



# 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 3 Friday 16th February, 2024

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

We have started our first week of lent, where we reflect on temptation:

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.*

Matthew 4:1-2

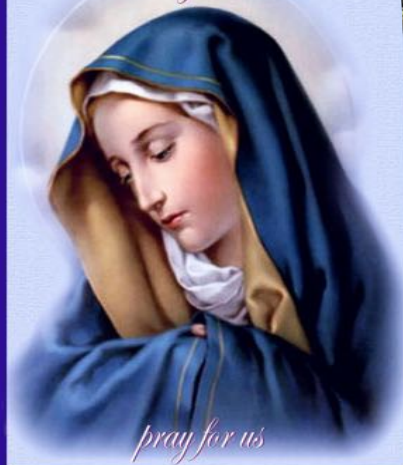
Temptation forces us to make a choice, conquering a temptation helps us see the strength of God in our lives to make the right decision.

## First Week of Lent

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

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

## Our Lady of Sorrows



The HOLY ROSARY Daily / www.facebook.com






# Dates for your Calendar

Term 1 , 2024

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday 19th - 21st February | Grade 6 Camp  |
| Monday 26th February        | Grandparents for Preps and New Families to Cana 11:30am - 12.30pm (details below) |
| Monday 26th February        | Enrolment School Tour 10am and 5pm  |
| Monday 26th February        | PFA Committee Meeting 7pm   |
| Tuesday 27th February       | Enrolment School Tour 5pm   |
| Wednesday 28th February     | Enrolment School Tour 10am and 5pm  |
| Monday 4th March            | School Photos - Photo Packs will be sent out shortly                              |
| Wednesday 6th March         | Enrolment Information for 2025 Meeting 6:30pm Cana School Hall                    |
| Monday 11th March           | Labour Day - No School  |
| Wednesday 13th March        | School Advisory Council Meeting - 6:00pm  |
| Thursday 28th March         | End of Term 1 - 1pm Finish  |

## 2024 Sacrament Dates

|                                |  |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Grade 3 - First Reconciliation | Family Evening Cana School Hall - Tuesday 28th May 5pm & 6pm session<br>Sacrament Evenings - Tuesday 4th June 5pm (3T) & 6:30pm (3B) session<br>Thursday 6th June - 5pm (3M) session |    |
| Grade 4 - Holy Communion       | Family Evening - Tuesday 16th July 5pm & 6pm session<br>Sacrament Day - Saturday 27th July 11:30am (4S) & 1:00pm (4C) session  |   |
| Grade 6 - Confirmation         | Family Evening - Tuesday 16th April 5pm & 6pm Session<br>Sacrament Day - Sunday 28th April 1:30pm (6G) & 3:30pm (6S) session   |  |

## NO PARKING WITHIN CONSTRUCTION AREA

At Cana we have contractors building our new classrooms, the plan is for them to be ready and available for our 2025 students. At times the side gates to Cana will be open to allow for trucks and members of the construction team to enter. We have noticed a few parents parking in this area. It is **not authorised** for parents / carers to park within these gates as it can be a security risk, can you please also inform your family / friends who are authorised to pick-up your children.



## **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](mailto: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 2024 Leaders and Sports Captains

## SCHOOL LEADERS


|                      |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Lucas Jose (6S)      |  |  |
| Paolo Tartaglia (6S) |  |  |
| Milania Chiodo (6G)  |  |  |
| Olivia Merceica (6S) |  |  |

