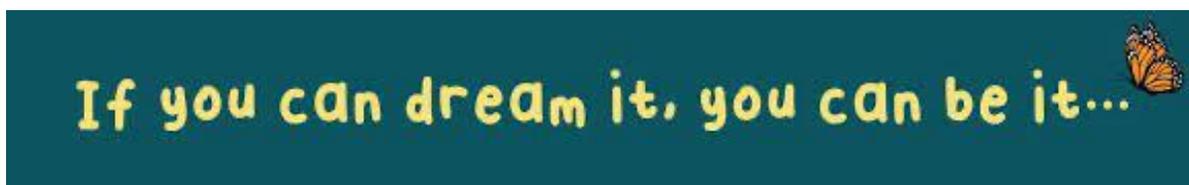
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Cana will be celebrating Book Week with a Dress Up of their favourite book character on

MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST.

We will begin the morning with our normal assembly at 8.45am and then each year level will parade with their class their book week costume. You are most welcome to stay and enjoy the parade.

The theme – ‘Dreaming with Eyes Open’ is about **stepping into your own story**. It invokes thoughts of ancient times, and of listening to Country as the first storyteller. You can, of course, adapt it to your own dreams and future ambitions.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

Lina Vermeulen (Deputy Principal, Curriculum Coordinator)

# Cana's STEM Day

To celebrate National Science Week, Cana had our own STEM Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Each class participated in a variety of Science experiments and activities. These were targeted to promote the skills of the Cana characteristics, whilst developing an understanding of some Science concepts. At lunch time, students were invited to a STEM workshop. Students who attended this workshop learnt about electricity and circuits, as well as chemical reactions. A fun day was had by all!

Science Rocks!  
Mrs Bustos and Mrs O'Shea.





# Sydenham District Athletics Carnival

Over the past few weeks, Mr. Cassar has been conducting trials with the Grade 4,5 and 6 students, with the opportunity to represent Cana at the Sydenham District Athletics Carnival. Cana had 18 participants across various events, at yesterday's carnival. All students conducted themselves tremendously and gave their best effort. Below are some of the outstanding individual achievements:

**Cooper Shein**- 1st place: 800m **Lucas Burke**- 2nd place: 1500m 3rd place: 200m

**Sierra Gatt**- 2nd place: Shot put 3rd place: 1500m **Ayden Pelzmann**- 3rd place: 800m

**Jayden Farrugia**- 3rd place: 200m, 1500m **Lucas Jose**- 3rd place: Long Jump

**Addison Cassar**- 3rd place: 800m **Benjamin Vona**- 3rd place: 100m

**Atong Mager**- 3rd place: High Jump **Emilia Raunik**- 3rd place: High Jump & Long Jump

**Gabriella Italiano**- 3rd place:200m **Arianna Fernandez**- 3rd place: 200m

Well Done to **Cooper, Sierra** and **Lucas** who will progress to the Divisional Athletics Carnival for achieving a top 2 finish in their events. We wish them all the best.



# Interschool Sports player of the week

Season 2, Round 5 & 6

## Jake Rajski

For displaying outstanding leadership and a constant will to win.

## Mila Janus

For being an amazing and hard working player.



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*Cana Catholic Primary School has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.*

Dear students, families and staff,

***Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS): Monday 29 August – Friday 16 September 2022***

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys.

MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2022, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data. Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Students at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password. Feedback has indicated that previous surveys were completed across a range of mobile devices and different web browsers.

**[100 Cana families will be randomly designated to partake in the survey. You will receive an email from myself in the coming weeks if you have been selected.](#)**

*Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school. **Whilst all participation is invited, Cana strongly encourages you to provide your invaluable feedback!***

All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate.

If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Cassar

Deputy Principal/ Religious Education Leader and Student Wellbeing Leader

## Message from the Parish – Fr. Maurie

Greetings all!

We are 'global' in so many ways, aren't we? We are interconnected through internet and its platforms with the whole planet. We have family spread across the world. Trade and money are international commodities and processes. And still we are individuals. And sometimes that shows up in our being separated from others ... and in our keeping them separated from us. The First Reading from this weekend's Mass has God saying "I am going to gather the nations of every tongue". In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that "Others will sit at the table in the kingdom of God, people coming from east and west, from north and south."

