



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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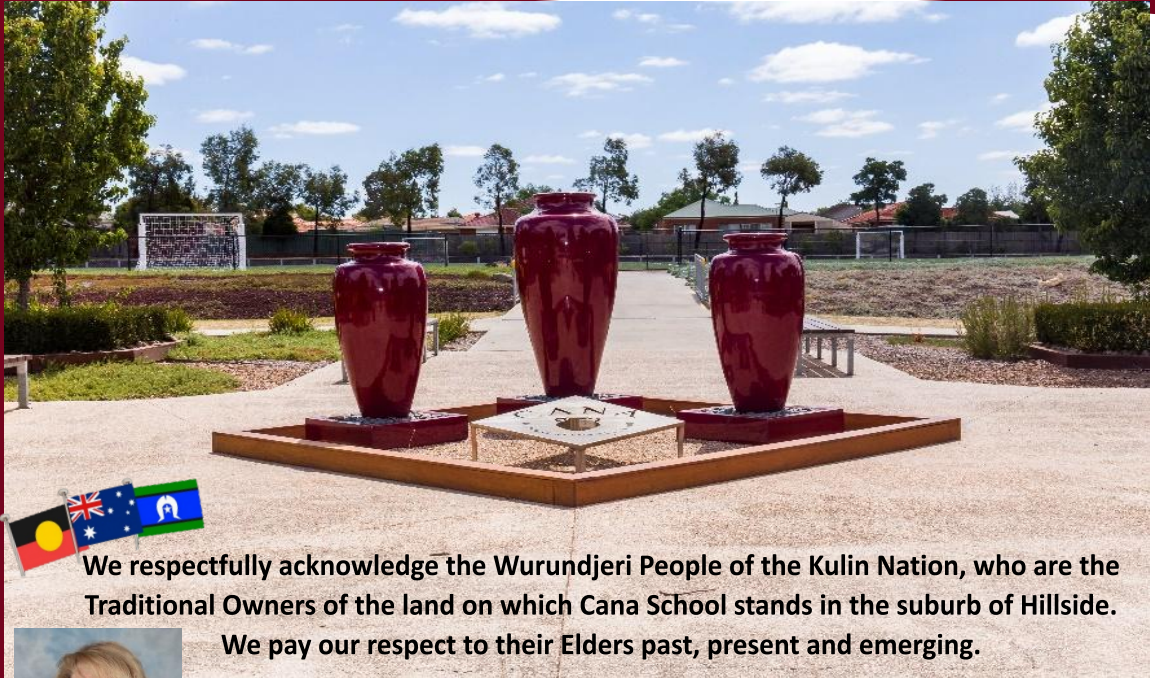
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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Cana School stands in the suburb of Hillside.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



TERM 1 ISSUE 4 Friday 24th February, 2023

We held a beautiful Mass for Ash Wednesday, it was lovely to see the families who joined us during this occasion. On this day we also presented our wonderful school leaders with their badges, we look forward to their valuable contribution to our school.

We have started our first week of lent, where we reflect on temptation: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

Temptation forces us to make a choice, conquering a temptation helps us see the strength of God in our lives to make the right decision.

First Week of Lent

Our Lady of Sorrows

FATHER of my soul,
MOTHER of my heart,
I know Your love for me
is limitless beyond
imagining. You care for
me as a loving parent.

Through my smallest
Lenten sacrifices, help me
to become less selfish
and more aware of Your
ways. Fan the flame of
my desire to draw ever
closer to You. Guide me
to seek Your love.