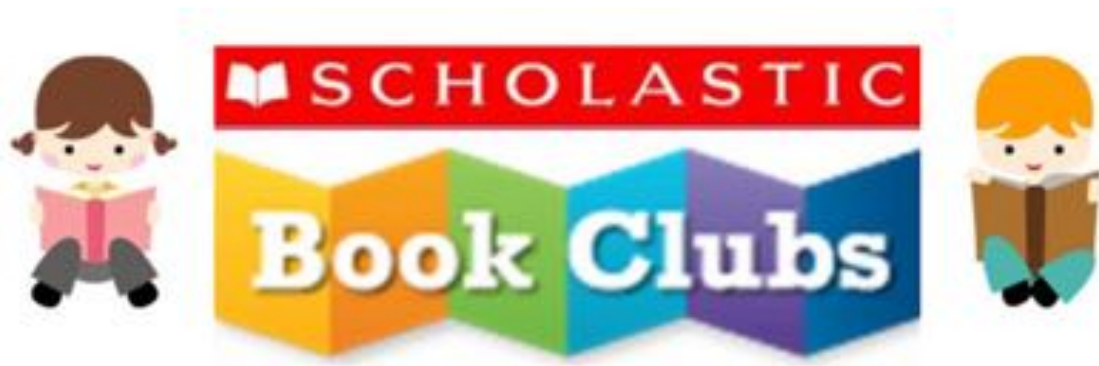
## SPORTS CAPTAINS

| RED                       | GREEN            | YELLOW              | BLUE                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Isabella Giampiccolo (6G) | Ivan Maric (6G)  | Cohen Thewma (6G)   | Charlize Cunsolo (6S) |
| Leah Rupa (6S)            | Grace Nemah (6G) | Addison Hayden (6S) | Cooper Shein (6S)     |



## MARY MACKILLOP LEADERS

|                     |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Natasha Wolosz (6S) |  |  |
| Abel Joseph (6G)    |  |  |
| Amelia Grillo (6G)  |  |  |



This week your child received a brochure for Book Club. Cana is no longer accepting cash, all orders will need to be made directly online. If any payments have been made to the school this will be returned to you via your child.

Information on how to make payment can be found on the last page of the brochure or by visiting the following link:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or you can download the LOOP app.

### **School Crossing and Drop off Areas**

Families please be mindful when dropping off your child/ren. Please ensure they are dropped off in the allocated areas. It has been brought to our attention that children have been dropped off blocking the school crossing. Our crossing supervisor plays a very important role in keeping our children safe, we need to ensure they are respected and carry out their duties in a safe manner.

### **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.

# Cana Catholic Primary School



## 2025 Foundation Enrolment Information Meeting

Wednesday 6th March, 6:30pm

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED (Parents/Carers Only)**



School Tours  
**BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

Children welcome to attend

Monday, 26th February

10am & 5:00pm

Tuesday, 27th February

5:00pm

Wednesday, 28th February

10am & 5:00pm

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

<https://forms.gle/Ueq1xmHWWu3zg96m7>

For any enquiries:

Phone: (03) 8390 9200

Email: [office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@canahillside.catholic.edu.au)







## Catholic Regional College North Keilor

### Discover

*What Our School  
Has to Offer!*

We invite families to join us for an information session with our College Principal Mr Tullio Zavattiero and members of our College Leadership Team to learn about:

- Our Vision and Mission
- Curriculum Offerings
- Wellbeing
- Enrichment & Immersion Opportunities
- The Enrolment Process
- Year 7 2026 Enrolment Timeline



**YEAR 7 2026**  
*Information Evening*  
Wednesday 6 March at 7pm



### Our vision

We are a school where every learner can become who God calls them to be.

### Our mission

To do this we take the time to know our students, their needs and aspirations. Every student achieves success through a personal pathway. We engage students by differentiating learning and offering a wide range of cultural and faith-based programs and immersions. We equip young people to become peacebuilders.

**Register  
Now**

Register online via the enrolments page on our College website

[crnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026](https://crnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026)







# EXPERIENCE CRC NORTH KEILOR

## GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM

CRCNK are running a Grade 5 Immersion Program throughout Terms 1-3. Students engage directly with our inspiring staff and our Year 10 student leaders for an exciting & fun hands-on Immersion program.

From interactive projects to collaborative activities, this unique experience provides Grade 5 students with an opportunity to explore high school subjects in a safe and supportive environment and gain invaluable insight into what student life is like at CRCNK.

- Sessions run from 3:45pm - 5pm
- Students are required to attend in their school uniform
- A parent/carer is required to attend for the duration of each session and are invited to attend presentations by members of our Leadership Team.

