

Term 2, Week 6, 2026

Principal's News

Dear Families,

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church—not as a building, but as a community. In our school, we rely on a beautiful tapestry of different gifts. We have the visionaries, the quiet listeners, the organised planners, the creative souls, and the steady rocks who keep everything grounded. No single gift is more important than the other; it is the combination of all of them that allows our community to thrive.

We give thanks for the many gifts and talents in our school community, and we pray that each of us can share these gifts with each other, recognising the Holy Spirit at work in each of us, each day.

Extra day of lunch orders: In response to parent/carer feedback, I can confirm that there will be an extra day of lunch orders, **commencing on Friday June 5th** as a trial for the remainder of Term 2 (hoping that it continues into Term 3 and beyond). To help ensure that the team can manage the increased Friday demand effectively, there will be a revised Friday menu offering, focused on items that can be prepared and delivered efficiently whilst still providing families with a good variety of options. Please order as per normal on the QKR app.

New school bucket style hats for summer and beanies for winter: PSW/The Uniform Group have advised that new summer hats and winter beanies are not available on the [website](#) and in store. The new style of summer hat has been introduced in response to parent/carer feedback.

There have been a number of staff and students unwell in the past week with **cold/flu virus-like symptoms**. Please ensure that students stay at home and rest if they have any symptoms such as a high temperature, wheeze-like cough and a runny or blocked nose. We are only at the beginning of the winter months and we hope that everyone stays as well as possible.

Prep enrolments for 2027 have been finalised with high demand for enrolment at Cana. Enrolment has been offered to new and existing families living in the designated catchment/zone for the school.

Lost property- uniforms- There is an abundance of lost property in the Hall- please come in and check for your child's lost clothing items. Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Science Week:

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with our school community! Cana Catholic Primary School has been successfully awarded a National Science Week School Grant for 2026. This grant will help us provide engaging, hands-on scientific experiences for our students and further strengthen curiosity, creativity, and discovery within STEM learning.

We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity and look forward to sharing more details about our 2026 National Science Day celebrations this August.

Important Dates

Student Free days for the year:

Wednesday October 21st- Parent Teacher Interviews/Learning Progress Updates

Monday November 2nd- Staff Time in Lieu

Friday November 27th- Planning and Preparation for 2027

Wednesday December 16th- Staff Time in Lieu

Thursday December 17th- Staff Time in Lieu

Term Dates:

Term 1: Monday February 2nd- Thursday April 2nd 2026- Students finish at 1pm

Term 2: Monday April 20th- Friday June 26th- Students finish at 1pm

Term 3: Monday July 13th- Friday September 18th- Students finish at 1pm

Term 4: Monday October 5th- Tuesday December 15th- Students finish at 1pm

Term 2 dates:

Friday May 22nd- Walk safely to school day

Tuesday June 16th- Hot Chocolate and Pyjama Day fundraiser

Tuesday June 23rd- Italian Day

Child Safety News

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

When schools partner authentically with families, carers and community members, they create a consistent network of safety and support around every student. This collaboration strengthens trust, improves early identification of risks, and builds a culture where children feel secure, valued, and connected, both inside and outside the school environment.

Child Safety Standard 5: *Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.*

When schools uphold equity and honour diversity through the lens of Catholic faith, they create

communities where every child is recognised as made in the image of God, treated with dignity and compassion, and supported to feel safe, included, and protected in all aspects of school life.

Curriculum News

Mathematics

Victoria Rocks Competition - Times Tables Rockstars

From 12–14 May 2026, our Year 4–6 students participated in the Victoria Rocks Competition on Times Tables Rock Stars. It was fantastic to see so many students enthusiastically participating and practising their times tables throughout the competition.

Some special mentions include:

Cana ranked 10th out of 352 schools with a total school score of 211,784

Year 5M ranked 3rd out of 2,191 classes with a class student average of 3,277 and won a \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Year 5V ranked 49th out of 2,191 classes with a class student average of 1,625

Brian D (6S) ranked 35th out of 28,257 students

Christy D (5M) ranked 71st out of 28,257 students

Anna T (5M) ranked 87th out of 28,257 students

Congratulations to all students in Years 4–6 who participated, and thank you to the teachers who have supported and encouraged regular times tables practice. These are outstanding results and a wonderful achievement for our school.

Keep an eye out for the next TTRS competition and remember to keep practising your times tables!

Social Justice News

Friday 12th June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. On this special day, we celebrate our Parish community as well as our sister school, Sacred Heart. As part of our celebration and commitment to living out the love and compassion of Jesus, we invite families to donate non-perishable food items to support those in need within our wider community. Please refer to the poster for suggested donation items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us put our faith into action.

Reconciliation Week (Wednesday 27th May - Wednesday 3rd June)



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to reflect on how each of us can contribute to reconciliation in Australia. It is an opportunity to build respectful relationships and strengthen understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

The 2026 theme, *All In*, reminds us that reconciliation requires the commitment and action of every Australian. By listening, learning and walking together, we can help create a more just, united and hopeful future for all.

