



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 5 Friday 3rd March, 2023

Yesterday we all enjoyed a wonderful Picnic Day. What a great turn out we had and it was especially lovely seeing families having a special time with their children. This morning we shared our first Lenten Prayer with our school community. We look forward to continue sharing our prayers with you.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord
Please show me the way during Lent.
Remind me to pray to You
To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent
Amen.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2023

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 Rescheduled	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
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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
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
Wednesday 11th October	Grade 3 Reconciliation, Emmaus Church 5pm and 6:30pm

Dear parents , we have changed the date for Parent /Teacher Interviews.

We have been receiving early advice that a number of families will be away for early getaway for the Easter holidays. This will result in a significant number of families not able to attend the Parent Teacher interviews previously scheduled for Thursday 6th April. .

Unfortunately this will cause quite a disruption for teachers as this is an important meeting where communication about student progress is discussed., and we cannot accommodate another date/time for interviews.

New closure date for Parent/Teacher interviews is Thursday 11th May in Term 2

We will offer varied modes of meeting eg Phone , In person or via a google meet.

I apologise if this is causing an inconvenience to families . This was never our intention.

Thursday 6th April is a normal school Day and also the last day of term 1 .

Sincerely Carmen Blatti

School Photos

A reminder that we are having school photos on Monday 6th of March. All students are required to wear their full summer uniform including their jumpers. If you have sports on this day, please bring your runners in your bag. 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.

Smart Watches

Smart watches are prohibited at Cana Catholic Primary School. We have found that some students have taken photos and made calls during school time. If a student comes to school wearing a smart watch, the teacher will hold it until the end of the day. This policy is the same for mobile phones.

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

Friday 3rd March
Friday 10th march
Friday 17th March
Friday 24th March
Friday 31st March
Wednesday 5th April

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

Ice Cream Money

As we are trying to minimise classroom disruptions throughout the day, can you please ensure that your child has ice-cream money before school, otherwise they can wait for the following week.

SOUNDGARAGE AT CANA

We have made a wonderful start to Soundgarage this year! All the lessons are off and running on a Wednesday with a fantastic number of students participating! Thanks to all our fantastic Soundgarage families!

Enrolments for Term 1 have closed for now but we will open up enrolments toward the end of the Term for anyone interested for Term 2. This includes Foundation students (for Singing/Keyboard only). More information to come!

For general enquiries please feel free to contact Maddie at maddie@soundgarage.com.au or 0401 844 522.

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 9th March 2pm	3M are preparing mass all grade three and four parents are invited to attend the liturgy and celebrate the eucharist together.
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.

Family Picnic Day

On Thursday, we gathered together with our families and enjoyed a Cana family picnic day. It was fun to have a special lunch with our families. It was nice to see a variety of colourful picnic mats on our awesome oval. We enjoyed a special picnic lunch and families had an opportunity to talk to other families. We saw mums, dads, siblings and grandparents taking part in our picnic day. It was a fabulous day.

There were lots of happy smiles and yummy food shared during our family picnic...Here are some photos to enjoy!



Cana gets together for House Colours:

Today we gathered together for the first time this year in our house colours. We learned about the house leaders (St Patrick, St Joseph, Mary MacKillop and Father O'Reilly) and why they are important to our school community. As an activity each of us created a hand template about ourselves. The purpose of the activity was to show that everyone is a part of the Cana community. Each house colour will make a banner with the hands, which will be displayed within the school for all to see. The purpose of belonging to a house colour is to work together with and form connections with students from Prep to Grade 6 and to develop a strong Cana team spirit.



Interschool Sports player of the week

Season 1, Round 1

Olivia Ferraro

For scoring 4 AMAZING goals in soccer against Emmaus.



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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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
- 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



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

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 Cylone

\$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

Hello everyone!

Ahh ... autumn, the season for shedding old leaves and preparing for new growth. That sounds like the Season of Lent, doesn't it? And it makes the 'twisted willow' on the sanctuary of our churches a very fitting symbol for the Season of Lent. Placed there Ash Wednesday with their leaves having been stripped off, those branches are already changing. Buds and some new leaves are already showing. Soon, to sustain this new growth, the branches will push out new roots.

The role of symbols is that they present us with something familiar, and draw us into seeing more deeply into some questions about life. 'Cast off those aspects of your life that are not Christ-like,' calls Lent, 'and embed yourself more securely in the love of God for us all, the will of God that we should share in God's life; and live more truly as daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers in Christ!'

All that we will do with those 'twisted willow' branches during Lent will be to add fresh water - I can feel a homily coming on about our taking the new Water of Baptism on Easter weekend!!

Come forward and take a closer look when you're at Mass – and take the symbol into your reflection and intentions for Lent.

An attachment with this email is titled 'DUSTY SINS'. It commences with the words "There's a good chance that the call to repentance during Lent and at other times doesn't move us – we might argue that it doesn't really apply to us. For we are not bad people." I recommend that it offers a valuable reflection in this early stage of Lent.

Last Sunday our RCIA group gathered at the Cathedral with the Archbishop for the Rite of Election. That is the ceremony where those who want to become part of the Catholic Church are recognised by the Leader of the local Church, following their meeting since last August in their Parishes to explore this request. In our Parish, Riley and Lachlan will be Baptised, Confirmed, and share the Meal of Eucharist with us during the Easter Vigil celebrations in our Emmaus church. Hold them in your prayer.

Another attachment with this email is the weekend's newsheet. An important inclusion is the schedule for our ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter, commencing with Palm Sunday. Next weekend there will be 'sign up' pages in the foyers of our churches for all the roles that those liturgies require. Start thinking of your movements over the Palm Sunday-Easter period, and we'll be able to start to fill out those various roles next weekend. A 'hands on' need is for people to help with setting up our Good Friday Stations of the Cross on the Oval at Sacred Heart and then dismantling it – please consider.