See attachments with this email for this weekend's Parish newsheet – the reflection on page 1 is very interesting from Pope Francis: when we speak of migrants and the difficulties we make them face up to, remember that it's not just about migrants – how are we with all people whose experience is different from ours?

Two other attachments are:

- 'Migrants are people', from a recent edition of *'The Far East'* from our Columban friends
- 'Enliven the Church with the full participation of First Nations Peoples' from the same source.

Best wishes and blessings to all!

Maurie Cooney  
(Parish Priest)



**Sacred Heart / Emmaus Parish**  
**St Albans/Sydenham Western Plains Deanery**  
**Parish Priest: Fr. Maurie Cooney**



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 21st August 2022**

**PARISH DETAILS**

**Address:** 4 Winifred Street, St Albans 3021  
**Phone:** 9366 2146  
**Admin:** Jas Kaur: StAlbans.Office@cam.org.au  
**Finance:** Lorraine Stafford: StAlbans.Finance@cam.org.au  
**Office Hours:**  
**Monday— Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm  
**Thursday & Friday:** 9:30am—2:30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am  
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

**Baptism:** Eight weeks notice is required

**Marriage:** Six months noticed required

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update' emailed to you, please send your email address to the Parish: [stalbens@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbens@cam.org.au)

**Sacred Heart Mass Times:**

Tuesday—Friday 7.30am  
 Saturday 9.00am  
 Sunday Saturday 5:00pm  
 Sunday 7:30am,10:30am  
 Polish 9.00am  
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

**Emmaus Mass Times**

Sunday Saturday 6:30pm  
 Sunday 9:00am

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. To report issues and concerns, contact: [stalbens.csc@cam.org.au](mailto:stalbens.csc@cam.org.au) or 0413 841 936

**READINGS**

This week: First Reading: Is 66:18-21 Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Lk 13:22-30  
 Next week: First Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14

**REFLECTION**

**"From east and west, from north and south ..."**

This is a quote from today's Word of God which speaks about 'a gathering of all nations',— for all are part of God's creation. Pope Francis expanded on this by saying "It is not just about migrants" in a statement a few years ago: *Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth. Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to rear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.*

*The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalisation of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the 'throw-away culture'. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being, is at risk of marginalisation and exclusion.*

*For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well-regarded nowadays*

**St Vincent de Paul - THANKYOU**



The society of St. Vincent de Paul (VINNIES) is so grateful for our recent donations of \$3154. WELL DONE ALL!



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**RECENT DEATHS:** Fidela Villaflores, Mona Xavier, Wayne Fraser, Prudence Fraser, Paul Lek Nov, Angelo Cassar, John Borg, Maria Beller, Nikolle Sokolaj

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Aaron D'Souza, Pero Klisanin, Charlie Dingli, Carmel & Coneccta Cohen, Rod Bonnici, Anglea Xuereb, Paul Aquilina, Antonia Demicoli, Family Shepherd - Baldacchin, Caruna & Barbara, Corey Azzopardi, Jorge a Felicia Attard, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud, Marianne Zammit, Charlie Camillari & Lilly Zamath, Tommy Zarafa, John Coloerio, Joe Giaccotto, Joe & Paula Muscat, Father Joshua & Peter Muscat, Giuseppe Del Casale, Mary Mifsud & Mifsud Family, Plaxedez Demsey, Gregorio Arcuino, Sulpicia Arcuino, Daniel Arcuino, Esmundo Arcuino

## OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

### CatholicCare Donations

We have forwarded \$5000 to CatholicCare: a combination of some individual donations and from the Parish—your Thanksgiving contribution at work again. Contact details for services of CatholicCare are :

3 Wingfield St, Footscray VIC 3011, T (03) 9689 3888

Monday – Friday | 9:00am – 5:00pm

CatholicCare offers child, family and youth services, family relationship services, school counselling and pastoral care services, social housing, homelessness services (crisis, transitional and outreach), employment and advocacy services. Support services are available to all individuals or groups regardless of race, religious beliefs or economic status.

### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who are part of other faith traditions, and those whose Baptism into the Catholic Church has not been developed come into full communion with the Catholic Church. This process culminates in the liturgies of Easter in the following year after the process began. A new RCIA group journey in our Parish has commenced on 19 July 2022, and registrations are open. If you or anyone you know, would like to take this journey to share in the Sacraments of the Church and join in full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### RECENT CHANGES TO COVID-SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR CHURCHES

As of Midday 20 July 2022 VICTORIA

- **COVID-19 Diagnosis** - It is an essential requirement to isolate for seven days following a COVID-19 diagnosis. Individuals must notify their workplace, in addition to informing their social contacts. Workplaces, however, are not required to individually identify and notify each potentially exposed worker/contact.
- **Face Coverings** - The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards).

Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged (via signage and bulletin reminders) to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion. Face coverings should also be worn when visiting parishioners.

Face coverings are still required in sensitive settings such as hospitals and care facilities, and must be worn on public transport, taxis, ride shares, and planes – but will no longer be required at airports.

### ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2024—St Albans

Families in the St Albans part of our Parish may apply to CRC St Albans for enrolment for Year 7, 2024 now open. Parents of current Year 5 students who are zoned to CRC St Albans have until 19 August 2022 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2024. This is the final date of acceptance for applications. Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form. You can download the application form from our College website.

### ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2024—Caroline Springs

Families in the Hillside-Plumpton, part of our Parish may apply to CRC Caroline Springs for enrolment for Year 7, 2024 is now open. All parents of current Year 5 students who are zoned to CRC Caroline Springs have until 19 August 2022 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2024. This is the final date of acceptance for applications. Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form. You can download the application form from our College website.

<https://www.crccs.vic.edu.au/enrolment-1/enrolment-procedures>

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

I beg that he will guard and comfort you all

Mary MacKillop 21st August 1867 (Check out Mary Mackillop noticeboard outside on the veranda)



*And still they come  
 Then, women and children,  
 In search of peace, freedom and prosperity,  
 To a dehumanised, distanced European horizon  
 A porous fortress of moral indifference and hubris,  
 It's humanity paralysed on an altar of politically stoked  
 Xenophobic opportunism.  
 (Alan, Shotton, *And Still They Come*)*

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## Migrants are people

FR BOBBY GILMORE

No family chooses to exile itself from all that is familiar without desperate cause. However, over several years past, migrants from troubled nations presenting themselves at the international borders of western countries have been looked upon as invading enemies.

Like non-people, they are shunted onto isolated offshore islands, sometimes even prevented from placing their feet on dry land, simply abandoned at sea in rickety boats like unwanted flotsam. Despite arriving from war-torn, debt-colonised, under-developing states, or simply fleeing common violence resulting from failed justice systems, few in western governments are asking why these people are leaving their homes.

A recent cartoon published in a British newspaper depicted a mother backgrounded by the slogan, *Control Our*

*Borders*, leaning over the side of a coffin-shaped boat while struggling to hold the head of her child above the waves. The cartoon put a focus on the indifference of government authorities to the human dignity of people exposed to these terrible dangers on the open sea.

Ironically, these scenes of indifference are occurring at the same time atrocious events from our own past that saw people treated as non-people are receiving public condemnation.

However, what is most disturbing is the superficiality of discussions taking place between nations whose border doors are being knocked on by people seeking refuge. Few are questioning why they are arriving in flimsy crafts supplied by people traffickers plying an illegal trade that feeds on the victims of western governments' inability to formulate or adhere to their own immigration policies.

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During the Cold War, people fleeing the Soviet Union were accorded a welcome and resettlement in the west. However, with the collapse of Eastern Europe sympathies died, replaced by indifference and hostility.

Xenophobic headlines drip-fed fears of new arrivals. The old enemy of the Soviet Union, the picture frame through which western democracy defined itself, receded. It seemed the west needed a new enemy to redefine itself.

That new enemy appeared. It was immigration. It emerged to the extent it became the centre point of political campaigns in the European Union leading ultimately to the separation of children from their parents and the departure of Britain from the Union.

Some political leaders feed on the carrion of anti-immigration disinformation, xenophobia and cheap patriotism under the banner of safeguarding culture and tradition. Others in the Union posture as protectors of European Christian culture in their effort to exclude immigrants, although this attitude flies in the face of the fundamental Christian tenet to welcome the stranger.