pray for us

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2023

| | |
|---|--|
| Monday 27th February | Parent Chats |
| Wednesday 1st March | School Tour Perspective Parents 10am and 5pm |
| Thursday 2nd March | Family Picnic - 1:00 to 1:50pm Cana Oval |
| Friday 3rd March | House Colour activity afternoon (students to wear house colours). |
| Monday 6th March | School Photos (Summer School Uniform - All Grades) |
| Tuesday 7th March | Enrolment Prep 2024 Parent Information Session - Adults Only at 11:30am or 7pm in the Cana Hall |
| Wednesday 8th March | SCHOOL CLOSURE - School preparing for whole school review |
| Wednesday 8th March | 2024 Enrolments Open / Go Live - on Cana Website |
| Monday 13th March | SCHOOL CLOSURE - Labor Day |
| Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March | Grade 6 Camp |
| Wednesday 15th March | NAPLAN - Writing <u>Grade 3</u> and <u>Grade 5</u> |
| Friday 17th March | Saint Patrick's Day |
| Week of 20th of March | <u>All Grades</u> During the week of March 20th Hot Food will be available Details to follow |
| Tuesday 21st March | NAPLAN Reading <u>Grade 3</u> and <u>Grade 5</u> |
| Wednesday 22nd March | NAPLAN Language Conventions <u>Grade 3</u> and <u>Grade 5</u> |
| Thursday 23rd March | NAPLAN Numeracy <u>Grade 3</u> and <u>Grade 5</u> |
| Thursday 23rd March New Date | Parent Cyber Safety Meeting 7:00 to 8:30pm Details to follow Compulsory for Grade 5 parents , however all families are welcome Details to follow |
| Wednesday 29th March | Parish Prayers / Reconciliation at Emmaus Church |
| Thursday 30th March | Parish Prayers / Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church |
| Tuesday 4th April | Easter Raffle Drawn |
| Wednesday 5th April Rescheduled | Parent Cyber Safety Meeting 7:00 to 8:30pm Details to follow Compulsory for Grade 5 parents, however all families are welcome Details to follow Rescheduled above |
| Thursday 6th April | School Closure Parent Teacher Interviews - Details to follow |
| Easter Celebrations | Thursday 6th April - Holy Thursday Friday 7th April - Good Friday |



Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

Term 2, 2023

Monday 24th April

School Closure
School preparing for whole school review

Tuesday 25th April

School Closure - ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26th April

Students Return - Term 2

Wednesday 26th April

Grade 6 Confirmation - Parent Engagement - 5pm - 6:30pm
Details to follow

Early Advice - Sacraments 2023

Sunday 21st May

Grade 6 Confirmation, Emmaus Church 1:30pm and 3:30pm

Saturday 19th August

Grade 4, First Communion, Emmaus Church 11:30am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 11th October

Grade 3 Reconciliation, Emmaus Church 5pm and 6:30pm

School Photos

Families please don't forget to pay for your school photos. The form you received last week contains a unique code linked to your child. School Photos are scheduled for **Monday, March 6th**, please follow the instructions on the pamphlet to organise payment, this needs to be done before photo day. If you require a sibling photo, this can also be organised via the website. If your child did not receive a handout please notify the office or classroom teacher.



Paving Bricks Available

Paving Bricks available for reasonable donation to the school.
There are approximately 400+ bricks.
If you're interested please contact the school office 8390 9200.

Easter Raffle Donations

We are accepting donations for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn in April. Thank you to the families who have already donated, we appreciate your support. Raffle tickets will be going home next week.

Gathering for Lenten Prayer

As a Cana School Community we are offering parents / guardians the opportunity to gather together as a faith community for 15 mins to share in a Lenten Prayer in preparation of our Lord this coming Easter.

This prayer session will be held on Fridays in our hall from **8:45am - 9:00 am** on the following days:

Friday 3rd March
Friday 10th March
Friday 17th March
Friday 24th March
Friday 31st March

These sessions will be led by Carmen Blatti and Lina Vermeulen.

Ash Wednesday Mass and Presentation for our School Leaders

On Wednesday we held a whole school mass. On this day the children received the ashes, these ashes represent 'repentance' and to remind us to turn our hearts to God.

