



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 2, Week 7 4th June 2026

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First Eucharist Celebrations

Over the weekend, our community gathered in faith to witness our Year 4 students celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It was a beautiful and holy milestone for our students as they received Communion for the very first time.

An extraordinary amount of time and preparation goes into making a sacramental day so meaningful. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the staff who guided our students to this special day; Thank you to Mrs Angela Giordimaina, Mrs. Jakleen Hajjar, Mrs. Michele Harrison and our Year 4 Team for your meticulous organization and commitment in preparing the students over the past few weeks to ensure the day ran smoothly for our families.

Please join us in keeping our Year 4 students and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith and walk in the light of Christ.



Prep Sovereign Hill Excursion

What a day our prep students had at Sovereign Hill!

After an excited bus ride departing school at 9:00am, we arrived at Sovereign Hill ready to step back in time and experience life during the Gold Rush. From the moment we arrived, there was plenty of excitement, curiosity and a few very important questions such as, "Are we going to find real gold?"



From 10:00am until 1:30pm, students immersed themselves in a range of hands-on activities. We watched the spectacular gold pour, where a glowing stream of molten gold left many students wide-eyed with amazement. We also visited the confectionery demonstration, which may have quickly become a favourite stop of the day (for reasons we are sure parents can understand!).

One of the highlights of the day was exploring the 'Then and Now' exhibition. Students enjoyed discovering how toys, games and everyday life have changed over time. They were fascinated to learn that children in the past entertained themselves very differently, with simple toys and traditional games that sparked plenty of discussion and laughter.

Of course, no visit to Sovereign Hill would be complete without trying our luck at gold panning. The students eagerly searched for gold flakes and while we didn't strike it rich enough to retire early, there were certainly plenty of exciting discoveries along the way!

Another highlight was visiting the historic bowling alley, where students enjoyed a game of ten-pin bowling and experienced one of the many ways children entertained themselves in years gone by.

Most importantly, our students represented St Catherine of Siena beautifully. They showed curiosity, kindness, excellent listening skills and enthusiasm throughout the day. We were incredibly proud of the way they engaged with the activities and each other.



Compass - Update Your Child's Medical Profile



Action Required: Update your child's medical information. To ensure we can provide immediate and accurate care in an emergency, please log into Compass and update your child's medical details today. Keeping this information current is vital for their safety at school.

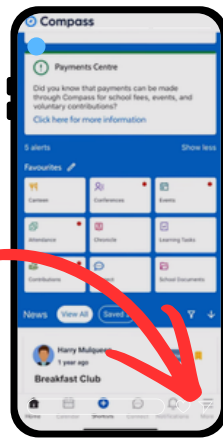
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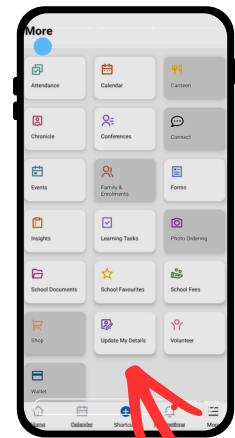
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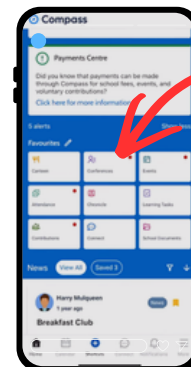
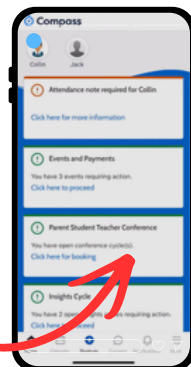
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Compass - How To Book a Parent-Teacher Conference

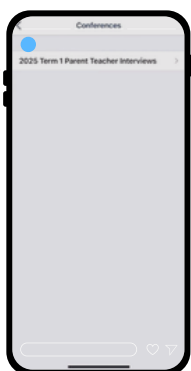
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in the final week of Term 2 on Tuesday, 23rd June and Thursday, 25th June from 3:30pm - 8:00pm. Bookings for Parent-Teacher Conferences open next week and will now be made directly via Compass. Once bookings open, please follow the steps outlined below to book in a time slot that suits your family best. Please note that specialist teachers are also available for Parent-Teacher Conferences by request.

