

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2, 2026

Principal's News

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new term. Term 3 is traditionally a busy term (aren't they all?!) where students across the school are consolidating their learning, with students working hard towards their learning goals. Preparations are well underway for 2027- please ensure that you let us know if your child will not be returning to Cana next year.

In Sunday's Gospel, we heard the parable of the wheat and the weeds. In Matthew 13:24–30, Jesus tells this parable, reminding us that good and evil often exist together until God's time of judgment. Rather than judging others too quickly, we are called to grow in goodness, patience, and faith. Today, we choose kindness, trust God, and let our actions reflect His love.



Staff News:

We congratulate Mrs Sarah Adigun and her husband on the safe arrival of their son, 'Ezekiel Sam.' We ask God's blessings on them all, as they begin their new life as a family.

This week, we farewell Mrs Melanie Pizzonia as she takes up her new position as Acting Deputy Principal/Head of Curriculum at St Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School in Wollert. Their gain is Cana's loss- Melanie has been instrumental in the successful and strategic implementation of our evidence-based InitialLit program in Prep-2 and has also been an integral member of the Leadership Team as we have worked to embed a high-performance culture of learning at Cana. Shannon Cobbin

(Mathematics Leader) will oversee Literacy planning for the remainder of 2026, guiding teachers in their practice.

We have our Open Classrooms this coming Thursday afternoon- we are looking forward to welcoming grandparents and special people to our school. Group A will be present for mass first in the Hall at 1.30 and then all classrooms will be open for visitors. This is a Child Safe event-gates will be open at the front and back of the school from 1.20-1.30 for visitors for Mass and then will be closed. The gates will then be opened again from 2.20-2.30 to welcome everyone.

Please see the attached information from CRC Sydenham regarding scholarships.

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

Dates for Term 3:

July 30th- Grandparents & Special Persons Day Mass and Open Classrooms

July 31st- Prep 100 Days of School celebration

July 31st- Year 4-6 Athletics Trial Day

August 4th-6th- Australian Maths Competition (selected Year 3-6 students only)

August 7th- Family Bingo Night in Hall

August 13th- Cana STEM Day

August 18th- Sacrament of First Eucharist Family Evening

August 22nd- Sacrament of First Eucharist

August 24th-28th- Book Week

August 27th- Hot Chocolate Day for Book Week

September 1st- Italian Day

September 2nd- Father's/Special Person Day Gift Stall

September 3rd- Father's/Special Person Sausage Sizzle after school

September 8th and 9th- Cana Art Show in Hall

September 10th- Colour Fun Run

September 17th- Footy Day Sausage Sizzle

Child Safe Standard 6

"People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice."

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students involves ensuring families and community members actively participate in promoting and upholding child safety and wellbeing. Our Catholic communities develop, review and uphold robust systems, processes, and policies that support staff and volunteers to act with professionalism, integrity, and care; ensuring child safety and wellbeing are embedded in all aspects of school life.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Why is it important that all adults who work with children are suitable and supported?

Everyone who works with or around children has a responsibility to act with integrity, care, and accountability. When staff, volunteers, leaders, and contractors are suitable, supported, and well-informed about child safety, **children feel safe, valued, and able to thrive**.

Schools can uphold high standards of safety and wellbeing when all adults understand their roles, follow clear expectations, and receive ongoing guidance and supervision. This shared responsibility ensures that children experience **consistent, safe, and respectful interactions every day**.

Child Safe Standard 6

Child Safe Standard 6 reminds us that everyone who works with children has a responsibility to act with integrity, care, and trustworthiness.

As 1 Corinthians 4:2 teaches, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." This scripture highlights that safeguarding children is a sacred trust, and we are called to be faithful stewards of their wellbeing.

By ensuring that all staff, volunteers, and leaders are suitable, supported, and accountable, the standard helps us live out this trust every day, creating a safe, nurturing environment where children can thrive.