The School Leaders were presented with their badges, we would like to congratulate the following children and we look forward to seeing them take on their leadership roles for our school.

| General School Leader | Sports Leaders | Mary MacKillop Group |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Erin Cassar | <u>Father O'Reilly House</u> | Chiara Giampiccolo |
| | Chase Axisa Ayden Pelzmann | |
| Celine Schnellmann | <u>St Joseph House</u> | Scarlett Agius |
| | Atong Mager Zac Cerasani | |
| Chase Puli | <u>St Patrick House</u> | Jana Touma |
| | Dave Varun Chanel Piraina | |
| Sofia Behan | <u>St Mary MacKillop</u> | |
| | Jake Rajski Lucy Gemayel | |



Parents/Families,

Parents we all need to be in partnership and to always be respectful of each other during all interactions - face to face or on social media. We are role models for our children and need to be reflective of our communications and actions.

If there are any concerns please see your child's classroom teacher as the first point of contact.

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



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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).
- 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 and to use the SkoolBag App. (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 the 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 with 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 ¹_{SEP}
- 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 MACS and 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.



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NOTICE OF 2023 SCHOOL FEES

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians

The Cana Catholic Primary School Fee and Levies for the 2023 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 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Grounds Maintenance Levy | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Building Levy | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| <u>Levies per Student</u> | | | | |
| Educational/Curriculum Levy | \$420.00 | \$840.00 | \$1,260.00 | \$1,680.00 |
| Excursion Levy | \$125.00 | \$250.00 | \$375.00 | \$500.00 |
| Technology Levy | \$400.00 | \$800.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| <u>TOTAL 2023 School Fees</u> | <u>\$2,795.00</u> | <u>\$3,740.00</u> | <u>\$4,685.00</u> | <u>\$5,630.00</u> |

In 2023, the School Fee **per Family** will be \$1,850.00 **plus** Levies **per Student** of \$945.00

Levies per Student: Education/Curriculum Levy of \$420.00

Excursion Levy of \$125.00

Technology Levy of \$400.00

(Yr 5 & 6 students only) Sport Levy of \$100.00

(Yr 3, 4 & 6 students only) Sacramental Levy of \$20.00

Please Note: Grade 6 Students Only - Camp costs will be invoiced during Term 1, 2023

New Levy School Building Levy \$150.00 per family

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – for School Fees paid in full before 8th April 2023 (End of Term 1, 2023)

\$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 2023 school fees in full by the end of Term 1, please reduce your full account payment by \$50

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

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Due Date: 6th April 2023

Due Date: 23rd June 2023

Due Date: 15th September 2023

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 2023

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, 2023

If required, School Fee Payment Plans need to be arranged with the School Bursar at the commencement of Term 1, 2023.

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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Payment Requirement Schedule

To ensure that you maintain your payment schedule, please refer to the table below as a guide, to assist with identifying the required level of payment required for your family structure.

| <u>Students per Family</u> | <u>Annual Fee/Levies</u> | <u>Early Full Payment Discount Criteria</u> | | <u>Payments by Instalments by Term Due Dates</u> | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| | | <i>Early Payment Discount *</i> | <i>Payment required by 6/04/2023 *</i> | 25% paid by End Term 1 6 th April 2023 | 75% paid by End Term 2 23 rd June 2023 | Balance Due by 15 th September 2023 |
| 1 child family | \$2,795.00 | -\$50.00 | \$2,745.00 | \$698.75 | \$2,096.25 | \$698.75 |
| 2 child family | \$3,740.00 | -\$50.00 | \$3,690.00 | \$935.00 | \$2,805.00 | \$935.00 |
| 3 child family | \$4,685.00 | -\$50.00 | \$4,635.00 | \$1,171.25 | \$3,513.75 | \$1,171.25 |
| 4 child family | \$5,630.00 | -\$50.00 | \$5,580.00 | \$1,407.50 | \$4,222.50 | \$1,407.50 |

If paying by instalments, please consider the level of payment required by each due date. If a Payment Plan is required, please contact the Cana Catholic Primary School Front Office to arrange for a private meeting with our School Bursar to discuss Payment Plan Options. Payment Plans provide maximum benefit when arranged early during Term 1.