Nevertheless, there is a beacon of hope on a dismal anti-immigrant horizon coming from a most unexpected source: Ireland. Ireland, a country whose people departed in their millions seeking solace in other parts of the world for more than 150 years has now become a nation that receives migrants. Membership of the Union changed the country. It suddenly became a destination of foreign investment to the extent it needed immigrants to service various areas of the economy.

In a few short years, with its long experience of people leaving the country, Ireland found itself coping with something quite different, people coming to stay. The skylines of its cities and countryside once packed with the

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Tensions did arise out of anti-immigrant disinformation that the Irish themselves had been on the receiving end of over the previous century-and-a-half. Most Irish people were aware of the racist colonial images pushed by British periodicals depicting them as needing a civilising hand. However, amnesia can set in quickly and pockets of hostility did emerge over government plans to spend money on housing for those seeking asylum on Irish shores.

Nevertheless, proper preparation among local populations saw asylum seekers mostly welcomed, in spite of the toxic anti-immigrant headlines of tabloids stuck in a bygone era of the racism the Irish had learned from their historic partnering with the British in its empire-building.

The reality of the present world will be not just human migration, but all other types of migration, animal, plant, bird, insect and, of course, invisible pandemics, a wake-up call of an interdependent world. Populist exceptionalism, of whatever variety, is no longer a shield guaranteeing safety. Neither are borders with all the paraphernalia of modern technology.

The global home and a sense of belonging are in the words of Robert Frost: *something we shouldn't have to deserve*. They are human rights in a global economy. In that scenario, major religions must continually ask global powers and institutions on what basis they think they can exclude people.

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*Columban Fr Bobby Gilmore lives and works in Ireland.*

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# Enliven the Church with the full participation of First Nations Peoples



*Denise Bowden, the chief executive of Yothu Yindi, signing the Uluru Statement from the Heart in Central Australia.*

Photo: Australian Human Rights Commission ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Denise\\_Bowden\\_Yothu\\_Yindi\\_CEO\\_signing\\_the\\_Uluru\\_statement.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Denise_Bowden_Yothu_Yindi_CEO_signing_the_Uluru_statement.jpg)), <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/legalcode>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (July 3) is the annual acknowledgement of the gifts, leadership and achievements of Australia's First Nations Peoples in the Church. Australian Catholics across the country have affirmed the Church will be enlivened with a full participation of First Nations Peoples in spirituality, theology, liturgy and missionary discipleship. In October 2021, the First Assembly of the Plenary Council for the Church in Australia declared, "we believe that the Spirit has been saying that it is long past the time for our Church to acknowledge and receive fully the gift of that contribution." Sabrina Stevens, a Kuku Yalanji and Yidinji woman from Far North Queensland, and First Nations member of the Plenary Council, said, "we want to give glory to God our Father in the ways in which we can understand most, by using our cultural gifts, and we want to share this in relationship with you."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples speak of the value of relationships across time immemorial with Creator, land and peoples. Showing respect for sacred connections and keeping culture is foundational to their expression of spirituality and flourishing of community. Sherry Balcombe, a Djabaguy/Okola woman and coordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Victoria, says, "our ancestors are with us always, they strengthen us, they hold us, they are all around us. It is what drives us, it connects us, it embraces our spirit and keeps us strong. We learn the oneness of being at ease without words, just being together. Feel the stillness, connect with God. Remember my people are in this landscape, we are part of it and it is part of us."

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week (July 3 to 10) celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that