Masses at Cana:

[Please continue to join us at these masses.](#)

Group A	PC, PH, 1M, 1S, 2C, 2N, 3C, 3W, 4K, 5M, 5V, 6G
Group B	PJ, PT, 1R, 1T, 2A, 2M, 3M, 3S, 4G, 4S, 5W, 6S

Week TERM 2	Date	Time	Group in the hall	Class - Group Leading Mass	Theme
6	Thursday 28 th May	2:15pm	Group A	6G	Pentecost
8	Thursday 11 th June	2:15pm	Group B	1R/1T	Sacred Heart of Jesus
10	Thursday 25 th June	2:15pm	Group A	3C/3W	St John The Baptist



CANA CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL PRESENTS



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS FOOD DRIVE

LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY
AND THE POOR!



**UNEXPIRED &
NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD ONLY**

**All donations due
by Friday 19/06**

EXAMPLES:

PROTEIN-RICH OPTIONS

Canned tuna, salmon or chicken, canned beans (e.g. black beans, chickpeas), canned lentils, canned corned beef or ham

VEGETABLES

Canned corn, peas, carrots, tomatoes, mixed veggies

FRUITS

Canned peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit salad

SOUPS AND MEALS

Canned soup (vegetable, chicken noodle, minestrone, etc.), canned stew, baked beans, canned pasta (Spaghetti, ravioli, macaroni)

RICE AND PASTA PACKETS

What is the role of a **PSYCHOLOGIST** and how can they help?

Psychologists work with children, adolescents and adults to support their wellbeing, learning and emotional development. They can help children build confidence, develop social and emotional skills, and manage challenges that may impact learning, behaviour or friendships. Psychologists may work with children individually, or alongside their families, to help them feel supported and successful both at school and at home.

A psychologist may support children with:

- Managing worries, anxiety or big emotions
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Developing friendships and social skills
- Coping with changes, transitions or family circumstances
- Supporting attention, learning and engagement in the classroom
- Problem-solving and emotional regulation strategies
- Helping students express their thoughts and feelings
- Supporting behaviour and positive coping skills
- Working with teachers and families to support student wellbeing
- Providing guidance for referrals to outside services when needed



For more information about the role of a psychologist and how they can potentially support your child, please see the links below:

- [Raising Children Network - Psychologists](#)
- [Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne - Psychology](#)
- [Australian Psychological Society \(APS\) - Find a Psychologist](#)

PBL at Cana (Positive Behaviour for Learning)



In the coming weeks our Year 4-6 students will be invited to share their ideas to support the development of a Cana PBL Mascot that is aligned with our values of Safe, Respectful and Responsible. We look forward to seeing the original and creative efforts of our students to help shape a design that will be featured on our posters, recognition tokens, award certificates, social stories and PBL signage across the school.

Physical Education News

Interschool Sports Results:

Round 10 vs Mary MacKillop

Sport	Mixed team result	Girls team result
AFL	Win to forfeit	N/A
Soccer	Win to forfeit	Cana 4 - MacKillop 1
Tennis	Cana 4 MacKillop 8	Cana 2 MacKillop 10
Netball	Cana MacKillop	Cana MacKillop
Teeball	Cana 8 MacKillop 5	Cana 17 MacKillop 9

Round 11 vs Sydenham

Sport	Mixed team result	Girls team result
AFL	Cana 158 Sydenham 14	N/A
Soccer	Cana 3 Sydenham 0	Win due to forfeit
Tennis	Cana 5 Sydenham 7	Cana 7 Sydenham 5

Last week our Cana Cross Country team put all their hard work into practice at the Sydenham district cross country carnival. Our 32 students represented Cana proudly and gave it their best. We finished the day with a school record, 16 students progressing through to the divisional event next Wednesday. Well Done to all the students who competed and good luck to those students competing later this week.



News from the P and F Committee

Our Hot Chocolate and Pyjama Day fundraiser is coming up on June 16th- more details to come!



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1-4
students

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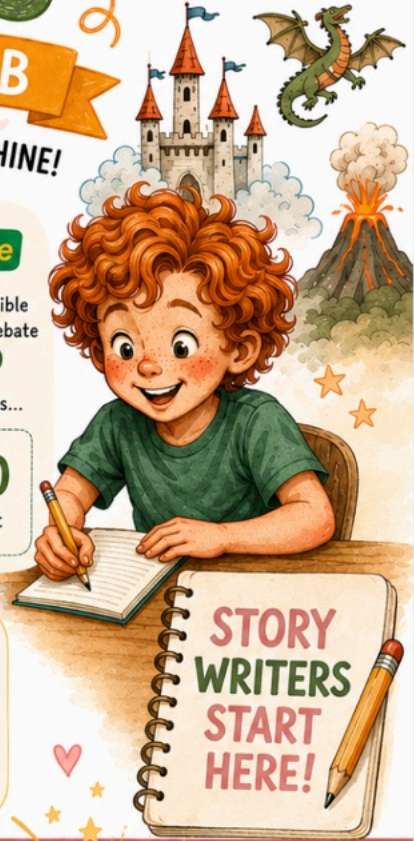
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Plan & structure a story



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ITALIAN DAY AT CANA!

