

Term 4 Week 3 2025

Welcome back to another week of learning here at Cana. We've had a busy start to the term, but it's been very productive for both staff and students alike. The mixed-up weather continues- students MUST wear their hat each day at school regardless of the weather, however I encourage parents/carers to exercise a common sense approach to students wearing either their summer or winter uniform for another week or so.

As a MACS school principal and at the request of the MACS WRO Senior Manager Lyndon Strong, I had the pleasure of being the principal representative on the interview panel for the principal role at St Catherine of Siena Primary School, West Melton on Friday. I have also been creating possibilities for Cana to work more collegially and collaboratively with neighbouring schools in recent times. These are great opportunities for us to promote Cana within the local community as being a school of choice within the local area. Enrolment demand is huge with there being only very limited vacancies available in some year levels.

Today is World Mission Sunday which is celebrated annually in every Catholic parish around the world. The global church comes together in prayer and solidarity to support mission work in developing communities. Pope Leo has released a [video](#) for World Mission Sunday, calling on Catholics around the world to renew their missionary commitment.

October is the Month of the [Rosary](#), whereby as Catholics we are called to focus on the Holy Rosary, a set of prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students at Cana have been learning about the Rosary in class, deepening their faith through prayer and meditation. It provides a structured way to reflect on specific events, or "mysteries," from the Gospels and encourages a deeper connection with God.



Staff News:

- Congratulations to **Olivia Grieve** (teacher of 1G) who will marry Christopher this coming Saturday. The Cana school community unites to wish Olivia and Chris love, health and happiness on their wedding day and for their future together. **Melissa Bobanovic** who is well known to the students will teach Olivia's class while she is on leave.
- We extend our prayers and sympathies to **Julie Cassar** on the recent loss of her mother, and to **Aiden Cassar** on the loss of his grandmother.
- Last week we said farewell to **Heidie Watts** who had been working in 4A on a Tuesday and Wednesday. We thank Heidie for her contributions to Cana over the last term. **Diane Hanks**, who is well known to the Cana school community will be teaching the class on a Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the year.
- Welcome back to **Ewa Triptree** from her LSL and to **Doreen Micallef** from her LSL and we thank Melissa Bobanovic for her work in the intervention space in Doreen's absence.

Reminder: Canteen

There will be no lunch orders on Wednesday 22nd October, please ensure your child has their lunch with them on this day.

NDIS providers onsite at school:

Following a review of the NDIA guidelines (who oversee NDIS), the VRQA, the VCEA guidelines for NDIS and external providers and a review of current practices, the school has made the decision not to permit NDIS-funded providers to conduct therapy or observations within the school or classroom settings during instructional time.

This decision is based on the following considerations:

- The NDIS is designed to support participants whole of life
- NDIS does not fund services that are considered reasonable and necessary for participation in education.
- NDIS-funded therapy is not intended to replace or duplicate the responsibilities of the education system, nor is it designed to support educational attainment.
- Schools are not responsible for implementing or delivering NDIS plans. Instead, schools are responsible for providing reasonable adjustments to support student access and participation in education.
- As our school grows in size, we are quickly running out of spaces for these providers to work with children that meet our Child Safety requirements.

We have some emerging concerns regarding classroom access:

- Privacy and consent: Observations conducted in classrooms may inadvertently involve other students and staff, raising concerns about privacy and consent.
- Disruption to teaching and learning: The presence of external providers can draw on the time and attention of classroom teachers, impacting instructional flow.

- Misalignment with curriculum and policy: Therapy or interventions delivered by external providers may not align with MACS policies, curriculum planning, or inclusive education practices.

As outlined in the APTOS Principles (NDIA, pp. 12–13), the allocation of responsibilities between the NDIS and schools must respect:

- The compulsory nature of schooling and legislated instructional hours.
- Schools' obligations under the Disability Standards for Education to provide reasonable adjustments.
- The need for curriculum integrity, assessment, and reporting.

While collaboration between schools and NDIS providers is encouraged, it must occur in ways that do not interfere with classroom instruction or compromise the learning environment. We have therefore decided to stop access from NDIS providers at school. In rare circumstances where non-educational therapy cannot occur at home, it will occur outside of instructional time, where appropriate and in alignment with school policies.

It is not discriminatory to restrict NDIS provider access to schools. Decisions regarding whether external providers may be onsite—and the conditions under which they may operate—are at the discretion of the principal. These decisions are guided by the school's duty to protect student privacy, maintain the integrity of the learning environment, and ensure alignment with educational policies and practices.

I acknowledge that this may be an inconvenience for some families, and I am sympathetic to this. However I must act in accordance with my duties and responsibilities to the entire school community. **This decision will take effect from the beginning of the 2026 school year.** I encourage parents/carers to communicate this information with their NDIS provider in order to begin making alternative arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Casual Clothes Day fundraiser for the Bell Family:

A big **thank you** to the Cana Catholic School community for your generous support to the Bell Family who were recently impacted by a house fire. A total of **\$1,169.70** was raised. As a Catholic school community we are promoting the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching by doing this.



With thanks- Alison 😊

Interschool Sports Season 2 MVP's



Well Done to the following students on winning the Most Valuable Player awards for Interschool sports season 2.

Girls Basketball- Mikayla Jose	Boys Basketball- Ryan Rajski	Girls Handball- Caitlyn Kheir	Boys Handball- Danny Krstevski	Girls Softball- Denisa Thaqi
Boys Softball- Christian Debono	Girls Volleyball- Angeth Anyang	Boys Volleyball- Ethan Rupa	Girls Cricket- Addison Spiteri	Boys Cricket- Jake Abela

Term 4 2.15pm Mass	
Thursday 30 th October (Grade 6 Pilgrims walk of Faith)	No School Mass
Thursday 6 th November	Grade 1L & 1S (All Saints)
Thursday 20 th November	Grade 3's (Missions)
Thursday 27 th November (Whole School end of year Mass)	Grade 4's

CANA P.S SOUNDGARAGE CONCERT!

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

6PM – ALL SOUNDGARAGE STUDENTS!

The concert will be held in the school hall.

Students can wear casual dress or their favourite rock star clothing!

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time.

Students will have a rehearsal on the day of the concert so they are prepared for the evening!

Any questions please contact Maddie – maddie@soundgarage.com.au or

0401 844 522.

Term 4, 2025	
Monday October 20th	2026 Pre-Prep sessions
Tuesday October 21st	2026 Pre-Prep sessions
Tuesday October 28th	2026 Prep Playground Orientation
Tuesday October 28th	6.30pm- Parent Information Session for Prep 2026
Wednesday October 29th	Sacrament of Reconciliation- Year 3 - NEW DATE
	A-K Families - 5:00pm
	L -Z Families - 6:30pm
Monday November 3rd	School Closure Day- no students
Tuesday November 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday November 6th	Italian Day
Friday November 7th	Sports Carnival Day
Friday November 21st	Year 4 Werribee Zoo excursion
Monday November 24th	Prep Farm excursion
Tuesday November 25th	Prep Farm excursion
Wednesday November 26th	Cana Mini Fair- more details to come
Thursday November 27th	2026 Prep Orientation
Tuesday December 2nd	School Christmas Carols- to be held at CRC Sydenham
Wednesday 10th December	Year 6 graduation
Monday 15th December	Year 6 celebration day
Tuesday 16th December	Last day of Term 4 for students
Thursday 18th December	Last day for Cana staff