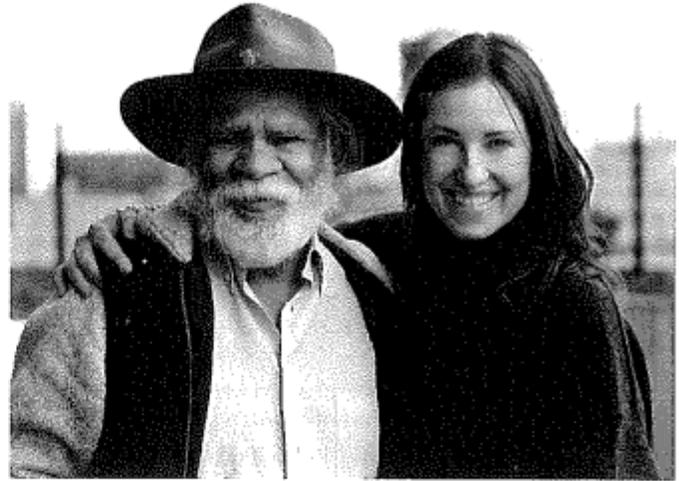
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have raised awareness and led actions towards justice for First Nations Peoples. NAIDOC week encourages everyone to participate in this process. This year's NAIDOC theme is *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*

The Uluru Statement from the Heart proclaimed by 250 delegates in May 2017 invites all Australians to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a movement of the people for the establishment of a First Nations Voice in the Constitution, a process of agreement-making and truth-telling about our history. In May 2022, faith leaders from across Australia, including the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches, the Australian Council of Imams, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Australian Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus, signed a Joint Resolution in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli said, "My hope is simply that Catholics will be inspired by Jesus to join the hard work of finding constitutional recognition of the voice of First Peoples into our Parliament and that reconciliation will find new energy and witness at this moment in history."

The momentum for recognition and reconciliation is growing, but there is need for greater action. Caritas Australia states Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experience more disadvantage than other Australians across almost every measurement of wellbeing, including financial, social, physical and mental health. First Nations Peoples are incarcerated at significantly higher rates than other Australians and there are horrendous consequences for children imprisoned as young as 10-years-of-age. The forced removal of children and whole communities from their Country, culture and language, has an ongoing inter-generational impact. First Nations Elder, Agnes Palmer, said, "we have experienced a massive grief on a large scale, as much as that of other Indigenous groups throughout the world, perhaps more."

Members of the Plenary Council have recommended a process be developed for the Church to acknowledge the "failures in her treatment of and relationship with First Nations peoples and for making a gesture towards healing for those who have experienced trauma, woundedness and suffering." This would involve a commitment to a pilgrimage of understanding and a process of spiritual growth and engagement.



The key body representing First Nations Catholics, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has invited all Catholics to make 2022 a year of action to strengthen Australia's foundation by supporting First Nations Peoples. International Columban Leader, Fr Tim Mulroy, says that in the face of much suffering in our world we need to strengthen solidarity and remain sharpened to mission.

There are many things that everyone can do to address the unfinished business of reconciliation. Supporting the building of rightful relationships and being open to new ways of celebrating our faith in light of the wisdom and experience of First Nations Peoples is an important one. The process of national reconciliation in Australia takes place in everyday life, including commitments to become aware of unconscious bias and to stamp out racism.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council recommends tangible actions towards reconciliation, including signing and showing support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, seeking out Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to share stories in parishes and organisations, attending Mass at Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, acknowledging First Nations Peoples at Mass, meetings and in publications, and providing welcoming and inclusive spaces.

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*Sr Caroline Vaitkunas RSM, Peace, Ecology and Justice Office, Columban Mission Centre, Essendon.*

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Cana Catholic Primary School  
Fundraiser

DINNER DANCE

First Time Event!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Join the Cana Community for a night off  
with some dinner and dancing

4th November | 7PM - midnight

Wellington Room, Lakeside Banquet & Reception Centre

\$80 per adult, price includes:

3 course meal plus beer, wine and soft drink

Spirits at bar prices

DJ & MC included

Raffles and Silent Auction To Be Held

Every dollar raised from the event will be for the kids and go towards school  
facilities at Cana. Get behind it parents!

Parents & Friends Committee

**Please return this expression of interest form by Monday 22 August**

Yes, I/we would be interested in attending the Cana Fundraiser Dinner Dance

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:**

- This is an adult only event
  - Individual tickets can be purchased and seating will be allocated. Tables will hold 10 guests
  - **If numbers are reached the event will be confirmed and full payment will be required in term 3**
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Cana Catholic Primary School has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.