Child Safe Standard 6 focuses on ensuring that adults are carefully selected, appropriately trained, and are supported to maintain high standards of child safety. It recognises that safeguarding is not just about rules, but about everyday behaviours, professional conduct, and living out our shared responsibility to protect children.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Recruiting safely:** We ensure all staff undergo thorough screening, including thorough background checks, reference checks, and interviews, to make sure they are suitable to work with children. As part of this, we ensure that all staff hold and maintain appropriate professional qualifications and registrations, including current Working with Children Check (WWCC) or Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration.
- **Providing clear expectations:** Everyone is informed about the school's child safety policies and procedures, professional standards, code of conduct, and reporting responsibilities.
- **Ongoing support and guidance:** Staff and volunteers receive annual induction, professional learning, mentoring, and supervision to help them maintain safe and respectful practices.
- **Accountability in practice:** We encourage adults to speak up if they have concerns, follow clear reporting pathways, and model behaviours that prioritise children's wellbeing. We also ensure that professional qualifications and registrations are maintained.



How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Child Safe Standard 6 ensures that all adults are carefully selected, appropriately trained, and supported in keeping children safe.

Families can help by:

- **Knowing who works with your child:** Be aware of the staff, volunteers, and other adults involved in your child's learning and care
- **Asking questions:** Check that adults in your child's life have the training and support to maintain child safety standards
- **Staying informed:** Read updates from the school about professional learning and child safety initiatives
- **Partnering with the school:** Share observations, concerns, or ideas that might help all in our community ensure interactions are safe and supportive.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

The Victorian Government has clear guidance around ensuring Child Safe Standard 6 is enacted in all schools, further information about how this standard is upheld and reviewed for every school can be found [here](#).

The Federal Government developed a [Child Safe Framework policy](#) and in May 2024 the Federal Government's Department of Education released its updated [Child Safe policy](#).

Religious Education News

Social Justice News - Sacred Heart of Jesus (Food Drive)

Thank you to all our families for your wonderful support of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Food Drive. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to helping those in need within our community.

Holy Communion Year 4 students

Family Engagement Evening - Held at Cana Hall Tuesday 18th August 2026 @ 5pm (only one session)

Sacrament of First Eucharist- Held at Emmaus Church (Sydenham Road) Saturday August 22nd 2026

Grade 4G - 11.30am

Grade 4S - 1pm

Grade 4K- 2.30pm

Masses at Cana:

Please continue to join us at these Masses; you are most welcome, even on the days that your child's grade is not attending. Let us continue to be a community of faith, sharing in prayer, strengthening our connections, and supporting one another in living out the Gospel values.

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

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE GROUPS AND MASSES BELOW (Note times & date)

TERM 3	Date	Time	Group in hall	Class - Group Leading Mass	Theme
Week 2	Thursday 30 th July	1.30pm	Group A	1M/1S	Grandparents & Special Persons Day
Week 4	Thursday 6 th August	2:15pm	Group B	Mary MacKillop Group	Mary MacKillop Feast Day (8 th August)
Week 6	Thursday 20 th August	2:15pm	Group A	PC/PH	Holy Guardian Angels
Week 8	Thursday 3 rd September	2:15pm	Group B	3M/3S	Father's Day
Week 10	Thursday 17 th September	2:15pm	Group A	5M/5V	Called to Serve
TERM 4	Date	Time	Group in hall	Class - Group Leading Mass	Theme
Week 2	Thursday 15 th October	2:15pm	Group B	PJ/PT	Month of the Rosary
Week 4	Thursday 29 th October	2:15pm	Group B	6S	Jubilee of St. Francis
Week 6	Thursday 12 th November	2:15pm	Group A	4K	All Saints/Souls month
Week 8	Thursday 26 th November	2:15pm	ALL Groups	5W	First Sunday of Advent
Week 10	Tuesday 8 th December	2:15pm	ALL Groups Liturgy (NO MASS)	Mary MacKillop Group	Advent / Christmas

