



Thursday, 5th June 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, & Students,

We are delighted to congratulate all of the students, from St Catherine of Siena and St Dominic's Primary Schools, who received their First Holy Communion. This is a significant milestone in their faith journey, and we were proud to celebrate this special day with them and their families.

This sacrament marks a new chapter in their spiritual lives, as they now join the Catholic community in receiving the most Holy Eucharist when celebrating the mass and continue to grow in their faith.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Fr Wilford Urmaza, our Assistant Parish Priest, who was the celebrant of this sacrament and the St Dominic's Choir who graced us with their voices making the celebration extra special. We especially thank the Year 4 staff, Miss Letitia Sheridan, Mr Mark Warren, Miss Mackenzie Jacobson, Mrs Vera-Lisa Dos Santos and Miss Morgan Philpin for their dedicated work and guidance in preparing the children for their First Eucharist.

As a school community, we are so proud of each and every one of our first communicants. At the Last Supper, Jesus shared a meal with his closest friends and followers, the disciples, asking them to do this in memory of him. Now these students fulfill Jesus' request when they attend and receive the *Body of Christ*. This bread of life will nourish them and guide them always to live like Jesus.

May God continue to bless them and their families.

Mrs. Angela Giordimaina

Deputy Principal and Religious Education Leader



Eucharist Retreat

On Wednesday, June 11th, those students who celebrated their First Eucharist, as well as those Year 4 students who engaged in learning about the Sacrament, will participate in a First Eucharist Retreat.

The Retreat Day will commence with the students attending the 9.15am Parish Mass. We invite and strongly encourage you to attend the mass in support of their continued faith development. Following this, the children will gather in the school hall and participate in activities that will allow them to revisit and reflect on the sacrament and its importance.

Year 4 teachers and Learning Support Officers, along with Mrs Angela Giordimaina and Ms Holly Phillips, will facilitate the day. We look forward to an engaging, prayerful and reflective day.

**NO SCHOOL
TOMORROW**



Year 1 Excursion

As part of our Inquiry unit *Sharing the Planet: Plants are a Life-Sustaining Resource*, the Year 1 students visited the Royal Botanic Gardens on Monday, 26th May—and what an amazing day it was!



The children were excited to explore the gardens and confidently identified trees such as oak and palm trees, connecting their learning to the real world. We enjoyed lunch in different scenic spots and walked through the rainforest area, where we saw many native Australian plants and discussed how we can care for our environment.



We also revisited the five parts of a plant—roots, stem, leaves, flowers and seeds—during our walk, applying what we've been learning in class.



In the afternoon, students created scented herb bags with rose petals and lavender and had the chance to pot their own plant, learning what plants need to grow. The best part? They got to take their plants home!



It was a wonderful day full of learning, nature, and fun!



Year 6 Lightning Premiership

On Thursday 30th May, our Year 6 students participated in the Lightning Premiership Tournament, held in Bacchus Marsh. Students represented our school in AFL, Netball and T-Ball competing against a number of other local schools. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork and sportsmanship. Our students gave their best effort in every game and showed great resilience, cooperation and school spirit throughout the day. While the focus was on participation and enjoyment, many teams also achieved some impressive results.



Beyond the scores, students gained valuable experience in working as a team, learning game strategies and showing respect to others- key skills that extend far beyond the sports field. Well done to all the students for their positive attitude and enthusiasm. Thank you to the staff and families who supported the event.

Shanthi Di Falco
Senior school team leader



On the 30th of May, the Year 6s went to the Lightning Premiership Tournament. It's a fun day where different schools compete in sports to learn more about the game and improve their skills.

I was chosen to play AFL, which was really fun! We started our morning at 9AM by taking the bus to Bacchus Marsh Racecourse, where all of the sports were played. There were around 10 or 11 schools competing in each sport – AFL, Netball and T-Ball.

Our team came 4th in our division, which was 8th overall out of 11 schools. We had 2 wins, 3 losses, and 1 draw. I took a few good marks and even kicked a goal! It was an awesome experience to play AFL, learn more about the game and proudly represent our school.

At the end of the day, we took the bus back to school and spent some time playing outside on the new turf and pitch with the other Year 6s.