## NOTICE OF 2022 SCHOOL FEES

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians

The Cana Catholic Primary School Fee and Levies for the 2022 School Year will be as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1 Child Family</u>	<u>2 Child Family</u>	<u>3 Child Family</u>	<u>4 Child Family</u>
Family Fee	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Grounds Maintenance Levy	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Levies per Student</b>				
Educational/Curriculum Levy	\$380.00	\$760.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,520.00
Excursion Levy	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
Technology Levy	\$330.00	\$660.00	\$990.00	\$1,320.00
<b>TOTAL 2022 School Fees</b>	<b>\$2,385.00</b>	<b>\$3,220.00</b>	<b>\$4,055.00</b>	<b>\$4,890.00</b>

In 2022, the School Fee *per Family* will be \$1,550.00 *plus* Levies *per Student* of \$835.00

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Education/Curriculum Levy of \$380.00  
Excursion Levy of \$125.00  
Technology Levy of \$330.00

**New Levies**

Yr 5 & 6 students only Sport Levy of \$50.00  
Yr 3, 4 & 6 students only Sacramental Levy of \$15.00

**Please Note: Grade 6 Students Only - Camp costs will be invoiced during Term 1, 2022**

**EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – for School Fees paid in full before 8th April 2022 (End of Term 1, 2022)**

\$50 Early Payment Discount is available to families who choose to pay their school fee account in full **before the end of Term 1**.

If paying 2022 school fees in full by the end of Term 1, please reduce your payment by \$50

*ie: pay \$2,400.00 instead of \$2,450.00 to allow for the \$50 rebate to be applied to your 2022 school fee account.*

Alternatively, Families paying by regular payment instalments throughout the year must comply with the following payment due dates:

**PAYMENT DUE DATES**

*Due Date: 8th April 2022*

*Due Date: 24th June 2022*

*Due Date: 16th September 2022*

**AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE PAID**

*25% of annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 1*

*75% of annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 2*

*Balance paid in full no later than end Term 3 2022*

Families can choose to pay school fees by regular instalments either Weekly, Fortnightly, or Monthly

**School Fees must be paid in full no later than end of Term 3, 2022**

If required, School Fee Payment Plans need to be arranged with the School Bursar at the commencement of Term 1, 2022.

An appointment is required to arrange a Payment Plan Meeting. Please telephone the School Office on 8390 9200 if you require a Payment Plan appointment.

**Mrs Carmen Blatti**  
**Principal**

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**Are you ready for some fun?**

**Cana families you are invited to Cana's**

**How to Book:**

**Go to**

**www.schoolinterviews.com.au**

**Enter THIS school event code below and follow the prompts.**

**Code: hamyx**

**Note: Children**

**5 are not**

**included as a guest number.**

**Don't forget to bring your own FULLY CHARGED device!**



*Trivia with a twist night*

**Bring Gold Coins for games played on the night!**

**POSTPONED – Until Term 4  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**Cana Hall**

**Hosted by Mr. Cassar and Mrs O'Shea. Lots of fun games played throughout the night and great PRIZES to be won.**

**\$20 entry per family**

**BYO snacks and drinks (no alcohol)**

**Tickets are limited and must be purchased by Weds 13th July, please place the money in a labeled envelope and your child's classroom teacher will hand to the office.**

**Please Note: If payment isn't recieved, you may risk losing your spot as the event has a capacity limit.**

## Parents/Families,

Our school community shares the same vision at Cana. We all want what is best for all children, spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally. Please become familiar with the 'Parent Code of Conduct' below. Let us remember that we work in partnership for the good of all our children.

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## **Rationale**

This Cana Catholic Primary School Parent Code of Conduct outlines the way in which our community requires all parents/carers and family members to conduct themselves when visiting our school, and communicating with students, staff and other parents in our school.

The Cana Catholic PS Parent Code of Conduct applies to all adults including parents, guardians, carers, step-parents, grandparents, extended family while involved in activities or communication related to Cana Catholic Primary School.