★ BOOK WEEK 2026

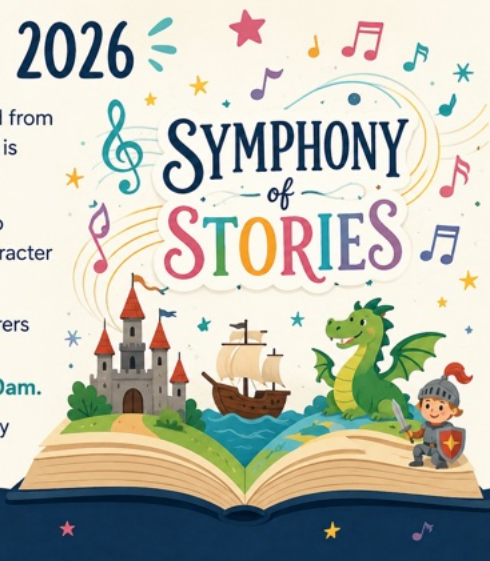
Book Week 2026 will be celebrated from **22-28 August**. This year's theme is

Symphony of Stories.

To celebrate, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Monday 24/8**.

We warmly invite all parents and carers to stay for our Book Week parade after morning assembly from **9-9:30am**.

We look forward to celebrating the joy and magic of reading together!



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) – The NCCD Process

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) is not something that happens on a single day. It is an ongoing process that occurs throughout the school year as teachers monitor student progress, implement adjustments and review the support provided.



The NCCD process involves four key stages:

1. Identify student needs

Teachers work with families and, where appropriate, allied health professionals to understand a student's strengths, challenges and learning needs.

2. Plan and implement adjustments

Reasonable adjustments are put in place to support students to access learning and participate fully in school life. These may be academic, social, behavioural or environmental.

3. Monitor and review

Throughout the year, teachers regularly monitor the effectiveness of these adjustments and make changes where needed to ensure they continue to meet the student's needs.

4. Collect evidence and determine the level of adjustment

Using evidence gathered over time, schools determine whether a student meets the NCCD requirements and the level of adjustment they receive. This information is submitted as part of the annual national data collection.

The NCCD supports schools in reflecting on the adjustments provided to students and ensures that all learners have equitable access to education.

For more information, please visit the [NCCD website](#).

Wellbeing

Does your child have a younger sibling starting Prep in 2027?

As you help your little one prepare for the big transition to primary school next year, ensuring they have the right support during their current kindergarten year is key. The Preschool Field Officer (PSFO) program is a free service available to help kindergarten educators support children who may face extra challenges or need a little boost. If you think your child could benefit from extra guidance to help them thrive and build confidence before starting school, please see the details below on how to access this support.

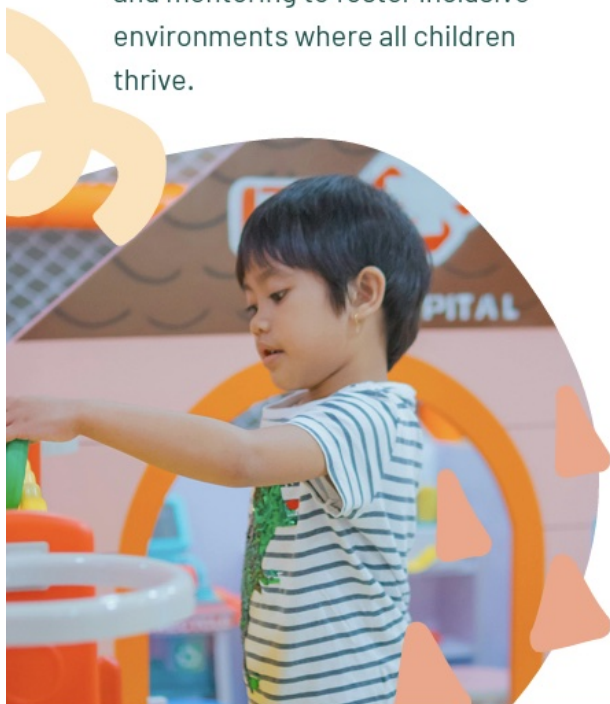
Support for your child at kindergarten

Every child's journey is different, and while kindergarten can be a fun adventure, it's also a big change.

If your child has any challenges, or would benefit from a little extra support, the Preschool Field Officer program may be suitable for your family.

What is the PSFO program?