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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

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 let the office know.

Cana Catholic Primary School



2024 Foundation Enrolment Information Meeting

Tuesday 7th March, 11:30am & 7:00pm
BOOKINGS REQUIRED (Parents/Carers Only)



School Tours

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Children welcome to attend

Monday, 20th February
10am & 5:00pm

Tuesday, 21st February
5:00pm

Wednesday 1st March
10am & 5:00pm

School Tours and Information Meeting
– register via the QR Code
or the link below

<https://forms.gle/Ueq1xmhHWu3zg96m7>

For any enquiries:

Phone: (03) 8390 9200

Email: office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au



Prep Literacy Workshop

On Tuesday the 21st February 2023, a group of Prep families accepted the invitation to participate in a Prep Literacy Workshop. The Prep teachers, along with Liz Cutajar (Curriculum Leader), facilitated a hands-on workshop to teach the families about various reading strategies they can use to support their child with their reading at home. The workshop gave the families a chance to practise these reading skills, as well as ask questions about how to further consolidate the literacy learning their child receives during the school day. Thank you to all the families who participated in this workshop and for your positive feedback!

Liz Cutajar

"It is great to see Cana providing these workshops to support the families."



"This was so helpful! Thank you for teaching me what strategies to use at home when reading with my child."

"The information presented was very helpful and relevant."



"Thank you for providing this workshop for the Prep parents. It helped me understand how to support my child at home with her homework."

Message from Fr. Maurie

Greetings to all as we move into the Season of Lent, heralded by Ash Wednesday during this week!

The Season is rich in the symbolism of our Tradition. Forty days? Think of the forty days of the Flood, the forty years in the desert, the forty days of Jesus' preparation for his ministry, the forty days from Easter to Ascension. Those references in our story of faith are all about a new beginning being made. And that's the purpose and hope for us during the Season each year – that we will be renewed in our lives of faith through our participation in Lent, renewed in the life of Christ whose life death, resurrection and sending of the Spirit we will celebrate at Easter. As one of our Eucharistic Prayers says of Christ: "You are our Passover, our surest peace!"

On Ash Wednesday we remembered: *We are people of faith, but not completely yet. We know Jesus Christ, but not altogether yet. We live in the way of the Gospel, but not perfectly yet. We are part of the People of God, part of the Body of Christ, but not completely yet. The Season of Lent focuses us on the incompleteness of our lives of faith, and the action of Christ to complete us in the life of God. There is the invitation to continue to grow in faith, in knowledge of the Lord, and in action for the sake of the gospel of Christ. We can achieve all this, because the grace of Christ renews us.*

At their Mass during this week, our Catholic Regional College St Albans reflected that we might better be called 'human becomings' rather than 'human beings'. That call and challenge to us during Lent is to have become more by Easter than we are now in terms of our being true disciples of Jesus Christ, more in the ways we share our being part of the People of God, part of the Body of Christ.

Each of our three Catholic Parish Primary Schools (Sacred Heart, Emmaus, Cana) gathered on Wednesday in Mass to embark on the Journey of Lent to Easter. Our four Colleges also shared Ashes. Lent has begun!

An attachment with this letter (*Lent Is ...*) says it this way: "Lent is a call for us to get rid of some of the grit that is preventing us from fully living our baptismal potential."

Our Church customarily suggests three basic approaches to shape our participation in Lent: prayer, fasting, good works. The attachment has a challenging take on 'fasting' from Pope Francis.

Try, too, engaging with the presence of God in more or different ways of praying.

'Engaging in good works' calls us to grow in our "Loving one another as I have loved you". Project Compassion is a public way of reaching out to others. Caritas, the Catholic body which organises this, does not provide cash handouts but instead supports projects that break the cycle of poverty. Examples include training midwives in Bangladesh, providing seeds for families in the Democratic Republic of Congo, providing water filters in Malawi, training farmers in Zimbabwe in conservation agriculture. Boxes and Envelopes are available in the foyers of our churches. To donate directly, go to www.caritas.org.au.

