ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
NEWSLETTER

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

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

Although it was a short week, it certainly was a busy one, with the much anticipated opening of our Art Show. It has been lovely to see the incredible artwork displayed throughout our school. The colour, creativity and vibrancy have truly brought our corridors to life, showcasing the exceptional talent of our students.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Deidre O'Reilly and Alison Summers for their dedication and commitment to teaching our students the skills and techniques needed to create such wonderful pieces. The quality of the work on display is a testament to their passion for Visual Arts and the learning experiences they provide. Thank you also to all staff, particularly our LSOs, who worked so hard to display the artwork so beautifully.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday evening. This is the second sacrament our Year 3 students have received since their Baptism, marking another important milestone in their faith journey. It is a special occasion for our students and their families, and we congratulate them on this significant step in their relationship with God and our Catholic faith.

Semester 2 Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 2 reports will be available via Compass on Monday 7 December.
There will be no formal parent teacher interviews scheduled for this reporting cycle. However, should you wish to speak with your child's classroom teacher regarding their report, an optional opportunity will be available on Tuesday 15 December, between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, please email your child's classroom teacher directly to organise a 10-minute conversation.

Please note that these meetings are entirely optional and are intended for families who have questions or concerns they would like to discuss following the release of their child's report.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following important dates for the remainder of the term:

- **Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 November:** Year 6 Camp – YMCA Anglesea
- **Thursday 19 – Thursday 26 November:** Parent Support Group (PSG) Meetings
- **From Monday 23 November:** Library Stocktake
- **Monday 23 November:** Tricky Talks Program Year 3-4 (6-7pm) & Year 5-6 (7:15-8:15)
- **Monday 30 November:** Year 6 Lifesaving Excursion
- **Tuesday 1 December, 6.00–7.30 pm:** Carols by Candlelight
- **Monday 7 December:** 2027 Orientation Session
- **Thursday 10 December:** Year 6 Big Day Out – Funfields
- **Friday 11 December:** St Anthony's Primary School Fete from 2pm - 8pm
- **Monday 14 December:** 6.00–7.00 pm: Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- **Tuesday 15 December:** LAST DAY OF THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Have a great weekend,
Go gently
Lisa

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We hold our Year 3 students in our prayers as we congratulate them on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night, Thursday 5th November.

This special occasion marks another significant milestone in their ongoing faith journey following their Baptism.

Through this sacrament, our students experienced the warmth of God's love, forgiveness and healing grace.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Angela Giordimaina, our Year 3 team and our families for their support and guidance in preparing the children for this holy sacrament. May our Year 3 students continue to walk gently in God's peace and love.

2026 Art Show

Our school community was recently invited to gather for a truly special evening as we celebrated the opening of this year's St Catherine of Siena Visual Arts Show, centered around the meaningful theme, "We are all just Travellers Here."

Through vibrant colors, expressive techniques and creative storytelling, our students explored what it means to walk through life together - sharing moments, discovering new perspectives and expressing their unique place in the world. Every piece of artwork reflected the curiosity and sense of wonder our students bring to their learning each week.

A heartfelt thank you to our passionate Art Specialists, Miss Deidre O'Reilly and Ms Alison Summers, for guiding our young artists on this journey and nurturing their talents with such dedication. Thank you also to our Learning Support Officers whose hard work transformed our spaces into a beautiful gallery.

















Overdue Fees

For families who are in arrears for the 2026 school year and have not yet made a payment arrangement, we ask that you attend to your account as soon as possible or contact the school office prior to Friday, 13th November 2026 to discuss your situation.

We sincerely thank all families who have finalised their school fees or who have made arrangements with us to meet their commitments in a way that supports their family budget. Your partnership enables us to continue providing high-quality learning programs and a supportive school environment for every child.

Compass App Upgrade

You may have noticed the Compass app has been upgraded!

What's new? An improved absence form, easier conference bookings, widgets for your phone's home and lock screen and light and dark modes.

Do you need to do anything? No. The upgrade arrives as a normal app update, so there's nothing new to download. If your app doesn't update automatically, update it from the App Store or Google Play. You may be asked to sign in again with your usual Compass details.

Where can I get help? Visit the parent guide at compass.education/guide

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Whole School Colour Fun Run 1 WEEK AWAY

It's almost showtime! Monty the Monstar Fun Run is nearly here. A huge thanks to everyone who has already jumped in and started fundraising.

We have raised nearly $10,000 so far which is just over ½ way to our goal.

Let's finish strong - our students deserve the best!

You can still create your child's profile online at myprofilepage.com.au and start raising funds.

Parents/carers don't forget to respond to the event on Compass so your child can participate on the day.

#MontytheMonstar #MontytheMonstarFunRun #AustralianFundraising

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Library Closing for Stocktake

It's that time of the year when we begin to search for library books that haven't been returned to our school library yet.

Mrs Susie Aquilina has the enormous job of ensuring that we end the year with all the books we started with. But she can't do this on her own. We need every family to do a thorough check. We are asking families to go on a Book Hunt. Let's see how many of these tricky, hide and seek books we can find and return them to our library. Susie will be thrilled to see every one of them back to where they belong.

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

Term 4, 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 Week 6	10 *Pre-Prep 2027 Testing Day	11 Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day *Assembly @ 2:15pm *Pre-Prep 2027 Testing Day	12 Year 6 ASPIRE Incursion	13 Whole School Colour Fun Run	14	15
16 Week 7 Year 3 Wild Action Incursion Year 6 Camp @ YMCA Anglesea Discover Camp	17	18 *Year 1 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	19 Term 4 PSG Meetings	20 Term 4 PSG Meetings	21	22
23 Week 8 Term 4 PSG Meetings Library Closed for Stocktake	24 Term 4 PSG Meetings School Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00pm	25 Term 4 PSG Meetings Year 4 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am *Assembly @ 2:15pm	26 Term 4 PSG Meetings	27	28	29
30 Week 9 *2027 Student Transition Session 1 (Prep – Year 5) *Year 6 Life Saving Excusion	1 December Term 4 PSG Meetings Whole School Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm	2 Prep attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am	3 Term 4 PSG Meetings Year 6 Space Incursion	4 Term 4 PSG Meetings	5	6
7 Week 10 *2027 Student Transition Session 2 (Prep – Year 5)	8	9 Year 5 attending Parish Mass @ 9:15am *Assembly @ 2:15pm Semester 2 Reports Released on Compass	10 Year 6 Big Day Out	11 Parent Helper Afternoon Tea	12	13
14 Week 11 Year 6 Graduation & Presentation @ 6:00pm	15 Whole School End of Year Mass @ 9:15am Last Day of Term 4 Students Dismissed @ 3:15pm	16 School Closure Day	17 School Closed	18 School Closed	19	20