Each program will run on a Thursday after school for 3 consecutive weeks. The dates for the Term 1 program are as follows -

**Term 1:** Thursday 22 Feb, 29 Feb & 7 March

Dates for Term 2 & 3 will be released closer to the time.

**Students will be required to attend all 3 sessions in one program.** Places are limited so register now online via our College website.

**REGISTER NOW**

[crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026](http://crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026)



Food  
Technology



WoodWork



Science

[www.crcnk.com.au](http://www.crcnk.com.au)

1C Santa Monica Drive  
NORTH KEILOR VIC 3038  
9361 5900

## Lunar New Year 12th Feb- 16th Feb



TheiCare  
where kids love to be

Capture of this week:  
We acknowledged  
Lunar New Year. We  
explored the meaning  
of the celebration.  
Through various  
creative art activities  
and also created gifts  
to share on  
Valentine's Day

Service Contact Number

M: 0457 797 014

E: [canacatholic@theircare.com.au](mailto:canacatholic@theircare.com.au)

TheiCare support team is available between  
6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on  
1300 072 410 or [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)





## How free online parenting support helps families in schools

In a complex, changing world with anxiety rising among school-age children, school leaders know firsthand the everyday challenges parents and carers face raising calm, resilient and happy children. They also know how this can significantly affect school environments.

Ideally, children would be able to make friends easily, resolve disputes without fights, follow directions, feel confident tackling challenges, listen well and plan for things like homework. But it can be hard for parents to know where to turn to get trusted, evidence-based support.

Now, parents and carers can get proven support with free access to online parenting courses developed in Australia by the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®, thanks to funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

In addition to strengthening the bonds between home and school, the programs can reinforce your school's commitment to creating a caring environment for students to learn, grow and thrive.

### What does this mean for children and families at your school?

Triple P's free online programs help parents and carers to:

- Feel more confident in their parenting skills
- Tackle problems before they grow
- Promote children's resilience, self-regulation, problem-solving and social skills
- Encourage children to express and cope with emotions in healthy ways
- Build strong relationships with their children

Families can easily choose a program course that's right for them, whether it's navigating common challenges during childhood, helping children who often feel anxious or preparing for pre-teen and teen years. Plus, an upcoming program will provide positive parenting strategies for those going through separation or divorce.

### How do the programs help schools?

As anxiety and difficult behaviours become more prevalent in school-age children, Triple P can contribute to the solution. It empowers parents and carers with helpful strategies and can also be used in educational settings to:

- Reduce teacher stress
- Increase prosocial behaviour
- Improve numeracy and literacy levels in primary years
- Improve attendance in secondary schools
- Give teachers more confidence responding to difficult student behaviour

Triple P online programs are easy to use and flexible for any family, backed by over four decades of ongoing research and over 125,000 families in Australia have already joined.

We encourage you to share information about Triple P's free online programs with other school leaders, parents, carers, teachers and guidance counsellors.

Recommending the programs can have a positive ripple effect on your school community.

For more information about how Triple P can continue to support families in schools, please get in touch with us at [contact@triplep.net](mailto:contact@triplep.net)

All free online programs can be accessed at [www.triplep-parenting.net.au](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au)



# *Welcome to New Grandparents!*

New grandparents of families who are joining Cana Catholic Primary School are warmly welcome to a morning tea on



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**@ 11.30am – 12.30pm**



This will be an opportunity for Cana leaders to give you an insight about Cana Primary School and help you feel more comfortable if ever there is a need to pick up children.

Parking will be available on school grounds

Please RSVP by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to help with catering

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School Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

*Looking forward to meeting you!*





# CANA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NOTICE OF 2024 SCHOOL FEES

24<sup>th</sup> 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            |
| <b>Levies per Student</b>     |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 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        |
| <b>TOTAL 2024 School Fees</b> | <b>\$3,235.00</b> | <b>\$4,320.00</b> | <b>\$5,405.00</b> | <b>\$6,490.00</b> |

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 5 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: 983 347

Account Number: 563 181 959

### **EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – for School Fees paid in full before 28<sup>th</sup> 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: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

*Due Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

*Due Date: 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

| 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 | 75% of the annual charge to be paid by End Term 2 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 | Balance Due no later than 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 Cane 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.