- A FREE service that works alongside kindergarten educators to support children's learning and development.
- Supports educators through coaching and mentoring to foster inclusive environments where all children thrive.



How can the PSFO program support my family?

- A Preschool Field Officer will work with your child's educators to explore helpful ways to support your child and create a positive and supportive learning environment.
- Connect you with services within the community or recommend appropriate referral pathways, if needed.
- Support collaboration between you and your child's educators so your child feels safe, supported, and confident at kindergarten.

How do I access the PSFO program?

Reaching out to the PSFO program is a positive step to celebrate your child's strengths, support their learning and development and help them thrive at kindergarten.

To learn more about the PSFO program:

- Speak with your child's educator about making a request for support, or
- Scan the QR code to visit our website



Melton City Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

Positive Behaviour For Learning



On Tuesday, the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Team participated in our third day of Professional Learning facilitated by MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) at The Catholic Leadership Centre. We presented some of the great work the staff at Cana have produced so far on the journey and received very affirming feedback from other schools. After a rigorous day of learning, we look forward to working with our staff on the next stage of our framework - focusing on teaching and acknowledging expected behaviours.

Physical Education News

Round 3 vs Keilor Views P.S

Sport	Mixed team result	Girls team result
Basketball	Cana 25 Keilor Views 7	Win due to forfeit
Softball	Cana 2 Keilor Views 4	Cana 4 Keilor Views 5
Volleyball	Cana 16 Keilor views 30	Cana 15 Keilor Views 30
Handball	Cana 9 Keilor Views 3	Cana 6 keilor Views 4
Cricket	Cana 57 Keilor Views 4	Cana 86 Keilor views 11

This term we will have an AFL afterschool program happening on our school oval. Please find further information by scanning the QR code in the flyer below:

GOOD CLEAN FUN



nab AFL Auskick
PREP TO YEAR 2



AFL Superkick
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6



CANA CATHOLIC AFTER SCHOOL AFL PROGRAM
WEDNESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM
 5th August - 2nd September
 Contact: ben.phelps@afl.com.au

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

AFL PLAY

News from the P

and F Committee

CANA'S BINGO
Night with a twist
Friday 7th Of August
School Hall

Doors open 6pm
First game 6:30pm

\$10 per adult
 includes 1 bingo booklet

Extra bingo books \$5 each
Bingo Markers \$2
To be sold on the night

Kids free
 Bring **GOLD COINS**
 for mini games

Bookings via
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
 Enter the code: eyta6
 Numbers will be capped

Tickets must be purchased by Friday 31st of July.
Please place money in a labelled envelope to the school office.

B.Y.O Drinks/Food
No Alcohol
Silent Auction on the night



Donations Welcome

The Fundraising Committee is seeking donations for their upcoming bingo night and silent auction.

IN THE FORM OF NEW TOYS, HOMEWARES, GARDEN ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, SELF CARE/ WELLNESS ITEMS, VOUCHERS ECT, MINI GAME PRIZES.

FOR DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR BUSINESS NAME WHEN HANDING IN THE DONATION. NAMES AND LOGOS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE NIGHT AS WELL AS IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE HAND ITEMS IN TO THE OFFICE BY THE 31ST OF JULY

THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Premiers Reading Challenge



STORIES TO DISCOVER, STORIES TO TELL.

Cana Catholic Primary School is participating in the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge (VPRC) this year. This is a free optional program that encourages students to read more and enjoy reading at their own pace.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO -

- Read regularly at home with family, or independently.
- Choose a variety of books, including some from the list.
- Log each book online once it is finished.
- Work towards completing their reading goal.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO -

- Set aside time for reading and encourage and celebrate books read.
- Help or remind children to log books.
- Talk about books they are reading - engage with them and discuss the characters / events - make reading a special time to enjoy.

LOGGING BOOKS - STEP BY STEP

- Follow the link -
- <https://vprcidentity.eduweb.vic.gov.au/account/login>
- Under STUDENT LOGIN options, click 'VPRC LOGIN'
- Use your child's unique login details (attached) to login.
- Search for books title and add to reading list.

HAPPY READING!

Shelley Shein and Shannon Cobbin