



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 3, Week 1 17th July 2026

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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends despite the cold winter weather.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school. They have returned settled, enthusiastic and ready for another exciting term of learning. A special mention goes to our Prep students, who are now halfway through their very first year of school. It has been a joy to watch their confidence and independence continue to grow.

At St Catherine of Siena, we value the strong partnership we share with our families and community. Together, we create the best possible learning environment for our children.

Each year, our school participates in the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). These surveys provide valuable feedback from students, families and staff, helping us better understand the experiences of those within our school community and informing our ongoing school improvement.

The survey collects feedback from:

- Students in Years 4–12
- Families
- Teaching and non-teaching staff

The questions explore a range of areas relating to learning, wellbeing, engagement and school culture. Your feedback is invaluable and assists us in identifying our strengths and opportunities for growth.

If you would like to participate in the Family Survey, please email me at principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your continued patience while we wait for repairs to our front entrance gate. Please be assured that we are working closely with contractors to have the gate repaired and operating as soon as possible.

I am also pleased to share that Mr Matt Galea has had a positive start to his Acting Deputy Principal role at Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School. We are proud to support Matt in this wonderful leadership opportunity. During his absence, our Team Leaders will facilitate maths planning within their year levels, while our Learning and Teaching Leader, Ms Ingrid Hopkins, will continue to oversee the collection and analysis of student achievement data to ensure our teaching practices remain evidence-informed and responsive to student learning needs.

Finally, I would like to remind families to ensure that school fee payments are kept up to date where possible. These contributions play an important role in supporting the programs, resources and opportunities we provide for our students. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please know that I welcome the opportunity to speak with you confidentially. My door is always open and together we can discuss a suitable arrangement.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and for the trust you place in us each day. I look forward to another wonderful term of learning, growth and faith together.

God bless,
Lisa Black
Principal

Please Keep Accessible Parking Spaces Clear

Accessible parking bays provide essential independence and safety for individuals with disabilities. Parking in these spaces without a valid permit - even "just for a minute" - directly impacts someone else's mobility.

Please respect these spaces and leave them clear for those with the proper legal permission to use them.

Student Achievement



Over the weekend of 10–12 July 2026, the National Karate Championships were held in Hobart, Tasmania.

Representing Karate Victoria, Lucian competed in the male kumite under 12, under 40 kg division. We are delighted to share that he won the gold medal, earning the title of 2026 national karate champion.

Lucian demonstrated outstanding skill and determination throughout the competition. He won his opening match against Queensland 4–0, followed by a convincing 7–0 victory over a fellow Victorian competitor in the semi-final. In a closely contested final, Lucian secured a 1–0 win against another Victorian competitor to claim the national title.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to Lucian's dedication, perseverance and hard work. Congratulations, Lucian, on this well-deserved success. We are incredibly proud of you!



ACTION REQUIRED: Breakfast Club Updated Permissions

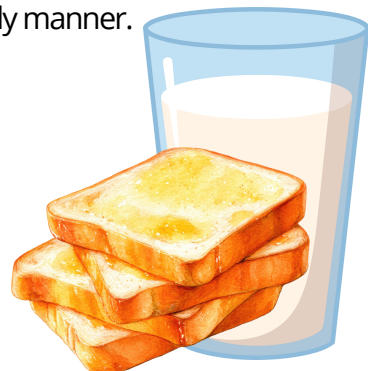
To help streamline our Breakfast Club program and ensure students can access breakfast club efficiently, we are updating our permission process from Term 3.

Previously, families were asked to select individual breakfast items that their child was permitted to eat. This process has become difficult to manage and can delay students receiving their breakfast in a timely manner.

We are therefore asking parents and carers to provide a general permission response.

Please open your 'Breakfast Club - Updated Consent Insight Cycle' to complete the permission. Step-by-step instructions on how to complete this Insight Cycle have been attached for your convenience.

Thank you for your prompt response in completing this permission.



