



Friday, 14th November 2025



Today is the last chance to set up your fundraising page and make donations — entries close at midnight! Visit www.myprofilepage.com.au to create your page and submit any final donations.

Every \$20 raised earns one entry into the **\$20,000 cash draw** at the end of the year. We're thrilled to announce that our school has reached its fundraising goal of **\$15,000**, keeping **60% of those funds** to support school programs.

Prize selection opens **tomorrow morning** on the online platform — you'll have **one week** to choose your prize based on the amount you raised!

Don't forget to sign the permission form an Operoo or your child will not be able to participate on the Colour Run day.



"Alison in Wonderland" – A Celebration of Creativity

Congratulations to our incredibly talented Art Specialists, Miss Deidre O'Reilly and Mrs Alison Summers, on the outstanding success of this year's St Catherine of Siena Visual Arts Show, themed "Alison in Wonderland."

The evening was a vibrant celebration of imagination, creativity and skill. Our students' artwork showcased an extraordinary range of talent and originality — from whimsical interpretations of the classic story to beautifully detailed individual creations.

Through their art, our students continue to express their unique gifts, creativity and sense of wonder, reminding us of the many ways that learning at St Catherine's inspires both heart and mind.

We extend our deepest thanks and congratulations to Deidre and Alison for their passion, vision and the joyful learning experiences they provide for our students.





Planning for 2026 – Student Class Placements

As we begin the important process of organising class placements for 2026, **we ask that any families who will not be returning to St Catherine of Siena next year please notify the school office as soon as possible.**

This information is invaluable in helping us plan effectively for the year ahead. It allows us to ensure that classes are balanced and thoughtfully organised to best support student learning, friendship groups and behaviour management.

Your timely communication assists us greatly in preparing a smooth and positive start to the new school year for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we plan for another successful year at St Catherine of Siena.



Remembrance Day Service

On Monday, 11 November, our school captains Nolan and Andrew accompanied Mrs Mel Anderson and Mrs Jakleen Hajjar to represent St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School at the Melton Remembrance Day Service held at the Melton Cenotaph.

Together with community representatives, veterans, and students from local schools, Nolan and Andrew took part in honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Their respectful presence and participation reflected the dignity and gratitude with which we remember all who have contributed to peace.

We thank Nolan and Andrew for representing our school community with such pride and reverence.



Student Health Support Plan - Keeping Us Informed -

At St Catherine of Siena, the wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. To ensure that we can provide the right care and support, we ask parents and carers to please inform the school if your child has experienced any **medical incident, injury, or health concern** before returning to school.

This information allows staff to monitor your child appropriately, make any necessary adjustments to their learning or play and keep our records and **Student Health Support Plans** up to date.

Even if the matter seems minor, your communication helps us to work together to keep every child safe, supported and ready to learn.

Communication can be done via contacting the school office on 9743 2166 or via email – office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your continued partnership in caring for our students.

Library Closure

The final day for borrowing will be Thursday, 20th November. From Week 8 the library will be open for returns only.



Coming in 2026: Our Transition from Operoo to Compass

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving communication and efficiency, we'll be transitioning from Operoo to Compass as our school communication platform from the start of the 2026 school year.

Operoo recently announced that it will cease operations in Australia from 2026. While this marks the end of a familiar system, it also provides an exciting opportunity for us to move to a more comprehensive and integrated platform.

Compass is a widely used school management system designed to streamline communication, administration and learning through a single app. It will allow families to manage all school-related information in one place — from student attendance and learning progress to excursion permissions, academic reports and booking learning conversations.

The move to Compass will allow us to:

- Simplify communication between school and home
- Reduce the number of apps and systems families need to access
- Make key information about your child's schooling easier to find and manage
- Provide a consistent experience for parents, students and staff

We understand that any change takes time and we'll support families with clear information and guidance before we go live next year. Further details about how to set up your Compass account and make the most of its features will be shared later in 2025.

We're confident that Compass will make it easier for everyone to stay connected and informed, helping us continue to build a strong and efficient school community.

Inviting All Parent To Participate in This Year's End Of Year Events

Many parents, and even more students, have commented as to how quickly this year has passed. From the school's staff perspective, so much has happened in such a short time.

As we come to the end of this schooling year, there are several events that are opportunities to participate, support, enjoy and create memories.

The following is a list of events that we ask you to mark in your calendar.

Wednesday, 10th December

- Whole School Picnic & Carols Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Monday, 15th December

- Grade 6 Big Day Out

Tuesday, 16th December

- Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy (6.00pm)

Wednesday, 17th December

- Last Day Of Term
- Whole School End of Year Mass 9.15am
- 2025 End of Year Awards 2.00pm
- 2026 School Leaders Announced
- 2025 Grade 6 Farewell 3.00pm
- School Dismissal 3.15pm

Whole School Picnic & Carols Evening

Wednesday, 10th December sees the Whole School Carols Evening where students have their final opportunity to showcase their many talents to the St Catherine of Siena School Community and lead us in singing Christmas Carols.