## Ice Creams

Varieties will vary from time to time



Zooper Doopers

\$1.00



Paddle Pop Icy Twist

\$2.00



Chocolate and Vanilla  
Frozen Yoghurt

\$2.00



Strawberry and Vanilla  
Frozen Yoghurt

\$2.00



Chocolate Paddle Pop

\$2.50



Rainbow Paddle Pop

\$2.50



Calippo- Lemon,  
Pineapple and Raspberry

\$3.00

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.





Dear Parents, Families, and Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to TheirCare as the provider for both Before and After School Care at Cana Catholic Primary School.

Our operating hours are 7:00 am to 8:30 am for Before School Care and 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm for After School Care.

During Pupil Free Days, TheirCare will operate a full day care program for children from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

We provide an adventurous and stimulating program in a safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop life skills, friendships, confidence, and creativity through play.

Our values make **SENSE** because they empower children to be their best selves and to have a voice. These values are:

|   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |              |  |                   |  |
| <b>Safety</b>   | <b>Education</b>   | <b>Nurturing</b>   | <b>Stimulating</b>   | <b>Empathy</b>   |
| Every decision and action is established around the safety of children in our care. | Children learn and experience something new every day and we can foster that in every session. | We create an environment where children experience a sense of belonging and trust. | We motivate and encourage children to be and do their best in an environment where fun is the focus. | We listen and we care. Every child is important and has a voice.                     |

We are available for both permanent and casual bookings for both sessions, to register or book please visit our website: <https://theircare.com.au/>

You can always contact our program's mobile on **0457 797 014**.

Your service coordinator will be available during session times to take any calls regarding care. TheirCare Support Office is available during office hours if required on **1300 072 410**.

We are looking forward to seeing you in care soon.

TheirCare Support Team.

# How to Enrol

## GUIDE



Enrolment and bookings are completed online at [www.theicare.com.au](http://www.theicare.com.au) and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.



When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

### These include

- 1 Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling .....
- 2 Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes .....
- 3 Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency .....
- 4 Authorised nominees for drop off and collection .....
- 5 Doctor, Medicare, Immunisations details for your child .....
- 6 Any medical or health details for your child .....



Enrolment takes approximately 15 – 20 minutes



See FAQs on our website  
[theicare.com.au/families](http://theicare.com.au/families)

## Message from Fr. Maurie

Greetings to all as the great Season of Lent opens before us!

Very large numbers of Parishioners gathered in our churches on Ash Wednesday to get the Season under way. If you couldn't make it, there will be a bowl of the Ashes in front of the altars at Masses this weekend: come and take some before or after Mass to mark your participation in the journey of Lent to Easter. Throughout the day our Schools and Colleges broke from their routines for prayer and sharing in the Ashes.

It's a great Season of renewal, which we will then celebrate together in Holy Week and Easter. We are people of faith, aren't we, but not completely yet. We know Jesus Christ, but not altogether yet. We live in the way of the gospels, but not perfectly yet. The Season of Lent focuses us on the incompleteness of our lives of faith, with the invitation to continue to grow in faith, in knowledge of the Lord, and in action for the sake of the gospel of Christ. We can achieve all this because the grace of Christ will be renewed in us.

Although Lent can often seem as if 'it's all up to us', the centre of it is that God has shared God's own life with us! In his Ash Wednesday Mass Pope Francis laid out the challenge to us to take some time to acknowledge that reality of our faith even amidst a world that doesn't easily afford us quiet times, personal, private times. 'Go into yourself' he calls, 'come to know God in your life more!' Points from his Homily are attached with this email as an attachment.