Another attachment with this email has Pope Francis' words that can speak to our recent own Ministry Recruitment process in our Parish: "The Church is a home that priests and lay people need to care for together. Lay people are not guests in the Church!" Yes: and that's why a large number of Parishioners have indicated that they want to participate in the range of Ministries of our Parish. Yes, it is God's Church: and it is our Church, together. Yes, the Holy Spirit gives life to the Church: and by our actions together we give shape to the life of the Church! Lauren (and temporary assistant Clare) in our Parish Office are working through all the Ministry forms that have come in. This is more complex than ever given the regulations from the Archdiocese and government about Safeguarding. They are well under way with that compliance for everyone. You may be contacted by Lauren or Clare to assist in clarifying some details where this is needed.

This week's Parish Newsheet is attached, too.

The Archbishop is in our Parish for a short time this Friday morning to lead Mass and the Blessing and Opening of a new set of buildings at our Catholic Regional College Sydenham. I really like the colour and decoration in the new classrooms – you can't avoid recognising that the Maths rooms are where you do Maths, the Religious Education rooms are where you focus on the revelation that is given to us in Jesus. Congratulations to Brendan Watson (Principal)!

And so, after the first few days of becoming aware of Lent, its First Sunday comes to us this weekend. Its Gospel Reading is that story of Jesus in the wilderness, being tempted not to proceed further with the Ways of God his Father. I find that one of the strong temptations is to stay the way we are. Resist! Become what you have not become yet – that's the challenge of Lent to us.

Blessings to all!

Maurie Cooney (Parish Priest)



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



First Sunday of Lent - Year A - 18th—19th February 2023

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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

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am
Saturday 9.00am

Weekend

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am
Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

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: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This Week: First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19 Gospel: Mt 4:1-11
Next Week: First Reading: Gen 12:1-4 Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

REFLECTION

REFLECTION: Into Lent

The Season of Lent is five weeks of humble and honest reflection, and renewal in the life of Christ which we will celebrate at Easter. Firstly we are invited to ‘go into the wilderness’, away from our usual patterns. And to do this bravely – for we may find that we need to repent of sin in our lives and to ‘give something up’ in order to grow further in the life of Christ.

We say that this preparation period – Lent – is for forty days. The clue to its being of that duration comes by remembering the other times we use the number ‘forty’ in our Scriptures: Noah and the Flood for forty days and nights, Moses and the people in the desert for forty years, Jesus in the wilderness for forty days, the passage of forty days from Easter to Ascension. Following each of these periods of ‘forty’ the new life in the Promised Land with the new Law and new experience of God-with-the people; Jesus’ new role of preaching, teaching and doing good works; the new era of the Holy Spirit.

And it is forty weeks leading to the birth of a new baby; and we say that “Life begins at forty”!!! So: Lent is the preparation for ‘new life’ to stir and then show up in us anew at Easter.

The customary practice of ‘giving something up for Lent’ can help. When we give something up, there is space created for this new life to grow. Give up ‘snapping’ at that annoying person every time, and patience and tolerance may have space to grow. Give up filling every moment of the day with busy things, and a little more time for those around and for yourself and for prayer may have space to grow. Give up [...fill this in for yourself...] and give room for [...fill this in for yourself...] to grow.

Have a great forty days ... and let some new life begin in you come Easter time!

LENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES will be on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Emmaus, and on Thursday 30th March at 7.30 at Sacred Heart.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: John Cassar

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonia Demecoli, Ferdinand Debono, Mary Borg, Alison Henderson, George Borg, Joseph Grech, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Anthony, Katherine & Vicky Zammit & Stella Borg, Janette Fernandez, Joseph Grech, Peter Hy Tran & Maria Dao Nguyen, Eusebio & Josephine Darmanin, Frederick Castillo, Marica Ana Matesic & Family, Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Excompare, Joe Giacotto, John Colerio, Alfred Colerio, Angie Azzopardi, Paul & Francis Portelli, Joe & Paula Muscat, Fr. Joshua Peter Muscat, Leli Bujega, Carmenu Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, , Fo Heang Lee, Zita Aruliah, Peter Hy Tran & Maria Dao Nguyen, John Michael Camilleri, Paul Camilleri, Ursula Camilleri, Joseph Grech, Giuseppe Pribaz, Aaron D'Souza, Angela Xuereb, Paul Aquilina, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



Project Compassion Sunday 25 & 26 February



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413 or scanning the QR Code here.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

During the Season of Lent we are urged to prepare for renewal in our faith at Easter [see reflection on the front page]. To assist with this, Lent calls us to particular focus on key elements in our living our faith: prayer, self-denial in order to consider others more, and deliberate actions of charity and support. **PROJECT COMPASSION** material is available in the foyers today – boxes, envelopes, leaflets, providing an opportunity for reaching out to others during this Season.



LENT is about
**BECOMING,
DOING, and
CHANGING,**
WHATEVER IT IS
THAT IS BLOCKING
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE
IN US RIGHT NOW.
-- Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

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#LentInspiration

Risen Lord Community Prayer Group Lenten/Easter program – Friday 24th March

It's only one week for Lent to begin. Our Prayer Group for many years have conducted Stations of the Cross during lent on Fridays from 7:15pm till 7:55pm prior to our prayer meeting. (Except for Friday 3rd of March)

Our parishioners of Sacred Heart/ Emmaus are most welcome to participate in the stations of cross. God Bless! Rukmal Mendis

"LENT IS THE AUTUMN
OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
DURING WHICH WE GATHER
FRUIT TO KEEP US GOING
FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR."
~
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

CRC North Keilor Year 7 2025 Information Evening and Enrolment



CRC North Keilor are hosting a Year 7 2025 Information Evening on Thursday 16 March at 7 pm. Register your attendance online via the College website www.crcnk.com.au. Families are invited to attend a tour of the College. Please visit the website for available dates and online booking. An application for enrolment for Year 7 2025 is to be completed online. For enrolment queries please contact the Enrolment Registrar at enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au or call on 9361 5904.

MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

Our Ministry Renewal and Recruitment for 2023 is well underway! The office staff along with some helpers have already begun calling and emailing Parishioners who returned the green/yellow forms who are requiring checks. All volunteers of the Parish must have a "Working With Children's Check". If you are new to Ministry, and have applied for your Working With Children's Check, can you please send the application reference and/or a copy of the WWCC card to the Presbytery office or email: stalbins@cam.org.au. If you need assistance please call or email ASAP **9366 2146**. If you haven't returned the form to confirm your renewal in Ministry in 2023 please do so ASAP. Thank you!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"Be patient and work generously
in the service of our Divine Lord".
Mary Mackillop 3rd March 1898

Pope Francis: Laypeople are not guests in the Church

By [Hannah Brockhaus](#)

Vatican City, Feb 18, 2023 / 09:00 am

The Church is a home that priests and laypeople need to care for together, Pope Francis said on Saturday.

"It is time for pastors and laypeople to walk together, in every area of the Church's life, in every part of the world," he said in the Vatican's New Synod Hall on Feb. 18.

"The lay faithful are not 'guests' in the Church, they are at home, so they are called to take care of their own home," he said. "The laity, and especially women, need to be more valued in their human and spiritual skills and gifts for the life of parishes and dioceses."

Pope Francis' speech was addressed to the participants in a Feb. 16-18 conference on how pastors and laypeople can work together better for the mission of the Church. "Together with pastors, they must bear Christian witness in secular environments: the world of work, culture, politics, art, social communication," the pope said. "We could say: laypeople and pastors together in the Church, laypeople and pastors together in the world."

Francis went on to list some of the many ways laypeople can participate in the life of the Church: performing some forms of preaching; collaborating with priests in the formation of children, young adults, seminarians, and religious novices; spiritual directing, preparing engaged couples for marriage, and accompanying married couples.

"They should always be consulted when preparing new pastoral initiatives at every level: local, national, and universal," he said.

"This is why," Pope Francis said, "pastors need to be trained from seminary days onward in daily and ordinary collaboration with the laity, so that living communion becomes a natural way of acting for them, and not an extraordinary and occasional occurrence."

"One of the worst things that happens in a pastor is to forget the people from whom he came, the lack of memory," he continued. "To him can be addressed that much-repeated word of the Bible, 'Remember;' 'remember from whence you were taken, of the flock from which you were taken to return to serve it, remember your roots' (cf. 2 Tim. 1)."



Ash Wednesday, on 22 February during the week, is the gateway to the season of Lent. The anointing with ashes, which is the key element of this day's ritual, is a reminder of our responsibility as individuals and as communities to keep alive the discipleship that our baptism committed us to. The ritual of baptism also involves tracing a cross on our foreheads, albeit with fragrant oils rather than burnt ashes.

The ash etched onto our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is grittier and dirtier and less fragrant than the oils of baptism. This 'gritty' image is a ready depiction of our lives today. Lent is a call for us to get rid of some of the grit that is preventing us from fully living our baptismal potential.

Lent is a journey that takes us to the key moment of our Christian faith, namely the remembrance of the death and rising of Jesus at Easter. On this 40-day journey, we are invited to reflect on our lives and seek ways to clear some of the embedded grit that has become part of our daily lives. As individuals and as Christians across the world, this shared focus provides us with time to sharpen our focus and uncover what could be different... for us as individuals and for us as a body of people with a common focus on the One who came to show us the Way. *Prayer, fasting and almsgiving* are the traditional 'items' to carry on this journey which can support us to refocus our lens as we move forward.

For some, perhaps taking more time for *prayer*, focusing differently during these days in spending time with our God will be the path taken.

In our Christian tradition, *fasting* is a means of seeking spiritual growth, of enhancing our inner spirit. It is a way to say 'no' to that which is focused on ourselves and a means to be open to 'yes' to that which is for others.

In light of this, Pope Francis (Ash Wednesday 2017) suggests the following possible fasts... perhaps more challenging than giving up chocolate!

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent so you can listen.

Almsgiving gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity, sharing what we have with others who have less. It has generally involved giving money to Catholic charities or other good causes. We can take this concept even deeper by using our time and our talents to make a difference to the lives of others.

Mary Hemmings

Josephite Companions Leadership Team

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

Catholic Regional College NORTH KEILOR

YEAR 7 2025 Information Evening

Thursday 16 March
at 7pm

Register
Now

We invite families to join us for an

INFORMATION SESSION

with Mr Tullio Zavattiero, Principal, members of the College Leadership Team and the Transition Team to learn about:

- Enrolling your child at CRCNK
- The Enrolment Process
- CRCNK's Criteria for Enrolment
- Year 7 2025 Enrolment Timeline

Register online via the Enrolments page on our College website



2023 The Year of Resilience

'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle' (Attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

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COLLEGE TOURS

Bring your child to a College Tour and:

- Meet the College Principal
- Visit classes in action
- Chat to the Transition Team
- Engage with Student Ambassadors
- Share Morning Tea

Term 1 2023 Tour Dates

- Friday 17 February
- Wednesday 22 February
- Friday 3 March
- Wednesday 8 March
- Friday 31 March

Tours commence at 9.15am sharp and run for approximately 75 minutes.

Online bookings essential, to reserve your place: Visit our website: www.crcnk.com.au



YEAR 7 2025 KEY DATES

Thursday 16 March 2023
Enrolment Information Evening

Friday 18 August 2023
Applications close

Friday 20 October 2023
Offers sent to families

Friday 10 November 2023
Final date for acceptance

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For more information contact:
Josie Zanic, Enrolment Registrar
Email: enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9361 5904



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 Margaret
 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