Tuesday, June 23rd!!

Buongiorno!

Italian day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a fun day filled with a variety of Italian activities prepared for the students!

We will commence the day with an Italian dress up parade on the Oval at 8:50am. Parents/guardians are invited to come along to our morning dress up parade. Please remain on the athletic track around the boundary of the oval as the students enter the oval to begin the parade.

We encourage your child/children to dress up for the day in Italian themed clothing. Here are some ideas if you need any:

- Soccer players
- Pinocchio
- Traditional Italian women clothing
- Traditional Italian men clothing
- Roman gladiators
- Italian famous artists
- Mario & Luigi
- Gondoliere

OR just casual clothes in Italian colours, (Green, white and red.)

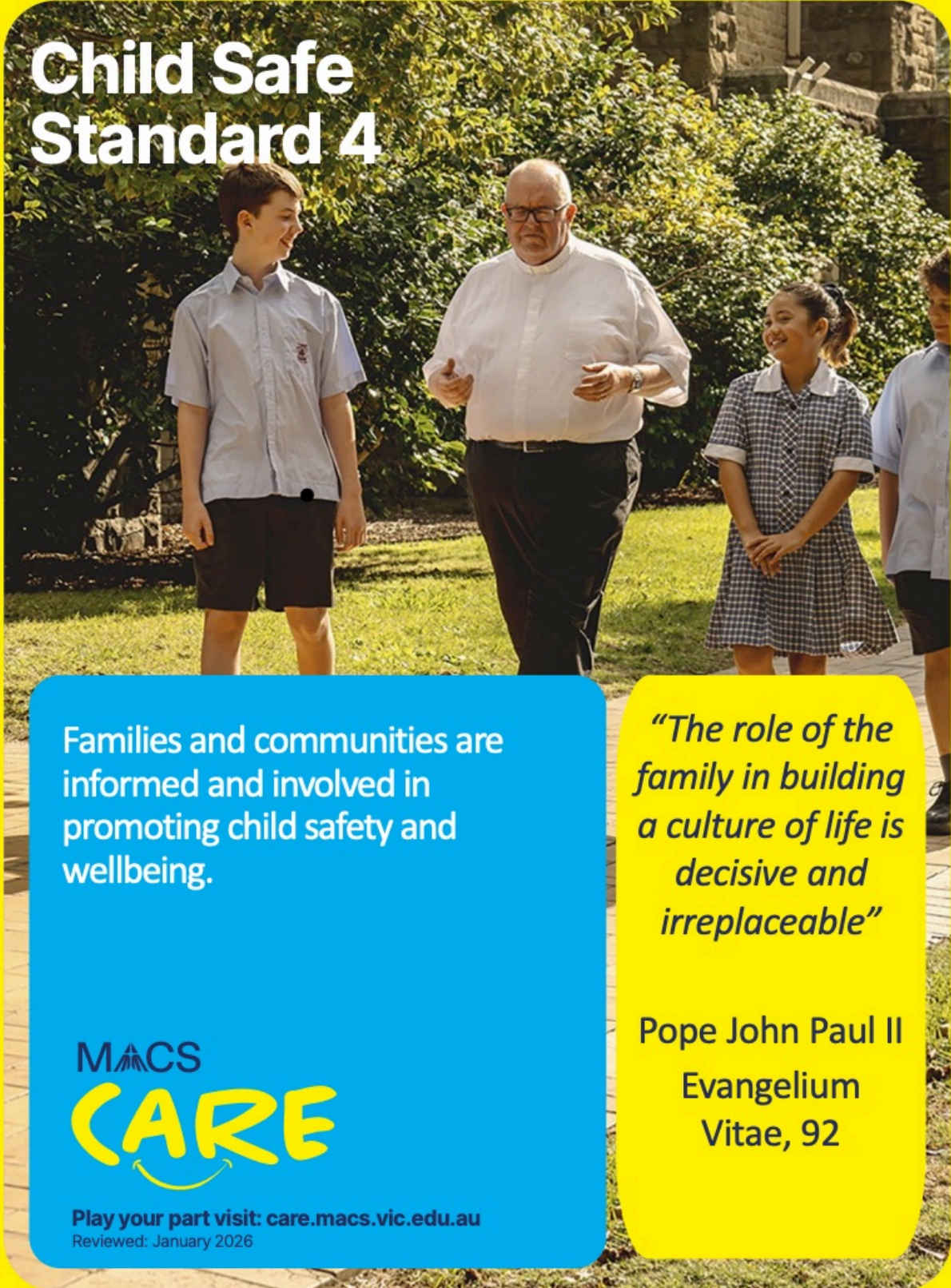
Looking forward to the day!
Regards, Laura Pepper.





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Catholic Schools

Child Safe Standard 4



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

MACS
CARE

Play your part visit: care.macs.vic.edu.au
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“The role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable”

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium
Vitae, 92



Child Safe Standard 5

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respected in policy and practice.

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*"No one is
exempted from
striving to ensure
respect for the
dignity of every
person"*

*Pope Leo XIV,
May 2025*