



# 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 8 Friday 22nd March, 2024

What a beautiful morning we had today, there were so many families who joined in and participated in the Ride2School day. It was great to see so many bikes and scooters around the school. During the week the Prep and Grade 5/6 students came together for the launch of the Cana's Better Buddies Program. The program instil essential values such as caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing differences, inclusivity, and responsibility. It's a program where our younger children experience a sense of safety, care and belonging, while older children feel appreciated and respected.

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast day for Saint Joseph, join us in reading the traditional prayer ...

**O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires."**

**"O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers."**

**"O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath."**

**"Saint Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for me. Amen."**

# Dates for your Calendar

## Term 1 , 2024

Thursday 28th March

Easter Themed Casual Clothes Day - Flyer Below  
End of Term 1 - 1pm Finish

## Term 2, 2024

Monday 15th April

Start of Term 2 - 8:45am start

## 2024 Sacrament Dates

Grade 3 - First Reconciliation

Family Evening Cana School Hall - Tuesday 28th May 5pm & 6pm session  
Sacrament Evenings - Tuesday 4th June 5pm (3K) & 6:30pm (3B) session  
Thursday 6th June - 5pm (3M) session



Grade 4 - Holy Communion

Family Evening - Tuesday 16th July 5pm & 6pm session  
Sacrament Day - Saturday 27th July 11:30am (4S) & 1:00pm (4C) session



Grade 6 - Confirmation

Family Evening - Tuesday 16th April 5pm & 6pm Session  
Sacrament Day - Sunday 28th April 1:30pm (6G) & 3:30pm (6S) session



## Whole School Mass

On Tuesday 26th March at 2pm, Grade 3M will be hosting Mass for our community. This is a whole school Mass. All families are welcome to attend.

## Cana Back Car Park Gates

A reminder to all families and friends to the school, the back gate should only be used as an **Exit**. We've notified some families who have driven their car through the exit gate, this can cause accidents and traffic congestion and we need to ensure the gate is only used when leaving the school. Thank You.

## 2025 Enrolments

Reminder to all families, if you have a child who will be joining Cana in 2025 you must enrol them by Monday 25th March, enrolments will close after this date.

# Introducing our 2024 Student Representative Council

On Monday 18th March, the 2024 Student Representative Council was presented to the school and given their leadership badges. The SRC will form a council of student voice and leadership for the students at Cana. They will work closely with the Grade 6 leaders and school leadership to help make Cana a better place.

Prep R- Ryder Borg	2C- Dion Mercadante
Prep C- Willow Custo	2T- Alyssa Pykalo
Prep M – Hayley Dalton	3M- Luke Di Grazia
Prep J – Harvey Tamaray	3B- Ada Mitchem
1W- Caleb Tomelty	3K- Maximillian Szasz
1T- Billie Mizzi	4S- Ivy Hayden
1C- Savannah Pace	4C- Milana Bojkovski
1G- Mason Aquilina	5H- Luka Komadina
2M- Kelsey Tamaray	5S- William Cassar





**Interschool Sports player of the week**

**Season 1, Round 4**

**Abel Joseph**



For being “Rock Solid” in defense and always showing great sportsmanship!



## National Ride2School Day

On Friday 22nd March, Cana partook in National Ride2School day. Students and their families were encouraged to join 350,000 students from around the nation and walk, ride, skate or scoot to school rather than drive. The initiative is to help save the environment and also help contribute to the students having a healthy and active lifestyle.

There was a fantastic response by our students with over 200 students walking, riding, skating or scooting to school. Each student received a sticker. We hope to see more students riding, skating, scooting or walking to school each day.





# **EASTER THEMED CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**



**Thursday 28th of March**

Add a little Easter fun to your casual clothes on the last day of school for the term.

Get creative!

E.g. bunny ears, bunny masks, Easter bonnets, Easter pastel coloured clothing, hair accessories.

**Please bring a *Gold Coin*  
*Donation***

With thanks, the Cana Fundraising Committee



## **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.



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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 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 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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## NOTICE OF 2024 SCHOOL FEES

### 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 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.



## 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.**



We acknowledge Australia's First Nation and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Traditional Custodians of lands, waterways, and skies across Australia.

# Theme: Harmony Week



This week we celebrated Harmony Week. Children explore each other diversity and showed respect. We engaged in creating Harmony chatterboxes, creating our cultural flags, creating people chains and was invited to wear the colour orange

## Coming up...

On Thursday, 28th March 2024. Theircare will accommodate school early finish time and begin After School Care Program from 1:00PM - 6:00PM.

Please note the session fee will increase due to providing a longer session. Please contact head office for any other concerns in regards to fees and payments

## REMINDER

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410 or contact the service phone during operating hours

### TIMES

Before School: 7:00 - 8:30 AM  
After School: 3:15 - 6:00 PM

### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

1300 072 410  
info@theircare.com.au

### CONTACT SERVICE

0457 797 014  
canacatholic@theircare.com.au

# FUN!



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.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.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 [theircare.com.au/families](http://theircare.com.au/families)



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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.**



*Catholic Regional College  
Sydenham*

# 2024 COLLEGE TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL



## COLLEGE TOUR DATES

Tuesday 19 March - 11:00am

Thursday 16 May - 9:30am

Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm

Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

To register for a College Tour,  
scan the QR Code below.



Or visit our website:

[crs.vic.edu.au](https://crs.vic.edu.au)

and navigate to

'Join our Community' and  
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*





# 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.



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