That approach doesn't let us off the hook, however. I noticed during the week some words from Pope St Leo the Great (Pope 440-461):

*These forty days should be given over to fasting which means not simply a reduction in our food but the elimination of our evil habits. To these sensible and holy fasts we should link almsgiving which under the one name of mercy covers a multitude of praiseworthy deeds of charity. Thus all the faithful, even although unequal to one another in their worldly possessions, should be equal in the drive of their spiritual lives. It is our duty to love both God and those around us and, however we may be hindered in other ways, we are always sufficiently free to wish well to others.*

His mentioning 'forty' is a reminder of those other great renewal works of God's over periods of 'forty' – the Flood after which Creation began anew, the years in the desert after which the new Promised Land was reached, Jesus' forty days of fast after which his new form of ministry began. And now our entering our 'forty' – the Season of Lent.

Remember that an extra opportunity for prayer together is the Stations of the Cross each Friday night of Lent in Sacred Heart church at 7.15pm.

What a great response Parishioners gave to our Baptism Team's presentation at Masses last weekend of their Ministry and their call for new participants: seven Parishioners spoke with Team members about becoming part of this Ministry! The next stage is an informal gathering over a cuppa together for an overview of what's involved; and then sitting in on the stages of the Ministry with experienced members of the Team.

Our Ministry to the Sick is hosting a Parish 'Anointing Mass' next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at 10.30 in Sacred Heart church. If you feel you could benefit from this, come along. If you or someone you know would need assistance to get there, let the Parish Office know in the early part of the week and we'll organise for that.

Of course we all share in Ministry. As we gather on weekends we are encouraging and supporting one another's faith with our presence and our worship together. In a sense, Lent might be a call to develop in this sense of being important in the community of faith.

And so the Season of Lent has begun. It is a journey we undertake together, with one another and with God's guiding Spirit. It is a journey during which we will be asked to consider how we are people of faith, and to be humble in acknowledging our need to be renewed in the life of Christ. Let us be earnest in our striving for Easter renewal, confident in God's promises of forgiveness, support, encouragement, and new life.

Prayers and blessings for the journey to Easter!

Maurie Cooney

(Parish Priest)



# **Pope at Ash Wednesday Mass: Jesus calls us to return to our heart this Lent**

**By Christopher Wells (Vatican News)**

At the beginning of Lent, Jesus invites each one of us to “go into our inner room,” Pope Francis said in his homily for Mass on Ash Wednesday.

“Going into your inner room,” explained the Pope, “means returning to the heart... going from without to within, so that our whole life, including our relationship with God,” reflects the reality of our inner being.

The Pope said that Lent offers us the opportunity to “go back” to our authentic selves, removing all the masks and illusions that we too often wear.

This, he said, is why “in a spirit of prayer and humility, we receive ashes on our head”—the ashes remind us we are dust, but dust that is loved and preserved by God: “The ashes placed on our head invite us to rediscover the secret of life” and allow us to feel ourselves to be loved by God “with an eternal love.”

## **Called to love our brothers and sisters**

The Pope went on to explain that the recognition that we are loved by God will in turn help us to see that we are called to love others in turn.

The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he said, “are not mere external practices,” but “paths that lead to the heart, to the core of our Christian life.”

## **Hearing the voice of the Lord**

Pope Francis invited everyone to listen to the voice of the Lord calling us to “go into your inner room,” to “return to your heart.”

Too often, he said, “we find ourselves no longer having an inner room,” especially in a world where everything has become “social.” But it is precisely in the secret chamber within each one of us “that the Lord has descended in order to heal and cleanse you.”

“Let us enter into our inner chamber,” Pope Francis pleaded. “There the Lord dwells, there our frailty is accepted, and we are loved unconditionally.”

## **Return to God with all your heart**

The Pope concluded his homily with the appeal, “Let us return to God with all our heart!”

He encouraged the faithful during Lent to make time to hear the voice of the Lord in our lives, and to not be afraid “to strip ourselves of worldly trappings and to return to the heart, to what is essential.”

Finally, Pope Francis said, “Let us acknowledge what we are: loved by God – and that, thanks to Him, we will be reborn from the ashes of sin to new life in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit.”



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

## 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.**



# Cana is committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of our students

## School Hours

### Music starts at 8:42am

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| 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

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## 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.



TheirCare 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).

TheirCare Program  
Numbers:

Mobile: 0457 797 014

## 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