Grade 6 Big Day Out – Go Ride A Wave

The Grade 6 Big Day out is on Monday 16th December where students will be taken to Torquay Main Beach to learn how to surf and participate in other water activities with the company Go Ride a Wave. On this day, we would love parents who would like to join their child in learning to ride a wave and assist with preparing lunch to join us. Further information will be sent out via Operoo regarding this day. Parents who have already decided that they

would like to come along are asked to ensure that they have a current Working With Children Check.

Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy

On Tuesday 16th December, we have our Graduation Liturgy where all students (in full summer uniform), will participate in a final liturgy as Year 6 students and the attending parents receive a final blessing.

End Of Year Award Ceremony & Farewell To Grade 6's

Finally on Wednesday 17th December, we celebrate our final day of the year. We ask that parents, if able to, join us for both the Whole School End Of Year Mass at 9.15am and the End of Year Awards Assembly at 2:00pm.

At 3:00pm, weather permitting, we will gather on the school oval to give our Grade 6 students, together with their parents, a final farewell. Students will then be dismissed at 3:15pm.

This is an exciting time for our students who have grown, learnt and formed strong friendships over these last seven years of primary school. Let's together make their final weeks at St Catherine of Siena as special as we possibly can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or your child's Grade 6 teacher.

Year 6 Parent Graduation Workgroup

It has been wonderful to hear from many Year 6 parents who are eager to make this a fantastic conclusion to their child's learning experience at St Catherine of Siena. In supporting their enthusiasm, Erin Gillespie has offered to coordinate some initiatives being organised. Parents wishing to assist are asked to call her directly on 0431599046 or email her on e_lawlor84@hotmail.com

Visit from Auslan Education Services

On October 31, we were delighted to welcome three representatives from Auslan Education Services (AES) — Naiomie (a presenter featured in the AES learning videos), Mel (an AES team member), and Eve (an interpreter). Their visit provided our students with a valuable opportunity to learn more about the experiences of the Deaf community.



Mel began the session with a Q&A, asking Naiomie about the advantages and challenges of being Deaf, whether anyone in her family is also Deaf, and how Deaf people use technology such as vibrating alarm clocks and flashing smoke alarms. After this engaging discussion, students had the chance to introduce themselves to Naiomie using Auslan.

Next, Naiomie led a group activity to practise the Auslan alphabet. The highlight came when she demonstrated her incredible signing speed — completing the entire alphabet in just **2.7 seconds!** Although Naiomie was the clear winner of the alphabet race, every student received a sticker for their participation, marking a fun and memorable end to the session.

— Marita 6B



2026 Class Placement & Transition Days

Thank you to the many parents that have emailed the school in the past five weeks to assist in the placement of their child next year.

In **Week 9** we commence our **student transition (orientation)** days. It's a strategy we use to provide our students with a sense of belonging, an opportunity to get to know both the teacher and the students they will share the coming year with, along with getting a sense of the learning environment they will be working within.

Our two transition days for our current students from Prep to Grade 5 are:

Monday 1st December 2025
& Monday 8th December 2025

Directors of First Impressions



Our teachers are greatly aware of the expression "*Directors of First Impressions*" and the importance of developing positive and trusting relationships with the students in their care.

As we move into class placements for next year, we ask you as parents to be equally mindful of your role as a *Director of First Impressions* when your child talks with you about their new class or teacher.

Your own reaction, facial expression and comments—whether positive or negative—will leave a lasting impression on your child's attitude towards the year ahead. Together, let's help every student begin the new school year with excitement, confidence, and a sense of belonging.



Prep A

Rylee C - For your amazing growth in your literacy learning this semester. We are so proud of you. Keep it up!

Remy Z - For showing great growth in your knowledge of letter sounds and names. Great job Remy!

Prep B

Mason M - For being a knowledgeable learner during mathematics, practicing your numbers between 10-15.

Elizabeth H - For being a knowledgeable learner during literacy and constructing fantastic sentences!

Prep C

Isaac M - For sorting Australian coins and identifying the correct coin to pay for an item. Well done!

James L - For creating a detailed drawing about God's creation and writing about your drawing! Excellent effort!

Year 1A

Lincoln G - For answering lots of questions in class this week. Keep up the great work!

Penelope V - For your excellent mime skills during Inquiry. You used your facial expressions and your whole body so well to communicate to your audience.

Year 1B

David D - For showing great interest and responsibility with your reading. Keep it up!

Evelyn S - For demonstrating great phonemic awareness during Heggerty sessions. Well done!

Year 1C

Jessie M - For consistently demonstrating respect and responsibility. You are a PBL star!

Georgia D - For being a kind and caring classmate, by always offering to help in times of need.

Year 2A

Thea H - For your excellent spelling accuracy, reading fluency and for achieving 100% on your Acadience Spelling Test! Well Done Thea!

Charbel G - For your excellent spelling accuracy, reading fluency and for achieving 100% on your Acadience Spelling Test! Well Done Charbel!

Year 2B

Axel H - For consistently demonstrating respect to those around you at all times. You always allow teachers to teach and learners to learn.

Faith H - For outstanding achievement in reading and demonstrating remarkable progress in literacy. I can't wait to see you soar into Year 3!

Year 2C

Mary Z - For writing detailed paragraphs with well supported ideas and transition words to create cohesion. Keep up the amazing writing, Mary.

James S - For your detailed informative paragraphs on the Black Widow. Keep up the great research and text creation skills!

Year 3A

Georgia H - For all the amazing effort you have put into improving your learning during our daily spelling focus. You always try your best. Well Done!

Thomas W - For your amazing effort and growth in Literacy this year, especially shown in your impressive PAT-R results. Well done on your fantastic progress!

Year 3B

Penny S - For transferring notes into detailed sentences in your information report about the temperate forest biome and animals that inhabit it in Australia.

Jason D - For showing fantastic focus during assessments, demonstrating the growth in your learning over the year.

Year 3C

Mary H - For always asking questions during your learning showing your enthusiasm.

John H - For working hard all year and achieving great results in your learning.

Year 4A

Emily D - For showing great progress in your reading fluency testing, compared with the beginning of the year. Amazing!

Chris T - For showing great progress in your writing moderation task. Well done!

Year 4B

Isaac K - For your well thought out reflective letter to Mary sharing what you learned about the Mysteries of the Rosary. Excellent work!

Fatuma J - For your writing moderation piece, showing paragraphing, emphasis and complex punctuation to deliver a first-person narrative. Fantastic job!

Year 4C

Apual M - For your wonderful improvement in your reading fluency and accuracy, as shown in your recent testing results. Amazing growth, well done!

Anyiel S - For your fantastic progress in your persuasive writing piece in literacy. Your effort, focus and hard work is amazing, well done!

Year 5A

Emily M - For showing great improvement in your reading fluency! You should be proud of your growth and the number of words you can read per minute whilst reading with accuracy. Well done!

Stephanie F - For working hard through your assessments and giving it your best efforts. Well done!

Year 5B

Gok T - For showing great results in your spelling tests. Keep up the fantastic effort.

Apundak T - For your active participation in all activities during our Beach Life Safety excursion. Fantastic effort!

Year 5C

Indyanah M - For always trying your hardest and showing determination to succeed. You approach every task with a positive mindset.

Mayeno B - For showing a positive attitude towards learning and giving your best effort!

Year 6A

Ivo J - Congratulations on the wonderful effort you put into your Rosary Mysteries assignment! You showed commitment to working independently and doing your personal best. Well done!

Semira C - Your excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and active engagement during the Melton City Council Transition to High School Incursion was outstanding. Well done!

Year 6B

Joel A - For always staying focused and giving 100% in everything you do! Well done and keep up the hard work!

Amelie B - For showing fantastic improvement in reading fluency, using great expression, tone and pace to bring stories to life. Well done!

Year 6C

Mia K - For outstanding growth in Pat M results. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have truly paid off. Congratulations on a job well done!

Luchelle S - In recognition of your consistent effort, positive attitude and commitment to producing quality work. You truly set an example for others.

Come and visit our school
Nativity. Located opposite the
fish tank in the Year 2 foyer.

Term 4 Dates for the Diary



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Week 7 *Prep 2026 Transition Session 2 9am - 10am	18	19 Class Mass – Year 1 Whole School Assembly 2:15pm	20 *Whole School Colour Fun Run	21 School Closure Day
24 Week 8 *Prep 2026 Transition Session 3 9am - 10am *Library Stocktake begins – borrowing concludes for 2025	25 *Year 2 Excursion to Immigration Museum	26 Class Mass – Year 5 Whole School Assembly 2:15pm *Year 6 Camp – Waratah Beach Camp	27 *Year 6 Camp – Waratah Beach Camp	28 *Year 6 Camp – Waratah Beach Camp
1 December – Week 9 *2026 Student Transition Day 1	2 *SFCC – Year 7, 2026 Transition Day *Year 2 Cultural Infusion Incursion	3 Class Mass – Year 4 Whole School Assembly 2:15pm	4 *Prep Animal Land Children's Farm Excursion	5 *Prep 2026 Transition Session 4 9am - 10am
8 Week 10 *2026 Student Transition Day 2	9	10 Whole School Assembly 2:15pm *Carols Night 6:00pm	11	12 *Prep 2026 Transition Session 5 9am - 10am *Semester 2 Reports Sent Home
15 Week 11 *Year 6 Big Day Out	16 *Year 6 Graduation 6:00pm	17 Whole School Mass 9:15am End of Year Awards Assembly 2:00pm *Last Day of Term – Students Dismissed @ 3:15pm	18 School Closure Day	19 School Closure Day