



Friday, 1st August 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, & Students,

Grandparents Day: A Cherished Celebration of Faith and Family

What a joy it was to welcome so many grandparents into our school community on Wednesday for Grandparents Day! The day was truly a celebration of faith, family and the special bond between generations.

The morning didn't go without it's share of surprises when the power circuits failed, leaving us without access to audio visual resources. Regardless, the church was filled with reverence, gratitude and a sense of shared purpose as we celebrated the role grandparents play in nurturing faith and values in the lives of their grandchildren.

Our Grade 2 students sang beautifully for our grandparents, making it one of the highlights of the morning.

Following Mass, our grandparents were invited into classrooms where they were met with wide smiles and open arms. Our students proudly shared their learning, artwork and special projects, while grandparents responded with joy, encouragement and touching stories of their own school days and life experiences. These special moments create meaningful connections and help our students gain a deeper appreciation for the wisdom and love their grandparents bring to their lives.

Thank you to all who joined us – your presence made the day incredibly special. We are so grateful for your continued support, guidance and the strong sense of family and tradition you help us uphold within our school.



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- **Sacrament of Confirmation @11am and 2pm**



In the early hours of last Tuesday morning, our new website was launched. It is a celebration of who we are, why we do what we do and what Saint Catherine of Siena School offers for our families.

We wanted our website to celebrate our students, learning and core values that have become the basis of our Vision for Engagement – Respect, Safety, Kindness & Responsibility. No longer is our opening page focussed on a building but rather on the smiles, joy and learning of our students.

Embedded in the website are several short videos focusing on various aspects of the school, we strongly encourage all our families to please take the opportunity to explore the site.

A very special thanks goes to Gen Drew, our school Administration Manager, who did so much work behind the scenes and in her own time to get this over the line.

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| "Be Who God Meant You To Be" | | | | |
| 526 | 70 | 41 | 21 | 25 |
| Students Enrolled | Teachers and Support Staff | Years of Catholic Education | Number of Classes | Average Class Size |

St. Catherine of Siena's

production of

Disney Alice in Wonderland

Music and Lyrics by

Danny Elfman

Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard,

Oliver Wallace & Cy Coben,

Michael Abbott & Sarah Weeks,

and **Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston**

Music Adapted and Arranged

And Additional Music and Lyrics by

Bryan Louiselle

Additional Arrangements & Orchestrations by

Patrick Sulken

Book and Additional Lyrics by

David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film *Alice in Wonderland* and the novels *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll. Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by Music Theatre International (Australasia). www.mtishows.com.au

Wednesday 10th September 6.30pm

Thursday 11th September 6.30pm

St. Catherine of Siena Hall





This weekend's Gospel reading is
the holy Gospel according to Luke
12:13-21

To Whom Will All This Wealth of Yours Go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Gospel Reflection

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do

to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Have you thought? – Greed is good!

In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'



This year, our St Catherine of Siena Book Week celebrations will take place in Week 5 of Term 3.

On Tuesday 19th August at 9 am, we will gather in the hall as a school community to celebrate Book Week with our annual parade.

This year's Book Week theme is **Book an Adventure**.

We are encouraging staff, students and parents alike to dress as their favourite book character to help celebrate the day!

Perhaps we will see some "Very Hungry Caterpillars," or some "Wild Things," or perhaps a few "Gruffalos," or several "Cats in the Hat".

At the parade, there will be several prizes up for grabs.

We will be awarding the 2 best-dressed students per class a book prize. That's a whopping 42 books to be won!

Additionally, to celebrate Book Week our **Scholastics Book Fair** will be open for business all of week 5 i.e. **Monday, 18th August – Friday, 22nd August. Susie Aquilina, our school librarian will be available for book sales between 8.15 - 8.45 am and 3.15 - 4.00 pm daily.**

Our partners at Scholastic have donated book vouchers to add to our Book Week parade prize pool.

We will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize being awarded for the 3 best costumes overall at the school parade!

1st prize will be a \$50 Scholastics Book Fair Voucher

2nd prize will be a \$35 Scholastics Book Fair Voucher

3rd prize will be a \$25 Scholastics Book Fair Voucher

Good luck to all and may the best dressed win!

Miss McCallin (Deputy Principal & Learning and Teaching Leader)



Prep A

Charbel B - For your amazing writing, sound out the words successfully. You are a Superstar!

Camila A - For showing great growth in your confidence, socially and in your learning. Keep it up!

Prep B

Ezekiel S - For being a knowledgeable learner during maths and using picture stories to solve addition problems.

Imogen K - For showing care and compassion towards your friends.

Prep C

Achol M - For confidently learning to represent an addition number story using counters on a ten-frame.

Chloe F - For confidently learning to count to find the answer of a pictorial representation of a number story.

Year 1A

Achirin G - For always being the first to offer a helping hand to her classmates and her teachers.

James K - For making a great start to Term 3 by entering the classroom each morning happy and ready to learn.

Year 1B

Ayii D - For excellent participation in sounding out your "ow" & "ou" words in your spelling test. Keep up the great learning!

