



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 4 ISSUE 11 Friday 15th December, 2023

This brings us to the last week of Term 4, it has been a busy end to the year. On Monday night the Grade 6 students celebrated their Graduation and we said Good-Bye to the families who will be leaving the Cana Community. We wish the students all the very best with their future studies and thank you to the families for their continual support. On Thursday all the Grade 6 gathered for their last Cana school excursion and enjoyed lots of fun at Archie Brothers Cirque Electriq Melbourne.

I would like to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Joyful break. Please stay safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all on our return. May the blessing of the newborn Jesus be with each family.

Christmas Carols Donations

Thank you for your donations from our Christmas Carols evening. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity. All proceeds have been passed onto Fr. Maurie who will distribute amongst families in need.



Dates for your Calendar

Term 1 , 2024

Thursday 1st February

Term 1 Start Date - Grade 1 to Grade 6 - 8.45am start
- Prep start at 9:30am

Wednesday 7th February

Prep's are not at school

2024 Staff

Teacher	Class	Teacher	Class
Louisa Canturi	Prep C	Mikaela Cassar	Prep M
Kate Johns	Prep J	Natalina Raso	Prep R
Agatha Caruana	1C	Tanisha Calleja	1T
Olivia Grieve	1G	Narelle Watson	1W
Breanna Cavallaro	2C	Ewa Triptree	2T
Jenson Micallef	2M	Stephanie Bonello	3B
Tom Kulczynski	3K	Doreen Micallef	3M
Cassandra Scott Melanie Pizzonia (1 day)	4C	Shelley Shein Melanie Pizzonia (1 day)	4S
Taylah Hili	5H	Lia Surace	5S
Ennamarie Guirlanda	6G	Jake Schembri	6S

Teacher	Class
Jessica Bustos Natalie Galea (1 day)	STEM
Laura Pepper	Italian
Aiden Cassar Jake Schembri (1 day)	P.E
Cheryl D'Abreo	Arts

Farewell

Thank you and Farewell to Mrs Sarah Loos, Miss Ally Curnow, Miss Stephanie Sabe and Miss Faye Cillia. We thank them each for their passionate commitment to Cana and wish them success in their endeavours.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Portables

Structural reinforcement and new roof works are in progress with the 4 portables. There will be new plaster work which was required due to leaking air conditioners causing damage to walls, decking and fencing also required works. The contractors are working over the holidays with the expectation the rooms will be ready for students on the first day of school 2024. They are on schedule so I am quite confident for a positive handover in January.

New Classroom Building Program - Grant Success

The new building of 4 classrooms will begin in the new year. This will be an extension of the grade 1 and art room buildings. An exciting year awaits.

2024 Sacrament Dates

Dear Families,

Below are the dates that the Sacraments will be celebrated at the different year levels.

These dates include a Family Evening and the Sacrament date. More details of the grades / times will be advised next year.

First Reconciliation – Grade 3

Family Evening – Tuesday 28th May 2024

Sacrament Evenings – Tuesday 4th June and Thursday 6th June



Holy Communion – Grade 4

Family Evening – Tuesday 16th July 2024

Sacrament Day – Saturday 27th July 2024



Confirmation – Grade 6

Family Evening – Tuesday 16th April 2024

Sacrament Day – Sunday 28th April 2024



Should you have any enquires please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lina Vermeulen
lina.vermeulen@canahillside.catholic.edu.au

OR

School number – 8390 9200

Grade 6 Missions

6J Toy Drive

On Monday the 4th of December, Mr. Schembri, Mrs. Gregory, Joanne Behan, and Sofia Behan travelled to Spectrum to donate toys. Over the past few weeks at Cana, 6J received over 80 toy donations from generous students and families. These toy donations will be given to refugee and asylum seeker children who have come here for a better life. At Spectrum, the teachers and students were asked questions about our donations and our study of the topic 'missions'. These donations will help make so many children happy, so thank you to all who participated in our mission and donated from our Cana community.



6S Food Drive

On Wednesday 6th of December, Mrs. Scordo, Mrs. Gregory, Dana D'Amico, Laila D'Amico, Monica Cucinotta and Erin Cassar visited the Food Bank Warehouse to deliver food donations. For the past few weeks at Cana, 6S and the Cana community had collected food donations to go towards the organisation Food Bank, who help Australians that go through food crisis when they are most vulnerable. Whilst there, a volunteer spoke about how big of an impact our generosity would make towards all Australians. All these donations have made a huge difference in many families lives, and thank you to all those who took part in our mission and donated.



Grade 6 Graduation - Farewell to the 'Class of 2023'!

On Monday 11th December, our Grade 6 students celebrated their Graduation from Cana Catholic Primary School at Emmaus Church.