Nolan D 6A



On the 30th of May, the Year 6 students went to the Lightning Premiership. In the morning, we arrived at school and then left on the bus to Bacchus Marsh Racecourse. When we got there, we split into our sport teams to get ready for our games.

I was in the AFL team and here's how we went: we finished with 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw, placing 8th out of 11 schools. Even though we didn't win the tournament, we worked really well as a team and improved with each game.

The Lightning Premiership was a great day of sport and fun. We learned how to play fairly, work together and support each other on and off the field. It was also a great chance to try new sports, challenge ourselves and represent our school with pride!

Liam D 6A



TERM 2

Week 8

Monday 09/06

- **King's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
- Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 10/06

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 11/06

- Saint Barnabas
- Year 4 First Eucharist Retreat Day
- **YEAR 1 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2:15pm

Thursday 12/06

- Promotional Photo Shoot
- LSO Meeting 2:15pm - 3pm
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 13/6

- Saint Anthony of Padua Feast Day
- ONWZ Principal Network
- Instalment 2 - Family Fee Payment Due

Sunday 15/06

- SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY-WHITE

Week 9

Monday 16/06

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Tuesday 17/06

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 18/06

- **YEAR 6 and Prep ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Year 5 Talent Show 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 19/06

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 20/06

- Saturday 21/06
- Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Sunday 22/06

- SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) – WHITE

Week 10

Monday 23/06

- Saint Paulinus of Nola

Tuesday 24/06

- THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wednesday 25/06

- Saint Romuald
- **2026 Prep Enrolments Close**
- **Whole school mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 26/06

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 27/06

- Saint Cyril of Alexandria
- Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- **Semester 1 Student Reports Sent Home**

Saturday 28/06

- The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 29/06

- Saints Peter And Paul – RED

Week 11

Monday 30/06

- The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Tuesday 01/07

- Parent Teacher Learning Conversations 3.45pm to 7.15pm

Wednesday 02/07

- **YEAR 5 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- **Parent helper afternoon tea**
- Whole School Assembly 2:15pm

Thursday 03/07

- Saint Thomas
- Parent Teacher Learning Conversations 3.45pm to 7.15pm

Friday 04/07

- Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
- **Last Day of Term 2**
- Dismissal Time 3.15pm



Week 1

Monday 21/07

- School Closure - Staff Catholic Identity PD
- Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday 22/07

- Students Return To School
- Saint Mary Magdalene
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 23/07

- Saint Bridget
- **YEAR 6 and Prep ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 24/07

- Saint Sharbel Mahkluf
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 25/07

- Saint James

Saturday 26/07

- Saints Joachim and Anne

Sunday 27/07

- [World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)
- 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN

Week 2

Monday 28/07

- Emergency Displan Practice
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Tuesday 29/07

- Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Wednesday 30/07

- Saint Peter Chrysologus
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- **Grandparents Day Mass (Whole School) & Celebration**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 31/07

- Saint Ignatius Loyola
- Incursion Professor Bunsen - Year 3

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Friday 01/08

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Year 6 excursion to Scienceworks

Saturday 02/08

- Saint Eusebius of Vercelli
- Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Sunday 03/08

- 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN

Week 3

Monday 04/08

- Saint John Vianney
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Tuesday 05/08

- The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **Confirmation Family Night @ 6:30pm**
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Wednesday 06/08

- The Transfiguration Of The Lord
- **YEAR 5 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 07/08

- Saints Sixtus II and companions
- Saint Cajetan
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **Yr 4 Camp - Lady Northcote**
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Friday 08/08

- [Saint Mary Of The Cross](#)
- Saint Dominic
- 100 Days Of Learning for Preps
- Morning Tea for Prep Parents 9am
- 100 Days of Learning Assembly 2:30pm - Prep & Year 6
- **Yr 4 Camp - Lady Northcote**
- Parent Support Group Meetings

Saturday 09/08

- Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- **Confirmation Presentation and Commitment Mass @ 6pm**

Sunday 10/08

- Saint Lawrence
- 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN

Week 4

Monday 11/08

- Saint Clare
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 12/08

- Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 13/08

- Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
- Saint Cajetan

- **Whole School Mass – St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 9.30am**

- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 014/08

- *Saint Maximilian Kolbe*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 15/08

- The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wear Purple for Bullying No Way

Saturday 16/08

- *Saint Stephen of Hungary*
- **Sacrament of Confirmation @11am and 2pm**

Sunday 17/08

- 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN

Week 5 - Book Week

Monday 18/08

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Tuesday 19/08

- *Saint John Eudes*
- **Book Week Parade**
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Wednesday 20/08
- *Saint Bernard*
- **Whole School Mass – Feast of the Assumption**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 21/08

- *Saint Pius X*
- LSO Meeting 2:15pm - 3:15pm
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 22/08

- *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Saturday 23/08

- *Saint Rose of Lima*

Sunday 24/08

- *Saint Bartholomew*
- 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN

Week 6

Monday 25/08

- *Saint Joseph Calasanz and Saint Louis*

Tuesday 26/08

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 27/08

- *Saint Monica*
- **YEAR 3 and 4 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 28/08

- *Saint Augustine*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 29/08

- *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*
- Year 6 Mad about Science incursion

Sunday 31/08

- [Social Justice Sunday](#)
- 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time -GREEN
- **MACSIS Open for Input this week - Students, Families, Staff**

Week 7

Monday 01/09

- [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)

Tuesday 02/09

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 03/09

- *Saint Gregory the Great*
- **Father's Day Breakfast & Mass (Whole School) 9.15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 04/09

- Father's Day Stall
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 05/09

- ONWZ Principals Network

Sunday 07/09

- 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time-GREEN
- **Father's Day**

Week 8

Monday 08/09

- Shelter Building incursion - Year 4
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 09/09

- *Saint Peter Claver*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 10/09

- **YEAR 1 and 2 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- **2025 Year 6 School Matinee Production** (Middle Block)
- **2025 Year 6 School Production 6.30pm**

Thursday 11/09

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **2025 Year 6 School Production 6.30pm**

Friday 12/09

- *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
- Instalment 3 - Family Fee Payment Due

Saturday 13/09

- *Saint John Chrysostom*

Sunday 14/09

- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross-RED
- **MACSIS Open for Input this week - Students, Families, Staff**

Week 9

Monday 15/09

- *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Tuesday 16/09

- *Saints Cornelius and Cyprian*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 17/09

- *Saint Hildegard of Bingen and Saint Robert Bellarmine*
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 18/09s

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 19/09

- *Saint Januarius*
- **End of Term 3**



Prep A

Adau T - For excellent handwriting when writing sentences. Great job!

Oliver B - For creating a square out of playdough making sure it has 4 straight sides that are the same length in Maths. Awesome work!

Prep B

Benjamin N - For being a knowledgeable learner and trying to apply your sounds to your writing.

Sarai J - For being an inquisitive learner, always showing that you're trying to let teachers teach and learners learn.

Prep C

Athena K - For identifying and locating triangles, rectangles and circles in our classroom environment. Well done!

Jannat K - For partitioning numbers 5 and 10 into two and three parts. Amazing work!

Year 1A

Micah B - For always trying your hardest at everything you do.

Ryan S - For always being ready to learn.

Year 1B

Thomas B - For improving his ability to decode words when reading. Great work!

Tyson L - For showing his understanding of a text by answering literal comprehension questions. Keep it up!

Year 1C

Shannon S - For developing your ability to break up words into individual sounds! Keep up the great work.

Adoniyah T - For improving your ability to decode words when reading. Keep up the great reading!

Year 2A

Luwayne S - For your excellent improvement in your reading fluency! Well done!

Ava F - For your excellent improvement in your reading fluency! Well done Ava!

Year 2B

Axel H - For being a role model and showing others how to respect learning time. Your excellent attitude and organization allows teachers to teach and learners to learn.

Ofure O - For showing incredible progress in reading with expression, bringing stories to life, and truly engaging the audience. You are a reading superstar!

Year 2C

Zoey T - For outstanding improvement in reading, especially in decoding words and building fluency. Your dedication and hard work have helped you become a stronger, more confident reader.