Open Compass App and click on the Parent Student Teacher Conferences Notification or select the Conferences tab under the favourites menu

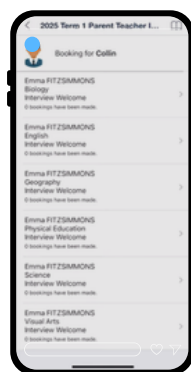


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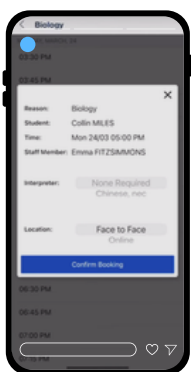
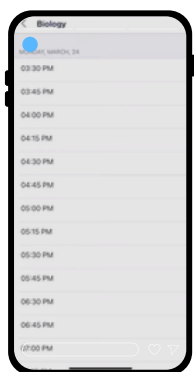


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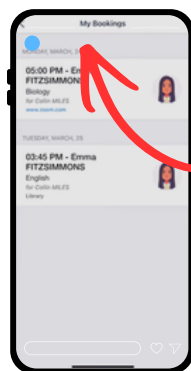
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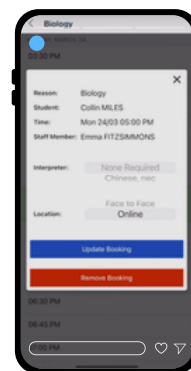
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Select a timeslot and confirm booking

You can view your bookings by going to the Conferences tab and selecting 'My Bookings'



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Term 2 & 3, 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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
27 Week 3	28	29 Grandparents Day Mass @ 9:15am	30	31	1 August	2
3 Week 4	4 Confirmation Family Night @ 6:30pm	5 Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day	6	7	8 Confirmation Presentation & Commitment Mass @ 6pm	9
10 Week 5	11	12 Whole School St Mary of the Cross Mass @ 9:15am	13	14	15 Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation	16

Vacation Care Winter Program

Program details

This program is open to all primary school aged children.

Hours of operation: 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Program dates: Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July 2026

Location: Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre

Cost: \$91.75 a day prior to Child Care Subsidy. Additional costs for incursions may apply.

Bookings

Bookings open: Monday 1 June 2026

Bookings close: Friday 12 June 2026

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Council's discretion and will incur a \$24.25 late enrolment fee.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: the full fee must be paid prior to program attendance. Absences for confirmed bookings will incur charges.

More information

email: vactioncareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

visit: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Scan the QR code



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Vacation Care Winter Program

Week one

Monday 29 June: Winter Wonderland

Step into a magical Winter Wonderland! Create your own whimsical snow globe, bake and decorate snowflake cookies, and enjoy fun-filled winter inspired games.

Cost: \$91.75

Tuesday 30 June: Minute to Win It Challenge Incursion

Ready, set, go! Design your own wooden thumb wrestler arena then battle it out in fast-paced circuit training games. This is sure to be a day full of laughs and fun.

Cost: \$119.95 (\$91.75 plus \$28.20 incursion cost)

Wednesday 1 July: Creative Makers Day (free incursion)

Join the team from Bunnings and build your own mini toolbox. Plus create your own masterpiece painting to take home, and whip up a tasty mini pizza to enjoy for lunch.

Cost: \$91.75

Thursday 2 July: Cosmic Energy Day

3....2.....1....Blast off! Create a group solar system, design glowing mobile stars, and explore colourful salt galaxy artwork inspired by the universe.

Cost: \$91.75

Friday 3 July: Movie Magic

Relax and enjoy a special screening of Panda Bear in Africa. Create a movie reel memory frame, and treat yourself to tasty popcorn and gooey s'mores

Cost: \$91.75

Week two

Monday 6 July: NAIDOC Day Incursion

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with an Aboriginal Movement Incursion. Enjoy damper making, bead bracelet crafting, and boomerang creation as we learn, share, and celebrate culture.

Cost: \$119.95 (\$91.75 plus \$28.20 incursion cost)

Tuesday 7 July: Shining Stars Day

Create your own affirmation poster, design a 'Shining Stars' wall display, bling your own keepsake bookmark with diamond glitter stickers, and enjoy twinkle toast while celebrating what makes each of us shine!

Cost: \$91.75

Wednesday 8 July (free incursion)

Bee ready for some fun as we buzz into exploring nature with a hands-on beeswax incursion. Build your own blooming 3D flowerbed and create a beautiful nature collage inspired by the outdoors.

Cost: \$91.75

Thursday 9 July: Little Chefs Day

Create a delicious 3-course meal including a nutritious lunch bowl, delicious cake, and fresh fruit yoghurt parfaits. Children can also design their own chef's apron and create a chef's hat!

Cost: \$91.75

Friday 10 July: Sensory Lab

We're finishing the week with fun and creativity! Dive into slime play, have fun with clay construction creations or chill out with our calming playdough and sensory materials.

Cost: \$91.75



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