Led by Fr Maurie, our students, families and staff were gathered in prayer during mass, before celebrating achievements and reminiscing with a Graduation video montage.

On the night we also handed out awards to those students who had achieved excellent results across the curriculum, as well as in various aspects of school life. Congratulations to the following students:

Award	Grade 6J	Grade 6S
Reading	Marie Bayoud	Zein Touma
Writing	Chiara Giampiccolo	Atong Mager
Numeracy	Aidan Sebestian	Dave Varun
Religion	Sofia Behan	Celine Schnellmann
Inquiry	Jana Touma	Erin Cassar
STEM	Chiara Giampiccolo	Lamitta Touma
Art	Olivia Ferraro	Ann Maria Shanil
Drama	Diora Berisha	Dion Turner
Physical Education	Chanel Piraina	Jake Rajski
Italian	Zara Chiodo	Laila D'Amico
Overcoming Adversity	Patrick Cichy	Josephine Anyang
Best of Me	Anthony Farrugia	Chase Puli
Cana School Spirit	Sofia Behan	Celine Schnellmann



Grade 6 2024

If your child is in Grade 5 this year and in Grade 6 in 2024, you can now order their Bomber Jacket by clicking on this [link](#).

All orders must be in by Monday 18th December.



GRADWEAR 2024

COMMEMORATE YOUR TIME AT
CANA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH A

PERSONALISED
**BOMBER
JACKET**

\$61.00 EACH
EXCLUSIVE TO **YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

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NOTICE OF 2024 SCHOOL FEES

24th November 2023

Dear Parents & Guardians

The Cana Catholic Primary School Fee and Levies for the 2024 School Year will be as follows:

Description	1 Child Family	2 Child Family	3 Child Family	4 Child Family
Family Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Grounds Maintenance Levy	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Building Levy	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Levies per Student				
Educational/Curriculum Levy	\$455.00	\$910.00	\$1,365.00	\$1,820.00
Excursion Levy	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
Technology Levy	\$505.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,515.00	\$2,020.00
TOTAL 2024 School Fees	\$3,235.00	\$4,320.00	\$5,405.00	\$6,490.00

In 2024, the School Fee *per Family* will be \$2,150.00 *plus* Levies *per Student* of \$1,085.00

Levies per Student: Education/Curriculum Levy of \$455.00

Excursion Levy of \$125.00

Technology Levy of \$505.00

(Yr 5 & 6 students only) Sport Levy of \$130.00

(Yr 3, 4 & 6 students only) Sacramental Levy of \$50.00

Please Note: Grade 6 Students Only - Camp costs will be invoiced during Term 1, 2024

All school fee payments required to be paid directly to the Cana school bank account. Please quote your unique 6 digit Account Code as reference

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 563 101 059

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – for School Fees paid in full before 28th March 2024 (End of Term 1, 2024)

\$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 2024 school fees in full by the end of Term 1, please reduce your full account payment by \$50

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

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Due Date: 28th March 2024

Due Date: 28th June 2024

Due Date: 20th September 2024

AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE PAID

25% of annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 1, 2024

75% of annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 2, 2024

Balance paid in full no later than end Term 3 2024

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, 2024

If required, School Fee Payment Plans need to be arranged with the School Bursar at the commencement of Term 1, 2024.

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.

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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.

Students per Family	Annual Fee/Levies	Early Full Payment Discount Criteria		Payments by Instalments per Term Due Dates		
		Early Payment Discount *	Payment required by 28/03/2024 *	25% of the annual charge to be paid by End Term 1 28 th March 2024	75% of the annual charge to be paid by End Term 2 28 th June 2024	Balance Due no later than 20 th September 2024
1 child family	\$3,235.00	-\$50.00	\$3,185.00	\$808.75	\$2,426.25	\$808.75
2 child family	\$4,320.00	-\$50.00	\$4,270.00	\$1,080.00	\$3,240.00	\$1,080.00
3 child family	\$5,405.00	-\$50.00	\$5,355.00	\$1,351.25	\$4,053.75	\$1,351.25
4 child family	\$6,490.00	-\$50.00	\$6,440.00	\$1,622.50	\$4,867.50	\$1,622.50

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.

School Fees for 2023

Reminder:- Families this is a reminder that the **Balance** of the annual school fee and levies is due to be paid now.

Our school fee payment method is by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) deposited directly to the school bank account. Leadership undertook a review of our cash handling procedural requirements following new cash deposit limitations introduced by the National Australia Bank (NAB) together with consideration for staff personal safety whenever conducting school matters offsite. For this reason, school fee cash payments are no longer accepted at the front office.

