



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 1 ISSUE 7 Friday 17th March, 2023

We have had another successful week. Our Grade six students have attended camp in Bacchus Marsh, the children have had beautiful weather allowing them to participate in a range of fun filled activities. Today is **St Patrick's Day**, it was lovely to see all the children wear a splash of green around the school.

Hope everyone enjoys the lovely weather on the weekend, go gently.
God Bless.

Prayer of St. Patrick


Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me.
Christ beneath me. Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down.
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me ,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in very eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2023

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 <u>Compulsory for Grade 5 parents</u> , however all families are welcome Details attached
Friday 24th March	National Ride2school day
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 Rescheduled above
Thursday 6th April - Last Day of Term 1	School Closure Parent Teacher Interviews - Rescheduled to 11th May - see letter below NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
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/First Aid training
Tuesday 25th April	School Closure - ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26th April	Students Return - Term 2
Wednesday 26th April	<u>Grade 6 Confirmation</u> - Parent Engagement - 5pm - 6:30pm Details to follow
Thursday 11th May	School Closure Parent Teacher Interviews

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

Easter Raffle Donations

Raffle tickets went home last Thursday Evening - \$5 for 10 tickets, all money raised goes towards purchasing items for the school and students. Please ensure all **tickets are returned back** to the school by **Friday 31st March**. It's very important that you place your name and number on each ticket. **Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 4 April.**

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 - 8:55 am** on the following days:

Friday 24th March

Friday 31st March

Wednesday 5th April

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

Enrolment - Reminder

The Enrolment form is now available via the Cana Website for 2024. If you have a child starting prep next year, you can now enrol them by filling out the enrolment form. All forms need to be submitted by **Tuesday 28th March at 3pm**

Mass at Cana

Mass at Cana is celebrated in year levels and occasionally on Holy Days of Obligation we will have whole school masses as we come together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist.

Below are the masses for Term 1. Hopefully you can join us.

Thursday 30th March 2pm	2J are preparing mass all grade Prep, one and two parents are invited to to attend the liturgy and celebrate the eucharist together.
Tuesday 4th April 2pm	Holy Week paraliturgy. All parents are invited to attend and be prayerful in this important week as we act out the Stations of the Cross.

National Ride2School DAY

Dear Cana families,

On Friday 24th March Cana registered as a school supporting 'National Ride2School Day'. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking or scooting to school a go. Please ensure you are wearing a helmet and obey road rules when doing so. Many families aren't aware that at Cana we have 2 bike racks for storing students' bikes. On the Friday morning, staff at the back gate and front gate will direct students to where they can park their bikes for the day. Students partaking in the morning can report to Mr. Cassar, who will be located at the bike racks, they will then receive a certificate later in the day.

Regards, Mr. Cassar



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 24 March 2023

Encouraging families to join in the celebration and ride, walk or scoot to school on National Ride2SchoolDay.



ride2school.com.au

WEBINAR

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD 2023 FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Cyberbullying

Online Gaming

Managing Devices
in the Home

Social Media

Child & Tween
Online Trends

Strengthening Family
Communication

Impacts of
Screen Time

Explicit/Adult
Content

Cana Catholic Primary School | Thursday 23 March | 7.30pm



Martin McGauran
Primary School Lead Teacher
& Digital Safety Educator

- 90 minute live webinar
- Opportunity for Q&A

Follow the link to register:

bit.ly/23march2023

(replay will be made available if you register)



Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to 3 primary
and secondary aged kids

"It was wonderful to have both the technical and psychological side of cyber safety."

Parent of 6yo

"Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year."

Principal

"An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week!"

Parent of 9yo & 11yo



Newsletter



What's been happening...

Welcome back to all of the families and children part of OSH club, there are new programs and activities in the osh club. This year we have launched new adventure challenges and new recipes and programs which include spontaneous activities for all of the children and my superstars have had quality time with the educators and their friends, they did face painting, they also made pet rocks in groups and had lots of fun. The children played football/soccer, tennis and bean tag. Some of them were busy making lego robots and castles. They also made the Eiffel tower with pipe sticks.

We have had great fun with my superstars and have gotten positive feedback from their guardians.



Coming Up

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Labour day school closed

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St Patrick day

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Parish prayers



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 ¹¹_{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
Levies per Student				
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
TOTAL 2023 School Fees	\$2,795.00	\$3,740.00	\$4,685.00	\$5,630.00

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.

Will be on sale every Friday in Term 1 and 4

Varieties will vary from time to time



Paddle Pop Icy Twist

\$1.50

Chocolate and Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt



Chocolate and Vanilla 120ml- Milk (Water +Milk solids), Fresh Probiotics Yoghurt (25%), (Skim Milk Solids, Water, Cultures), Sugar, Dietary Fibre (Inulin), Pure Cocoa (4%) Vanilla (natural flavour), Maltodextrin, Xylitol, Vegetable Gums (Guar, Soy, Xanthan), Natural Flavours, Cultures (L. Acidophilus, Bifidobacteria & L. Casei).

\$1.50

Strawberry and Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt



Strawberry and Vanilla 120ml- Milk (Water +Milk solids), Fresh Probiotics Yoghurt (25%), (Skim Milk Solids, Water, Cultures), Sugar, Dietary Fibre (Inulin), Strawberries (4%) Vanilla (natural flavour), Pectin, Maltodextrin, Xylitol, Vegetable Gums (Guar, Soy, Xanthan), Citric Acid, Natural Flavours, Red Beet (Colour), Cultures (L. Acidophilus, Bifidobacteria & L. Casei).

\$1.50



Chocolate Paddle Pop

\$2.00



Rainbow Paddle Pop

\$2.00



Paddle Pop Cyclone

\$2.50



Calippo- Lemon, Pineapple and Raspberry

\$2.50

Please note strictly 1 ice cream per child only, available in Term 1 and 4.

We are kindly asking for students to bring coins only for payment as large change will not be given.

Message from Fr. Maurie

Greetings, everyone!

A group of our young Parishioners at our Sacred Heart School were in the church yesterday for the Prayer Service that they had prepared. We had a 'Q&A' session after that, and our twisted willow symbol intrigued them. Yes, it's sprouting new leaves and pushing out new roots. It is a very good symbol for the passage of the Lenten Season that we are on, and the children seemed to be able to appreciate that.

Their Prayer was titled 'Making Time for God'. That's a valuable reminder for us all, isn't it, with some special emphasis in this Season of Lent: prayer, fasting and good works are the three time-honoured actions for Lent.

A gathering of some of our young people and their families was held during the week. The first celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for us this year comes at Sacred Heart at the end of next week with our Regional Bishop, Martin Ashe. As part of the preparation for that our families gathered to explore some aspects of the Sacrament. One activity they shared named 'the gifts of the Holy Spirit', and asked families to name the gifts that they see in one another. Then the children enjoyed telling their parents which gifts they saw in them that could do with a bit of improvement!!

Still thinking of our young Parishioners, it has been Catholic Education Week this week. As I have commented before, we are so blessed to have such fine Catholic Schools and Colleges in our Parish, with great Catholic leadership from our Principals and their leadership teams. Catholic Schools are such a significant part of the mission of our Church, as recognised in an attachment with this email.

Another 'week' is coming up next week – it is Harmony Day on Tuesday. Harmony Week celebrates Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia claims to be one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world. The message of Harmony Week this year is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic or religious background. Harmony Week asks us to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics records (in 2016): more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.; nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was; we identify with over 300 ancestries; 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia; apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi.

Our Parish and this wider part of Melbourne knows much about this, don't we?

One element in this mix is that the Christian faith was brought to our country by the Irish and English in those years following 1788. When the first Catholic Priest arrived in 1800, there was already a lively Catholic community developed by the people – who has been gathering for reading the Scriptures, praying, and caring for those around them. We celebrate St Patrick's feast day today, as do many places around the world where the Irish have spread and made their home. One of the much-honoured prayers that St Patrick gave us is:

St Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need;
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
by Whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

This weekend's Lent Gospel Reading tells the story of the blind man whom Jesus brought to new sight. That's part of the goal of Lent, isn't it – to see God and ourselves more clearly. A very demanding prayer of St Francis of Assisi calls for the 'light of God' so that this will happen:

*All-highest, Glorious God,
cast your light into the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith,
firm hope,
perfect charity,
and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord,
so that I may do
what is truly your holy will.*

I like, too, Leunig's traveller wanting to find the light that will guide and the light that will caution – see below. "Christ, Be Our Light" as we often sing!

Renewed thanks to all who provide financial support for our Parish: you will have received the new sets of Thanksgiving envelopes by now, and a letter of appreciation to our Direct Debit and Credit Card contributors.

There was a solid response last weekend to the call to sign on for the many and varied Ministry roles needed for our Holy Week-Easter ceremonies. Those clipboards are in the foyers again this weekend for you to fill in the gaps if you can. Times for all the ceremonies at both our churches are listed on the Parish Newsheet that is attached with this email.

I hope you're able to keep enjoying these early-autumn days and evenings.
Best wishes and blessings to all!

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)



CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT !



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



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A - 18th - 19th March 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: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

Next Week: First reading: Ez 37:12-14

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

REFLECTION

REFLECTION: It's not too late to get started!

What a great symbol for this process the 'twisted willow' in our churches is through Lent – having shed its former growth, it is putting out new roots and developing signs of new life! Dropping away some 'old growth' from our lives: and creating space for new life and growth for new ways ahead: that is the call and opportunity of Lent. It's not too late to get started!

This 'conversion' doesn't come from the wave of a magic wand, but from learning to do good through concrete actions every day, Pope Francis has said. Conversion happens through humility and trying to become "better than the day before," the Pope said.

"It is a path, a path of turning away from evil and of learning."

This summarises the Church's longstanding practice of fasting and prayer during Lent: fasting from (i.e. giving up) some thoughts, actions, attitudes that are not Christ-like; praying in a way that listens to the call of Christ to live in His way; and doing things in a new, Christ-like way.

The Pope repeated, "You learn to do good through concrete things. Not with words and good intentions, but with actions." In the gospels, the Pope continued, Jesus reproaches the scribes and Pharisees because they do not put into actions what they preach.

