

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 7 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

This coming Sunday we will celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day can be a time of mixed emotions, as many people mourn the loss of their father, grandfather or father figure. We know that not all children are blessed with good role models but we give thanks for those who do. We pray:

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We give you thanks and praise for all fathers.

Bless them with your wisdom, courage, and strength as they guide their children with patience and love.

May they be a true reflection of your unconditional love and a constant source of encouragement and support to their families.

We pray for all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. We ask you to fill their hearts with joy and their spirits with peace.

Amen.

Save the date: Our 2025 School Christmas Carols will be held at CRC Sydenham on December 2nd. Further information will be forthcoming!

No Smoking or Vaping in or near the school grounds! A reminder to all parents/carers/visitors that there **is no smoking or vaping in the school grounds. If any parent/carer continues to do so, I will be left with no option other than to exclude them from entering school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.** Apart from the health concerns, it is illegal. [The Victorian Government website](#) states:

A person must not smoke cigarettes, including e-cigarettes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine or are prescribed for therapeutic use) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence. The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
- all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

2026 Preparation:

As we begin the process of planning for the 2026 school year, we want to inform families about our student placement procedures.

Our primary goal is to create balanced and effective classroom environments that will best support the academic and social growth of every student. We consider a variety of factors when forming class lists, including a balance of academic abilities, learning styles, social dynamics, and student needs. This is a complex process that our professional staff, including teachers, the Leadership Team and administration staff, handle with great care and consideration for the needs of all students.

To ensure the integrity and fairness of this process, we will not be accepting parent requests for specific teachers.

If you have a specific, educationally-relevant concern about your child that you believe is critical for us to know as we consider their placement (e.g., a specific learning need or a social-emotional consideration), please email me directly at alison.bretag@canahillside.catholic.edu.au by October 10th 2025. Please be aware that this is not a guarantee of a specific placement but is a way to share information that you feel is important for us to consider. **Please do not email classroom teachers- all requests should come directly to me.**

We appreciate your trust and support as we work to create the best possible learning environment for all of our students.

Social Justice Sunday: On Sunday it was Social Justice Sunday, and in a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

This year's [Social Justice Statement](#) is called 'Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health, and calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Please have a read if you get a spare moment- it reminds us that we are called to 'be the face of Christ in the world.'

Father's Day/Special Persons Day celebration: On Monday September 8th from 3.45-5pm, Cana dads, grandfathers or anyone who plays an important role in a child's life is invited to come to school to play some games and do some activities in the classrooms and in the yard, weather permitting. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

MACSEYE are our new Before and After School Care provider beginning in Term 4. Please see the Audiri post for more information about how to enrol your child.

Hot Chocolate Day: Our Hot Chocolate fundraiser in Book Week raised \$794- a big thank you to all those parents/carers who came along on the day to help.

Staff news:

We have a number of staff having leave in the next few weeks:

- Mrs Ewa Tripptree will be on leave from September 10th-19th and from October 6th-10th.
- Juliette Mendez-Iluffi and Julie Cassar (LSOs) will be on leave from September 15th-19th.
- Lia Surace will be on leave from September 15th-19th and from October 6th-10th.
- Breanna Cavallaro will be on leave from September 15th-19th.
- Sarah Adigun will be on leave from October 6th-10th.
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We wish them all the best for the leave, but extra special well-wishes to both Breanna and Lia who will be getting married during this time!

**Interschool Sports Player of the week - Round 5 -
Thomas Gillman 6S - European Handball**



Round 7 vs Hillside PS

Sport	Mixed team result	Girls team result
Softball	Win due to forfeit	Win due to forfeit
Basketball	Cana 28 HPS 15	Cana 2 HPS 23
Volleyball	Cana 2 HPS 0	Cana 0 HPS 2
Cricket	Cana 159 HPS 80	Cana 63 HPS 37
Handball	Cana 5 HPS 9	Cana 17 HPS 0

Sports at Cana Catholic School:

On Wednesday 27th August, Cana sent a team of 32 students across to compete at the Sydenham District Athletics Carnival. The 32 students qualified through trials conducted across the Grade 4-6 year levels.

Overall, Cana finished 3rd amongst 11 other competing schools. Well done to all students who represented Cana to the best of their abilities!



Congratulations to the following students for finishing Top 3 (A lot of the students will now progress to the divisional event, in a couple weeks time):

Gr6

Jovan Ristevski - 1st hurdles, 1st high jump, 1st 100m, 3rd shotput

Jordan DeLeon - 1st discus, 2nd long jump

Selina Kurcala - 1st 200m, 2nd 100m

Lana Mussel - 2nd 800m, 2nd 1500m

Danny Krstevski - 2nd 1500m

Sophie Jackson - 3rd hurdles

Gr5

Lucas Galea - 1st 100m

Luca Pirotta - 2nd 100m, 3rd 200m

Alexia Krstevski - 1st 800m, 1st 1500m

Scarlet Jose - 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m

Ivy Hayden - 2nd 1500m

Xavier Kiprillis - 2nd discus

Ethan Rupa - 2nd hurdles

Julius Peric - 3rd triple jump

Sienna Salevski - 2nd long jump

Amelija Walton - 3rd hurdles, 3rd high jump

Ethan Rajski - 3rd 800m

Liana Protrulipac - 3rd 800m

Gr4

Charlotte Di Pasquale - 3rd shot put

Luke Di Grazia - 2nd 200m, 3rd hurdles

Lily Brewer - 3rd triple jump

Relay teams

9/10 boys 4x100m- 2nd

11 boys 4x100m- 3rd

12/13 boys 4x100m- 3rd

Round 4 : INTERSCHOOL SPORTS PLAYER OF THE WEEK -
Evan Ryan from 5G - Cricket



Round 5 : INTERSCHOOL SPORTS PLAYER OF THE WEEK -
Xavier Kiprillis 5G - Volleyball



Round 5 vs Taylors Lakes

Sport	Mixed team result	Girls team result
Softball	Cana 12 TLPS 18	Cana 7 TLPS 5
Basketball	Cana 48 TLPS 3	Cana 4 TLPS 14
Volleyball	Cana 2 TLPS 1	Cana 0 TLPS 2
Cricket	Cana 94 TLPS 86	Cana 94 TLPS 88
Handball	Cana 4 TLPS 8	Cana 4 TLPS 2

BOOK WEEK

📖 Congratulations to our 2025 Book Week winners! 📖

FRONT COVER COMPETITION

Students were asked to design a brand-new front cover for their favourite book, and the results were fantastic. This year's theme, "*Book an Adventure*", truly came alive through their creative and imaginative designs. Well done to all our talented readers and artists!



GUESS THE SPEAKER COMPETITION!

Congratulations to Grade 5G for correctly guessing all of our guest speakers! As several classes managed to guess them all, we drew a winner from a hat — and 5G came out on top! They have won a casual clothes day, with the date to be announced soon.

COLLABORATIVE NARRATIVE WRITING

Congratulations to Grade 2M, 3S and 4G for working together in their classes to create a fantastic story for all of us to read! They have won a casual clothes day, with the date to be announced soon.

Term 3, 2025	
Wednesday September 3rd	Father's/Special Person Gift Stall
Thursday September 4th	2M and 2W mass- 2.15pm- Father's Day
Monday September 8th	Father's/Special Person activities 3.45-5pm
Tuesday 9th September	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Workshop - 6pm
Thursday September 11th	Year 3 City excursion
Thursday 18th September	P and F fundraiser-Colour Fun Run
Friday 19th September	Last day of Term 3 for students- 1pm finish for students AFL Footy Dress Up Day
Term 4, 2025	
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
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