School fees can still be paid by cash as a direct deposit to the Cana school bank account either at your bank or by use of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). The Cana Catholic Primary School bank account is:

BSB: 083 347

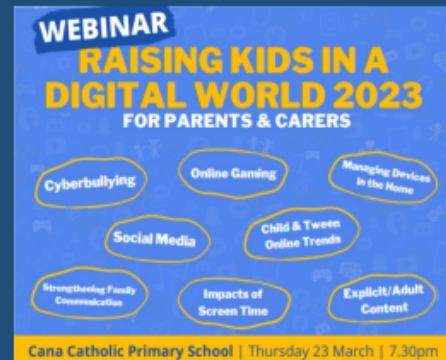
Account No: 563 101 059

Reference: Please quote your **Account Code** and **Surname** to identify your payment

Child Safe Standard 9

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

- Students learn about Cyber Safety through 'Inform & Empower'.
- As a part of this program, they participate in live online sessions.
- School staff also receive professional development to be aware of the latest information and best practice to keep children safe online.



Child Safe Standard 10

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

- We regularly review school policies and procedures regarding the Child Safe Standards. We consult with the school community, where appropriate.
- As part of our School Review, we must provide evidence that all 11 standards are being met.



Child Safe Standard 11

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

- All staff at Cana are committed to follow the procedures outlined in the Child Safe Policy and other related Student Wellbeing policies.
- These policies are available through the school website and are easy to access and understand.





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The Child Safe Standards

The safety of each child at Cana is of the utmost importance. It is our duty of care to ensure each child feels safe within all environments including school, home, and the community.

To comply with the [Ministerial Order No. 1359 – Implementing the Child Safe Standards](#), Cana is required to meet the Child Safe Standards 1-11. Below is an outline of each Child Safe standard. More information on each standard can be found here: [The 11 Child Safe Standards](#)

Standard 1: To establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

Standard 2: Child safety and wellbeing are embedded in organisational leadership, governance, and culture.

Standard 3: Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

Standard 4: Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Standard 5: Equity is upheld, and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

Standard 6: People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Standard 7: Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.

Standard 8: Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

Standard 9: Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

Standard 10: Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

Standard 11: Policies and procedures document how the school is safe for children and young people.

In future editions of the newsletter, each Child Safe Standard will be explored in further detail with examples of how it is implemented at Cana.

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, or you can contact the Principal on principal@canahillside.catholic.edu.au



Child Safety Code of Conduct

Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

Acceptable behaviours

All MACS Board members, MACS Board committee members, School Advisory Council members, the Principal and all our other staff, volunteers, contractors, parent community and clergy at Cana are responsible for supporting the safety of children by:

- adhering to the school's child-safe policy and upholding the school's statement of commitment to child safety, at all times
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating everyone in the school community with respect
- taking into account the needs of all children and students
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children – particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused or that they are worried about their safety/the safety of another child
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child's self-identification)
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero-tolerance for discrimination)
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)
- ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not alone with a child
- reporting any allegations of child abuse to the school's leadership (or child safety officer if the school has appointed someone to this role)
- understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic.)
- understanding and complying with all obligations as they relate to the reportable conduct scheme including reporting allegations of reportable conduct in accordance with the school's reportable conduct policy
- reporting any child safety concerns to the school's leadership (or child safety officer if the school has appointed someone to this role)
- ensuring as quickly as possible that the child is safe if an allegation of child abuse is made

- reporting to the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) any charges, committals for trial or convictions in relation to a sexual **offence** by a registered teacher, or specific allegations or concerns about a registered teacher
- ensuring they comply with any and all applicable professional or occupational codes of conduct.

Unacceptable behaviours

All MACS Board members, MACS Board committee members, School Advisory Council members, the Principal and all our other staff, volunteers, contractors and clergy at Cana must not:

- ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse. This includes but not limited to – physical / mental abuse, neglect and any form of maltreatment by an adult which is threatening to a child.
- develop any special relationships with children that could be seen as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children)
- exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical (for example, inappropriate sitting on laps)
- put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)
- initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves (for example, toileting or changing clothes)
- engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children (for example, personal social activities)
- use inappropriate language in the presence of children
- express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children
- discriminate against any child, including because of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality, ethnicity or disability
- work with children while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- have contact with a child or their family outside school without the school leadership's or child safety officer's (if the school has appointed someone to this role) knowledge and/or consent or the school governing authority's approval (for example, unauthorised after-hours tutoring, private instrumental/other lessons or sport coaching); accidental contact, such as seeing people in the street, is appropriate
- have any online contact with a child (including by social media, email, instant messaging) or their family unless necessary (for example, providing families with eNewsletters or assisting students with their schoolwork)
- use any personal communication channels/devices such as a personal email account
- exchange personal contact details such as phone numbers, social networking sites or email addresses
- photograph or video a child without the consent of the parents, guardians or carers
- consume alcohol or drugs at school or at school events in the presence of children.



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,
 10:30am,
 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