The School Policy & Advisory Guide, '**Visitors in Schools**' requires all visitors to the school during school hours to sign a visitors' register located at the school office, so that their presence in the school is recorded for Child Safety reasons and in the event of an emergency. (excluding Mass and Interschool Sports)

## **When at school and within the proximity of the school**

Parents/Carers will:

- use courteous and acceptable language when communicating with their own children, other students, staff and other parents/carers and members of the school community. There will be zero tolerance to any verbal or physical violence towards others.
- value our diverse community and respect the rights and practices of individuals and their families.
- respect points of view that are different from their own.
- firstly, speak directly to the teacher with any concerns regarding incidents in the school. The teacher will then refer the parent to appropriate staff if necessary.
- be mindful of the teacher's time, when wanting to communicate with them. Make a time to meet that does not disrupt the class unless there is a genuine emergency.
- listen respectfully, in the same manner required of students and staff when attending school assembly or informal/formal meetings.
- provide appropriate parental supervision before the bell in the morning and in the afternoon (3.15pm onwards Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 3.00pm on Tuesdays).
- remove their child from a situation that involves any form of violence and seek support from staff members.
- model positive behaviours in front of all students at all times, whether on school grounds or within the proximity of the school.
- comply with the school onsite parking expectations, with road safety rules and parking signs when dropping off or picking up their children to and from school.
- comply with the Cana Catholic PS Attendance Policy (refer to Cana's website).
- ensure that your child complies with the Cana's School Uniform Policy (refer to Cana website).
- respect all Cana's policies and procedures (refer to Cana's website).

- Respect the privacy of teachers.

## **Unacceptable Behaviour**

Parents/Carers will not:

- discipline a child who is not theirs or speak to a child who is not theirs about that child's behaviour. This is the role of teaching staff. Being approached by an adult they do not know, can be distressing for children. Common sense would prevail if safety was an issue.
- use offensive language towards their own children, students, staff and other parents/carers and members of the school community when on school grounds or within the proximity of the school.
- interrupt or distract a teacher while classroom instruction or learning activities are underway.
- engage with staff, students or parents/carers in an aggressive manner regarding issues of a personal or school nature.
- engage in inappropriate physical contact with students, staff or other parents/carers.
- discriminate between or disrespect any member of our school community.
- disrupt the good order of the school by any means including: in person, via persons representing them or social media.
- Engage a teacher about school matters outside the school environment.

## **When making a complaint**

Parents have the right to raise issues and concerns related to the education/welfare of their child or other school matters.

There are a number of ways you can raise any concerns you have about your child. You can:

- write a note or email your child's teacher outlining your concerns
- make an appointment to speak on the phone or in person with the class teacher or Wellbeing Coordinator; ensuring that you inform the school about the issue you wish to discuss
- consider speaking with the school's student wellbeing Coordinator/Leader if you feel that is appropriate
- arrange any meeting times or phone calls through the school office (this is more convenient for both you and your child's teacher and does not interrupt teachers during the time they need to be with their students)

Remember that the class teacher together with others who may be involved, should be given a reasonable amount of time to take the steps required to resolve or address your concerns.

## **Consequences of a Breach of Cana's Parent Code of Conduct**

Any parent, member of school staff or student may notify the Principal of a possible breach of the Cana Parent Code of Conduct. The Principal will investigate the complaint and if satisfied that a breach has occurred will:

- A meeting may be terminated at any time if there is a breach of conduct
- provide a first and final warning that a breach of the Cana Code of Conduct has occurred and that a further breach will not be tolerated
- issue a trespass warning to the parent if the behaviour was one of an aggressive manner. If the behaviour continues, may accelerate to a trespass notice prohibiting the parent from coming on school grounds for a designated period of time, determined by the Principal or their representative in line with DET guidelines

## **Regular review**

This document will be reviewed every year in consultations with parent representatives, and following significant incidents if they occur. We will ensure that families have the opportunity to contribute. Where possible we do our best to work with local Aboriginal communities, culturally and/or linguistically diverse communities and people with a disability.

# ARE THEY OLD ENOUGH?

Amongst the many advantages of the online world, there are many important things families need to consider when their child is online. Of late, I have been hearing that many of our students are online platforms that are designed for 13-year-old children or older. Further to this, our students are not using these platforms in an appropriate way. There has been reports of students having a 'pack mentality' and exhibiting threatening behaviour towards others while online. In exploring these with the students, they shared that they didn't understand what the other students meant by their comments.



Now we, as adults, all know what that feels like don't we? How many times do we reread a text to try and understand the tone, the intension and how best to respond? Children find reading tone and intention of written text, because of their developmental age, extremely difficult. These were my findings this week, amongst our students.