"They do not know concreteness. If there is no concreteness, there can be no conversion," he said.

This is the point of this Season. Pope Francis said all Christians are called to embark on "the path of Lenten conversion," knowing that God "is a father who speaks, he is a father who loves us."

"He accompanies us on this path of conversion. He only asks of us to be humble; then our sins all will be forgiven.

LENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Emmaus: Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm

Sacred Heart: Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm with the opportunity for one-on-one Sacrament.

Maltese confessions with Fr. Edwin Agius will be at Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 1st April from 11am – 12pm.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Ines Chen Pham, Manuel Pagarigan

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonia Demicoli, Mazzarino Calleja, Cecilia & Frank Cordina,, Maria And Joseph Orsini, John Kim Vu, Wally Szostak, Joseph Grech, George Muscat, Louis & Nancy Muscat, Frank & Josephine Caruana, John Mallia, Emmanuel Sammut, Georgina Muscat, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Bertha Dumenil, Mabel & Joseph Legay, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Charlie Camilleri, Mary Psaila, Joe Colerio, May Seguna, Rosemarie Ayroso, Maria & Paul Rozario, Benjamine & Anastaria Gomes, Fr Joshua, Peter Muscat, Joe & Paula Muscat, Patrick Smith, John Kim Vu, Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'souza, Fo Heang Lee, Angela Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Joeane, Martin, George, Clarrie James, Clare, Collin.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

None so blind

There's a very old saying that has its roots in the Bible but is not a direct quote from the Bible: 'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' It would be a fitting summary of today's passage for there are two movements between darkness and light that are evident in the story. Firstly, there is the blind man who can see. He can see physically but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Secondly, there are the authorities who have physical sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.

Risen Lord Community Prayer Group Lenten/Easter program

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



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.

HOLY WEEK EASTER - MINISTRY

This weekend at Mass there will be sign up sheets to put your name down to participate in Mass during Holy Week.

As well as Readers and Communion Ministers, there will be roles for palm carriers, oil presenters, foot washers, cross carriers, water carriers and more!!! Sign on now!!

You can also call or email the Presbytery office to register
03 9366 2146 or stalbans@cam.org.au



PALM SUNDAY (1st-2nd April)

Usual weekend Mass times. Procession of Palms commences at the front of the churches

HOLY THURSDAY (6th April)

EMMAUS: 7pm
SACRED HEART: 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY (7th April)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 11am on 'the oval'
at SACRED HEART

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

EMMAUS: 3pm
SACRED HEART: 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY (8th April)

BLESSING OF FOOD - SACRED HEART: 10am

EASTER VIGIL (8th April)

EMMAUS: 7pm
SACRED HEART: 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY (9th April)

EMMAUS: 9am
SACRED HEART: 7.30am, 9am (Polish) 10.30am

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Try to keep God with us, by charity of thought, word and act.

Mary MacKillop 15th. Sept. 1890.

SCHOOL'S IN !

Much has been happening in our Schools and Colleges already this year of course. Amongst that, our three Catholic Parish Primary Schools and our four Catholic Regional Colleges have included Masses with staffs, planning and celebrating 'Masses at the Opening of the School Year', planning for the Sacraments, heading away for 'retreat' with students, and setting programmes and goals for the year – and beginning to tackle them. We are so proud that our Schools and Colleges are great *Catholic* places!

Catholic Schools are such a significant element of the life of the Church. Our Schools give shape to the experience of Church for so many people in our Parish. Through them our young people and their families can experience what the Church of Jesus Christ is called to be, a community of faith in which all matter and have a place – for growth and life, and where the Gospel is lived.

Of course they are *Schools*! The Canon Law of our Church is straightforward on this: Those who are in charge of Catholic Schools are to ensure that the formation given in them is in its academic standards at least as outstanding as that in other Schools in the area (**Canon Law 806.2**).

Our Parish Primary Schools and our Colleges are fine examples of the Church's role in education!!

- Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life. **(Pope Francis)**
- The family remains the basic unit of society and the first school in which children learn the human, spiritual and moral values which enable them to be a beacon of goodness, integrity and justice in our communities. **(Pope Francis)**
- Schools are the principal means of helping parents to fulfil their role in education **(Canon Law 796.1)**.
- Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects - because development is the results of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on. **(Pope Francis)**
- In your school you take part in various activities that habituate you not to shut yourselves in on yourselves or in your small world, but to be open to others, especially to the poorest and neediest, to work to improve the world in which we live. Be men and women with others and for others, real champions in the service of others.

From the Vatican document *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School*[1988, 1]:

The Catholic School pursues cultural goals and the natural development of youth to the same degree as any other School. What makes the Catholic School distinctive is its attempt to generate a community climate in the school that is permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and love. It tries to guide the young people in such a way that personality development goes hand in hand with the development of the "new creature" that each one has become through Baptism. It tries to relate all of human culture to the good news of salvation so that the light of faith will illumine everything that the students will gradually come to learn about the world, about life, and about the human person".

Catholic Regional College NORTH KEILOR



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

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)

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