Xavier M - For using **amazing adjectives** and **fun figurative language** that make your writing exciting and full of life. I love how you use humour to engage your reader.

Year 3A

Thomas W - For being a responsible learner and always putting in your best effort, keep up the fantastic work!

Nyandeng D - For your growth in reading skills, as shown in your PAT-R test results. Keep up the fantastic work!

Year 3B

Liam M - For your effort and participation in our daily reviews for Spelling. It is great to see how you are engaging in this routine.

Jairus R - For your growth in your mathematical skills as demonstrated in the Westwood assessment. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Year 3C

Livia S - For showing a wonderful attitude by making new friends, being kind to others, and showing enthusiasm for her learning every day.

Manyang M - For being responsible and making good choices. It's been fantastic to see him step up and make a real effort to do his best.

Year 4A

Jason G - For your detailed drawing, reflecting on your favourite memory from your First Eucharist. Well done!

Eli S - For your thoughtful reflection on your First Eucharist and symbolism of the necklace received. Amazing!

Year 4B

Liberty G - For her reverent and professional reading of a Prayer of the Faithful in our Eucharist Mass.

Bakita M - For her reverent and professional reading of a Prayer of the Faithful in our Eucharist Mass.

Year 4C

Patrick G - For writing a thoughtful and detailed Eucharist reflection, showing a strong connection to your faith. Amazing work.

Angeth B - For your focus during independent work time. Well done for staying on task and putting forth your best effort.

Year 5A

Emily McL - For being responsible in your learning, always putting in effort and using your initiative to ask for help when you need it. Keep it up!

Beny P - For showing great excitement in our new unit of inquiry. Your eagerness to engage, paired with your dancing and voice has brought great energy. It has been awesome to see!

Year 5B

Marita B - For the positive way you have settled into St Caths. Quickly adapting to new routines, making new friends and showing a great attitude towards your learning. Well done!

Apundak T - For showing excellent focus during our daily paired fluency routine. Tracking carefully, reading with expression and providing constructive feedback to your partner.

Year 5C

Indyanah McD - For your effort and engagement in your learning. Keep it up!

Judah T - For doing your best in the Dibels Test. Well done!

Year 6A

Charlie P - For embodying our school values, supporting her peers with kindness and ready to learn at all times. Super Star!

Semira C - For consistently asking insightful questions that deepen classroom discussion and sparks curiosity amongst her peers. Super Star!

Year 6B

Ngong A - For making fantastic progress in Maths this term, showing great effort and improvement- your learning data shows real growth and we're so proud of how far you have come!

Anon M - For settling in so well as a new member of our class 6B! You have shown confidence, kindness, and a positive attitude- what a wonderful start!

Year 6C

Wel M - For consistently demonstrating strong leadership in the classroom. Holding the class accountable and upholding expectations.

Chelsea G - For always completing literacy tasks with efficiency, focus and care. Outstanding commitment to learning.



This Weekend's Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Gospel Reflection – Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

Recently I was approached by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. At this point I said that as a Jesuit I was poor, chaste and obedient for Christ, which I think is a decent effort in that direction.

Mind you, in saying I take the vow of poverty I always think of my mother, who, on seeing Jesuit real estate for the first time said, 'If this is poverty, I'd like to see how you guys live chastity – it all seems pretty loose and fast to me.'

The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.
4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

So Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair.

It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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Learning Diversity INTERNAL REFERRAL PROCESS



1. IDENTIFY

*What are your concerns? What have you observed?
What is the DATA telling you?*

2 INFORM & CONSULT

Contact the parent or carers and discuss the concerns



3. TARGETED ASSESSMENT

*complete assessments or collect data relevant to the concerns eg:
increased observations or screeners*



4 ANALYSE

*What does this data tell you? What adjustments may they need?
What will be the next Goal?*



5. ADJUSTMENTS

*Implement the planned adjustments to support growth in line
with the goal and data*

6 EVALUATE

*How success have these adjustments been? Has the goal been
reached? Where to next?*



7. INFORM & CONSULT

Contact the parent/carers to discuss the progress and next steps

8 WHAT NEXT?

*Does the child need Tier 2 assessment or support? Is it time for a
formal PLP?*



COMPLETE THE REFERRAL FORM