Joy A - For showing responsibility for your learning and showing wonderful initiative in the classroom.

Year 1C

Aanaya K - For your participation and effort during our Literacy lessons when reading about "The Boy Who Tried To Shrink His Name".

Nelson B - For being ready to learn throughout all parts of the school day and engaging in your learning tasks responsibly.

Year 2A

Charbel G - For sharing your excellent explanations and deep thinking in our Math sessions, which helps others to learn too! You are a great mathematician!

Alaura M - For being respectful, responsible, 'ready to learn' and for trying hard to focus on your tasks independently. Keep it up Alaura!

Year 2B

Zac K - For showing outstanding growth in handwriting through hard work, practice and focus. Your improvement is truly impressive!

Ayvah P - For showing a fantastic understanding of halving by splitting collections into two equal parts using counters. Well done!

Year 2C

Mathew P - For your increased ability to show readiness to learn. Great work on actively listening and following our class routines efficiently.

Mary Z - For showing kindness, respect and making good choices every day. You walk in the footsteps of Jesus every day. Thank you for being a fantastic role model.

Year 3A

Chout M - For demonstrating outstanding skill and dedication in using the CUBES strategy to solve multiplication and division worded problems with confidence and precision.

Leshaye M - For always giving 100% in everything you do! You try your hardest, make smart learning

choices, and show responsibility every day. You are a fantastic role model and a superstar learner. Keep shining!

Year 3B

Dhieu A - For demonstrating a good understanding of how to use the CUBES strategy to solve multiplication and division worded problems.

Athena P - For your increased active participation in our daily reviews for spelling and mathematics. It is great to see your engagement in your learning.

Year 3C

Quillan G - For always showing what our PBL values look like in action. Great work, keep it up!

Alexandar Z - For showing great responsibility in your learning by asking thoughtful questions when unsure, especially during math tasks.

Year 4A

Tayla C - For your excellent use of the Area Model to partition and multiply numbers. Amazing!

Zakaria A - For your willingness to have a try and persistence in your Multiplication assessment this week. Superstar!

Year 4B

Audrey T - For your dedicated focus during our literacy sessions, always participating and showing her whole body listening.

Jack (John) A - For your successful adjustment to the new school and your commitment to learning routines and following PBL expectations.

Year 4C

Abby V - For making fantastic progress in multiplication using the vertical algorithm in math – keep up the great work.

Apual M - For consistently demonstrating our school's PBL values. You are a great role model for 4C - Well done!

Year 5A

Jobe G - For beginning the term with improved focus and positive attitude towards your learning. Well done and keep it up!

Nathan S - For your consistent participation and engagement towards all areas of your learning. Well done!

Year 5B

Charles N - For starting term 3 with a positive mindset and improved focus. Keep it up!

Mia P - For returning to term 3 focused and engaged in your learning. Keep it up!

Year 5C

Jayden L - For engaging and participating in all learning activities with a positive attitude.

Antonio P - For demonstrating excellent behaviour and completing all class work.

Year 6A

Nolan D - For showing kindness by including and interacting with many different prep students during their time together. Thank you for demonstrating our school value!

Avalon S - For consistent engagement in our classroom discussions and asking insightful questions during our classroom novel! Keep it up!

Year 6B

Nyok A - For consistently showing excellent focus and a positive attitude towards all areas of learning. Keep it up!

Yara B - For thoughtfully taking on teacher feedback and using it to improve your work. You show a strong commitment to learning and always strive to do your best.

Year 6C

Sean M - Great start to the term! Well done for your excellent participation, focused attention, and for consistently completing your homework. Keep up the fantastic work!

Anna K - For an outstanding improvement in behaviour and consistently being the first to respond when called upon. Keep up the fantastic work!

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dates for your diary

Week 3

Monday 04/08

- Saint John Vianney
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- 100 Days Of Learning for Preps
- Morning Tea for Prep Parents 9am
- 100 Days of Learning Assembly 2:30pm - Prep & Year 6

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
- Whole School Mass – St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 9.15am
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 07/08

- Saints Sixtus II and companions
- 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
- 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

Bullying No Way: National Week of Action

Monday 11/08

- 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 – Feast of the Assumption
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 14/08

- 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
- St Francis Catholic College Applications for Year 7, 2027 Close

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 – “Book an Adventure”

Monday 18/08

- Scholastic Book Fair all week

Tuesday 19/08

- Saint John Eudes
- **Book Week Parade**
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 20/08

- Saint Bernard
- **YEAR 5 ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- 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 6 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 7am & 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

National Child Protection Week

Monday 08/09

- Year 4 Shelter Building Incursion
- 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 11.30am**
- **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

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

- **PREP ATTENDING PARISH MASS @ 9:15am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 18/09

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 19/09

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





YEAR 7 2027 ENROLMENTS DUE FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

As demand for places is high, applications received after 15 August will be classed as late and may affect your ability to secure a position in Year 7 2027.



You can apply online for our Melton and Cobblebank campuses at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We welcome you to join one of our final campus tours for 2025.

Reserve your place at www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour