



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze"

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are certainly on our way to winter! The days are becoming shorter, colder and darker, although we have been blessed with some lovely sunshine during breaks. As we move into the winter months, it is important that we continue to prioritise self-care and ensure children are dressed appropriately to remain warm and comfortable during outdoor play times.

As you may have noticed, I am stationed at the front gate each morning. It has been wonderful to greet so many families and connect with our community at the beginning of each day. It has also provided me with valuable insight into the morning drop-off routines and the increasing traffic congestion that can arise most mornings.

My ongoing priority is to ensure that all children exit vehicles safely. I am currently in contact with Melton City Council to explore ways to improve the safety and flow of traffic during drop-off times. In the meantime, I kindly ask that we work together to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our community.

Please take note of the following reminders:

- Students should exit the car from the left-hand side for safety.
- Disabled parking spaces are only for vehicles with a valid permit.
- Please do not double park in front of Gate A.
- Drive forward as far as possible before dropping off your child to help traffic flow smoothly.
- Children must not cross the main road without an adult.
- Please use the supervised pedestrian crossings at all times.

We ask that all interactions with staff remain respectful as we work together to keep our students safe.

Together, let us model safe and respectful road behaviours for our children. The habits and routines they learn now will benefit them greatly in the future. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

I would like to inform our community that Nadine Barnes will be moving on from St Catherine of Siena to pursue other opportunities. Nadine's final day with us will be Thursday, 17th July.

We thank Nadine for her contribution to leadership and her dedication to the Learning Diversity role during her time at St Catherine of Siena. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

The Learning Diversity position will be advertised over the coming week.

Go gently,
Lisa Black
Principal
St Catherine of Siena Primary School

First Eucharist Celebrations

We keep our Year 4 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in our prayers as they enter the final stages of their preparation.

The Presentation Night will take place on Saturday, 23 May during the 6:00pm Mass. Students and families are warmly invited to attend.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will then be celebrated on Saturday, 30 May at the following Mass times:

- 11:00am
- 1:00pm

We wish all of our students and their families every blessing as they prepare for this very special milestone in their faith journey.



2027 Prep Enrolments Closing Soon

A reminder to all current and prospective families that applications for 2027 Prep enrolments will be closing soon.

All families, including those who currently have children attending the school, are required to submit an enrolment application online in order to be considered for a Prep place in 2027.

Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee a place. All families will also be required to attend an enrolment interview as part of the enrolment process.

We encourage families to complete their applications as soon as possible to avoid missing an offer of placement.

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Parking Around the School

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful and considerate when parking around the school during drop-off and pick-up times. Recently, the school has received several complaints from local residents regarding unsafe parking, blocked driveways, double parking, and congestion in surrounding streets.

We understand that school drop-off and collection times can be busy; however, the safety of our students and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours are very important. Please ensure you are following all parking regulations and showing courtesy to residents and other road users.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping keep our school community safe and respectful.



Student Medication and Medical Action Plans

We currently have a number of students with outdated medical action plans and expired medication stored at school. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that the school has up-to-date medical information, action plans and medication so staff can safely and effectively support students' health needs.

Please ensure that:

- All medication supplied to the school is in its original packaging and clearly labelled.
- A current Medication Authority Form signed by a doctor or pharmacist accompanies any medication provided to the school.
- Any medical action plans are updated annually and provided to the school as required.

Please note that school staff are unable to administer medication without the appropriate documentation and authorisation.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us maintain the safety and wellbeing of all students.

School Fee Instalment Reminder

A reminder to families that Instalment 2 of school fees is now due.

Payments can be made using your preferred payment method. We appreciate families making payments promptly to assist the school in continuing to provide quality resources and opportunities for our students.

If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office to arrange a confidential meeting with the Principal to discuss available support options.



Prep RACV Road Safety Incursion

Last week, our Prep and Grade 1 students participated in a very engaging and interactive road safety incursion presented by the RACV. The session provided students with important information about staying safe in and around roads, cars and traffic situations in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Students explored a range of important safety concepts including how to cross the road safely, the importance of wearing a seatbelt, being safe passengers in the car and recognising potential hazards in everyday environments. Through games, discussions and hands-on activities, students were encouraged to think carefully about making safe choices both at school and in the community.

The presenter was incredibly engaging and the students demonstrated wonderful listening skills, participation and enthusiasm throughout the session. We are very proud of the thoughtful questions students asked and the mature way they contributed to discussions around keeping themselves and others safe.

A big thank you to RACV for delivering such a valuable learning experience for our students.



Junior School Kaboom Sports

On Wednesday, 13th May 2026, our Prep to Year 2 students had an absolute blast participating in a fun-filled session with Kaboom Kid Sports. The day was packed with exciting games, energetic activities, music, laughter and plenty of smiles. Students loved moving through the different activities, working together with friends and enjoying the vibrant atmosphere created by the Kaboom team.

The weather was certainly on our side too, providing the perfect conditions for a fantastic day outdoors. Our teachers joined in on the fun as well, cheering students on and taking part in the activities. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the session more, the students or the staff! The excitement and laughter shared throughout the day created a wonderful sense of community and many happy memories for everyone involved. Here is what some of our students had to say;

I liked the basketball and spinning wheels, they were so much fun. I wish there were more activities and that it went all day. I loved it so much I want to do it next year - Aanaya 2A

I really enjoyed Kaboom Sports that happened at our school on the 13th of May, as I loved all the games specially the Spin The Wheel Game. My favourite part was when the teachers were dancing and what I thought worked really well was that we were all in different groups. The activities were all so much fun - Adoniyah 2B

My day at Kaboom sports was amazing my favourite sport was the one where we spin the wheel and we copied the weather, I love that we got good exercise and the activities were awesome, I hope that I get to do it again- Joy 2C

I liked the game where I could pop the ball up - Elias PC

My favourite thing about Kaboom Sports was I got to play different games with my friends. I loved playing the spinning wheel game because we got to pretend to jump like a frog - Max 1C

Year 3 Excursion to Melbourne Museum

On Monday the 18th of May, our Year 3 students enjoyed an exciting excursion to the Melbourne Museum to support their learning about Ancient Rome. During the visit, students explored a range of fascinating artefacts, including Roman helmets, coins, statues, mosaics and ancient tools used by Roman families.

The interactive exhibition allowed students to deepen their understanding of what life was like in Ancient Rome. Students were highly engaged as they explored the displays and discovered how people lived thousands of years ago. The excursion strongly supported our English and Humanities learning as students investigated how people in Ancient Rome lived, worked and communicated, while also developing their understanding of historical artefacts and sources. Additionally, it allowed them to make connections between what they learned at the museum and the texts studied in class. It was a valuable hands-on learning experience that brought our classroom learning to life.



Year 3 - Year 6 Athletics Day



On Wednesday the 13th of May, our Year 3-6 students participated in an exciting Athletics Day at the Bridge Road Athletics Track. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork, encouragement and school spirit.

Throughout the day, students competed in a variety of track and field events including Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, Triple Jump, and the 100m Race. Students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and perseverance as they challenged themselves and supported their peers.

One of the highlights of the day was the Tug of War competition, where students showed great teamwork and enthusiasm. The Staff Race was also a crowd favourite, bringing plenty of laughter and excitement for both students and teachers alike!

We are extremely proud of all students for their positive attitude, participation, and encouragement throughout the day. A big thank you to all staff and helpers who assisted in making the event such a success.

Year 6 Leadership

Our Year 6 students have recently begun participating in the exciting LeaderUp leadership program. This 10-week student-led program encourages students to take the leadership skills they have developed and apply them to real-life situations within our school community.

As part of the program, students have been working collaboratively in groups to identify an issue or area within the school that they believe needs attention or improvement. They are currently brainstorming creative solutions, developing action plans and preparing to launch student-led initiatives that will make a positive impact within the school.

Throughout the program, students will complete weekly modules that guide them through the process of leadership, teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making. It has been wonderful to see students showing initiative, responsibility and enthusiasm as they work together to create meaningful change.

We look forward to seeing the students' projects come to life over the coming weeks and are incredibly proud of the leadership and maturity they are already demonstrating.

Term 2 & 3, 2026

Monday

Tuesday


Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

25 Week 6	26	27 MPSSA Divisional Cross Country Year 5 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	28	28	30 Sacrament of First Eucharist 	31
1 June Week 7	2 Prep Excursion to Sovereign Hill	3 Year 2 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	4	5 School Closure Day	6	7
8 Week 8 King's Birthday Day	9 School Closure Day	10 Year 1 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Whole School Assembly @ 2:15pm	11	12	13	14
15 Week 9	16	17 Year 6 & Prep attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	18	19 Semester 1 Reports released to parents	20	21
22 Week 10	23 Parent Teacher Conversations 3:30pm - 7:00pm	24 Whole school Mass - Feast of Sacred Heart @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	25 End of Term 2 Parent Teacher Conversations 3:30pm - 7:00pm	26 School Closure Day	27	28
29	30	1 July	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Week 1 Term 3 Commences	14	15	16	17 School Closure Day	18	19
20 Week 2	21	22	23	24	25	26



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Child Safety

MACS has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and is deeply committed to upholding and embedding the highest standards of child safety across our schools.

We are guided by our Catholic faith and the unique and unrepeatable dignity of every person in our care. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive and protective environment where every child can feel and be safe.

We are responsible for inspiring and enabling every child to flourish and enrich the world.

Child safety is a shared responsibility between MACS, its employees including its Board, Executive Leadership Team, School Principals, teachers, staff and the wider community.

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