This has raised concerns!! Even though the school can highly recommend that students are on appropriate online platforms, it is the family's ultimate decision.

We understand how difficult navigating the online world is, particularly having conversations with our children about it. I have included a link to the eSafety Commissioner that covers the topics below. It is highly recommended that you visit the site and empower yourself as families to support your child while online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>

Topics Covered:

- [Should your preschooler be using online devices?](#)
- [Is your child old enough for a smartphone?](#)
- [When are they ready for social media accounts?](#)
- [Determine your child's readiness for social media](#)
- [Resources for parents](#)

Also attached to this week's newsletter is a parent tip sheet that provides information about strategies you may wish to implement at home, so that you children share in positive and safe experiences while online.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Cassar

[Deputy Principal/Student Wellbeing & Religious Education Leader](#)

## Does your preschool child have access to connected devices?

81% of parents say their preschool child uses the internet.  
37% think their child spends too much time online.<sup>1</sup>

Being online at this age can offer your child opportunities to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. But there may also be some risks if your child uses connected devices without supervision or for extended periods of time.



This might include coming across harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity.

Here are our tips for a safe and balanced online experience for your preschool child:

### Set ground rules

#### Establish clear rules and be consistent

Be clear on things like when and where devices can be used and when they need to be switched off. A good time to switch off is during family dinner time and when your child is alone in a room.

#### Use a timer

Limit the amount of time your child spends online to ensure a good balance with physical activity. It can be easy to lose track of time, so setting a timer can help.

#### Resist any push back

Getting your child off a device can be hard and it can be tempting to give in to their demands. Sticking to the rules at this age will help instil good online habits for your child now and in the future.

<sup>1</sup>Survey of 3,520 Australian parents of children aged 2-17

## Camps Sports and Excursion Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides financial support to eligible families so students can attend school camps, outdoor education and sporting programs, as well as incursions and excursions. If you have not applied for CSEF and hold a currently valid Healthcare Card, or if you have an existing card and a new child is joining Cana, please fill out the CSEF form below and email it along with a scan of your card to Mrs Trudy Milligan at [trudy.milligan@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:trudy.milligan@canahillside.catholic.edu.au).

### **MASS TIMES:**

#### **Sacred Heart**

Tuesday–Friday 7.30am  
Saturday 9.00am, 5.00pm  
Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am  
Sunday Polish 9.00am  
Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5.00pm

#### **Emmaus Church**

Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Sacred Heart** English Saturday  
10.30am  
Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

### **LENT**

#### **Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Sacred Heart: 7.30am and 7.00pm  
Emmaus: 7.00pm

#### **Lent Prayer and Reconciliation**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Emmaus at 7.30pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Sacred Heart at  
7.30pm

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays during Lent: Sacred Heart at  
7.15pm  
(except 4<sup>th</sup> March)



Cana is committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of our students

### School Hours

Music starts at 8:42am

Monday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Tuesday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Wednesday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Thursday	8:45am – 3:15pm
Friday	8:45am – 3:15pm

Recess 10.45am – 11.15am  
Lunch 1.00pm – 1.50pm

### Mass Times

Saturday	
Sacred Heart	5:00pm
Emmaus	6:30pm
Sunday	
Sacred Heart	8:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am
Emmaus	9:00am
Parish Office / Presbytery Secretary	T: 9366 2146 F: 9366 9876

### NO Second Hand Uniform Sales

Due to the need for social distancing and other COVID safety measures, we cannot currently offer second-hand uniforms. We will advise when this returns and in the meantime recommend contacting your PSW outlet for uniform enquiries.



### School Website

To watch videos from the website, the password you will need is:

PASSWORD: CanaVids



### Mobile Phone App

We advise all families to download this App as this is our form of communication.



OshClub is our Before & After School Care Program. Children need to be registered before they attend.

We advise all families to register their child/ren (registration is free).

OSH Program Numbers:

Mobile: 0478 022 320

Head Office: 1300 395 735

### Cana Bank Account

For EFT payments, please ensure you reference your SURNAME and your

6 – digit family ID

BSB: 083 347

Account: 563 101 059