(Before Palm Sunday, there are our 'Services of Prayer and Reconciliation': Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Emmaus, Thursday 30th March, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart.

One activity that has kept the Parish Office busy this week has been the preparation of the next round of Thanksgiving Envelopes which will commence on the weekend of 18th-19th March. They will go in AustraliaPost next week to be with Parishioners who contribute that way. The Parish's thanks are also directed to Parishioners who continue their support through Direct Debit Card and Credit Card.

Even though the journey of Lent may be demanding in some aspects, it is a journey in faith: we become more aware that there is always the presence of Christ – who gives new life to all. This is the proclamation as this weekend's Lenten Gospel Reading gives us the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

It's a complex story with elements of suffering, glory, ominous foreboding, grateful memory, challenge, prayer, confusion, the enduring commitment of God, That mixture makes it such a good story for Lent – after all, all those elements are in our lives and in our lives of faith which Lent invites us to review and be renewed in.

Through the Season of Lent may we listen to God's Word, the Word of comfort in trouble, of challenge in our routine, of joy in our blessings, of God's faithfulness to us always.

Mountaintops and hillsides appear quite often in the span of the Scriptures. For Jesus they are places for prayer, for preaching, for death, for ascension, and – in today's gospel – for transformation.

Through Lent, Lord God, help us to see further into the mystery of Your life within us. Embolden our faith that we may see beyond the horizons to which our habits and customs limit us. And when the valleys of life seem to close us in, remind us of the view from the hilltop.

Our grand statue of St George stands in Sacred Heart church this weekend as some of our Maltese Parishioners celebrate at Masses, a dinner dance, and a procession: blessings to you: enjoy!!

Blessings and greetings to you all. We keep one another in prayer for our shared journey through Lent!

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)



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



Second Sunday of Lent - Year A - 4th - 5th March 2023

Parish Details:

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Finance: Lorraine Stafford: StAlbans.Finance@cam.org.au

Parish Office: Lauren Maslaris: StAlbans@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

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 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Next Week: First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

REFLECTION

REFLECTION: DOES IT ALL SEEM TOO HARD? KEEP AT IT

Overhead on Friday: *"I'm going to give up trying to give up something for Lent – it's just too hard already!"* And that was after just ten days of Lent.

Nevertheless, 'Onwards, onwards – always onwards!!' That is Lent's call to us, modelled in today's Readings by 'greats' of the past: as Abraham set his life in a new direction, as Paul kept struggling for what he believed in, as Peter, James and John came to see the meaning of Jesus in a new way.

This is the call of Lent to us after last week's challenge to change – be new, persevere, be different!

*always to be pushing out like this
beyond what I know cannot be the limits –
what else should a person's life be?
what else should our lives be
but a continual series of beginnings,
of painful settings out into the unknown,
pushing off from the edges of consciousness
into the mystery
of what we have not yet become
except in dreams*

- David Malouf, An Imaginary Dream

A prayer: "Through Lent, Lord God, help us to see further into the mystery of Your life already present within us. Embolden our faith that we may see beyond the horizons in which our habits, routines and customs often trap us. And when the darker places of life seem to close in on us, remind us of the view from the hilltop – where You have shown Yourself to Your people so often before."

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 with the opportunity for one-on-one Sacrament.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: John Cassar, Janina Smolarek, Joseph Xuereb, Katherine Dow, Nelson Sanchez, Alfie Curnie, Frank Chamberlin, Katarina Domeniko

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonia Demecoli, Fenech family, Vincenza, John, Tony, Paul, Joe and Carmelo Fenech, Catalina Dionizo, Leli, Carmelo, Mary, Joseph & Grace Pulis, Tony & Jane Dalli, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Same & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Cecilia Cordina, Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Dolor Falzon, Carmelo Falzon, Charlie Camilleri, Joseph, Rozanna, John, Doris & Tony Falzon, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Fr. Joshua Peter Muscat, Grace & Peter Muscat, Anthony & Carmen Camilleri, Angela Xuereb, Aaron D'Souza, Fo Heang Lee, Vesna Milovac, Zita Aruliah, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Paul Aquilina.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023 – CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available in the foyers, online or by calling.

- Post - Collect an appeal envelope, complete the donation form and send it back to CatholicCare Victoria's East Melbourne Office.
- Online - Parishioners can make a donation through our website www.catholiccarevic.org.au
- Phone - Parishioners can call (03) 9287 5513 and speak to one of our fundraising team.



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.

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



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.

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

Let me humbly place myself in the presence of my God, of my God who created me, my God who redeemed me, my God who sanctified me. Mary MacKillop - retreat notes 1877.

DUSTY SINS

There's a good chance that the call to repentance during Lent and at other times doesn't move us – we might argue that it doesn't really apply to us.

For we are not bad people. We try to live decent lives, do our jobs, solve our problems, make ends meet, and deal with people fairly. Oh, we have our faults and are in no way perfect, but we are basically good people trying to make the best of it – our paths are pretty straight.

But are they? Most of us usually consider ourselves 'decent' because we basically have no major moral failings. But like a house that is neat but left untouched for a little while, we may not notice that a fine layer of dust has settled in every nook and cranny of our lives. The sins of 'good people' are dusty kinds of sins, rarely noticed without a closer look: complacency, smugness, gossiping, procrastination, taking people for granted, self-preoccupation, chronic complaining, envy, pettiness, rudeness ingratitude, laziness, not putting out a hand to help someone when the need and the chance were there.

Dust! Soft, fine dust – settled into the corners and cracks in our lives: not making them bad lives, not listed in the Ten commandments perhaps - but not really 'loving one another as Christ loves': and a sinful condition that is in need of repentance.

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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