Grandparents Day Celebration

In week three, on Wednesday, 29th July we will be celebrating Grandparents Day.

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the important role grandparents play in our students' lives. It would be wonderful to have grandparents join us to celebrate Mass together and enjoy a special morning tea on this day.



To help us with the preparation and catering for this event please complete the Grandparents Day RSVP Form that has been emailed to all families by Wednesday, 22nd July.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our community.

Year 4 Camp Information Night

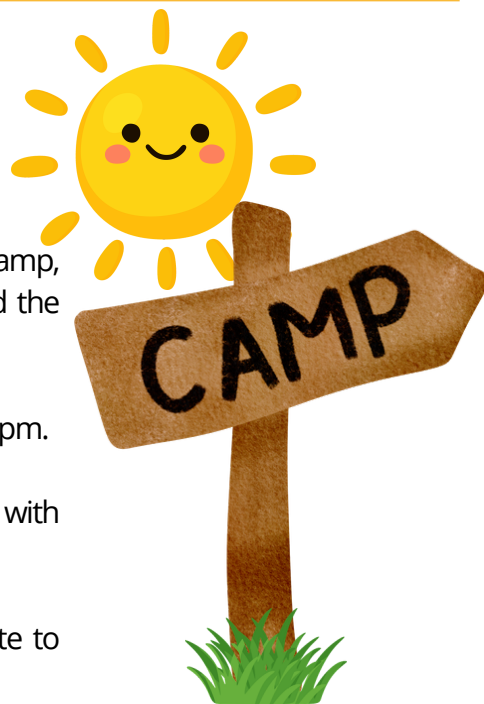
The Year 4 Camp Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

The session will cover important information about the upcoming Year 4 Camp, including camp expectations, key details, medical and dietary requirements and the confirmed activities that students will be participating in during their time away.

The information evening will be held in the Main School Hall from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

As important information will be shared, all Year 4 students are required to attend with a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 4 team.



Grandparents Day

Wednesday 29th July

Mass at 9.15am

Morning Tea afterwards in the hall



Please reply via Compass note for
catering purposes



Book Week - Term 3, Week 7

The theme for this years Book Week is

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



Important Book Week Dates

Tuesday, 11th August - Monday, 17th August: Scholastic Book Fair

Students will have the opportunity to browse and purchase a fantastic selection of books. Keep an eye out closer to the date for opening times and location details.

Monday, 17th August: Book Week Parade at 9:15am

Students may dress up as their favourite book character or they can use the theme: 'Symphony of Stories' as inspiration for dressing up. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 Week 2 Prep / Year 1 World Dance Incursion	21 Year 4 Camp Information Night @ 5:00pm	22 *Year 1 & Year 2 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am *Year 6 Excursion – Macchu Picchu VR *Assembly @ 2:15pm	23	24	25	26
27 Week 3	28	29 Grandparents Day Mass @ 9:15am	30	31 100 Days of Prep	1 August	2
3 Week 4	4 Confirmation Family Night @ 6:30pm	5 Year 5 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am Assembly @ 2:15pm	6	7	8 Confirmation Presentation & Commitment Mass @ 6pm	9
10 Week 5	11 Scholastic Book Fair Opens 	12	13	14	15	16
17 Week 6 Book Week Parade @ 9:15am 	18	19 *Whole School Mass – Feast for the Assumption @ 9:15am *Assembly @ 2:15pm	20	21	22 Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation	23
24 Week 7 School Closure Day	25	26 Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day	27 Year 4 Camp – Lady Northcote 	28 Year 4 Camp – Lady Northcote	29	30
31 Week 8	1 September	2 Father's Day Breakfast Assembly @ 2:15pm	3 Father's Day Stall	4	5	6
7 Week 9	8	9 Prep attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	10	11 Installment 3 of School Fees Due	12	13
14 Week 10	15	16 Assembly @ 2:15pm	17 Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones 	18 Last Day of Term 3 Year 3 Camp – Sunnystones	19	20