



Important Dates

Eucharist Workshop
Saturday 2 August 2025

9.15am School Tour
Monday 4 August 2025

ICAS Testing
4/8/25 - 29/8/25
Monday 4 August 2025

Catholic Schools
Open Week August
4-10
Monday 4 August 2025

9am Whole School
St Dominic's Feast
Day Mass 6CT
Tuesday 5 August 2025

Book Week Pre-
loved Costume Sale
Tuesday 5 August 2025

Debating
Competition
Tuesday 5 August 2025

Catholic Schools
Cross Country
Carnival
Wednesday 6 August 2025

9.15am School Tour
Thursday 7 August 2025

3.15pm STEM
Program
Thursday 7 August 2025

8am Coffee Van
9am Welcome
Assembly 3/4SB
Friday 8 August 2025

First Holy
Communion
Sunday 10 August 2025

9am Mass 5AW
Tuesday 12 August 2025

6pm School Board
Tuesday 12 August 2025

9am Mass 3/4JC
Tuesday 19 August 2025

2pm P&F Meeting
Tuesday 19 August 2025

9.15am School Tour
Thursday 21 August 2025

Book Week Parade
Friday 22 August 2025

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From the Principal

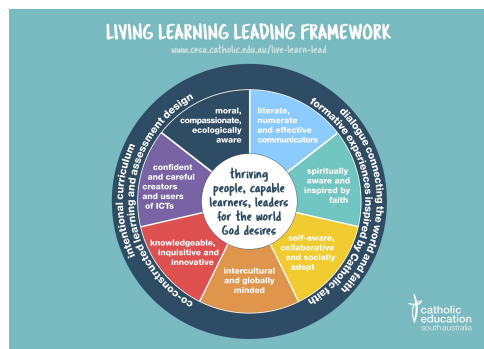


The term has commenced and we are now in the business of learning. Well done to the new students who have settled smoothly into the St Cath's way (and parents for their help). I have enjoyed getting to know our new faces. We are delighted also to welcome our new group of Bambini students who will be with us each Friday morning ahead of their transition to school.

Living, Leading, Learning Survey

As previously mentioned, our annual Living, Leading, Learning Survey had been distributed to students, staff and parents. This is one measure we use to collect information about how we are progressing as a school in relation to our Living, Leading, Learning framework. Please be assured that I will read your feedback and that we use this information for future planning and thanks to parents and carers who take the 5-10mins to complete this survey.

To get started, go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code **SCSLLLP** If you require more information or have any feedback, please email: LLL@NSIPartnerships.com.au



Term 3 Curriculum Overviews

Over the last week you would have received a Term Overview from your child's classroom teacher. These are a valuable way for you to stay well informed of the teaching intentions for the term ahead. Our curriculum planning is based on the National Curriculum and Crossways Religious Education Curriculum. You will notice that a lot of thought is put into how best to structure a thorough program that offers our students a diverse range of learning across the various learning areas.

As a parent or carer I invite you to engage with your children in conversations about learning that including:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where do you go for help?

The focus here isn't on tests or grades, rather it is about engaging students in the process of managing their learning.

Congratulations to our new appointed Semester 2 ECO and SRC Representatives

We have already had our first meeting to discuss the nature of our work for the remainder of the year. It is always good to hear lots of exciting ideas but we will work with these leaders to develop their skills in learning what it means to represent others. The Semester 1 leaders were successful in introducing several great initiatives and I am confident that we will see the same from these enthusiastic students and we can't wait to see them flourish as leaders within our school.



SRC 2025 Semester Two

Sem 2	Student Name	Student Name
REC JS	Olivia	William
REC JB	Mimi	Spencer
1/2BB	Harriet	Jack
1/2NB	Leni	Samuel
3/4JC	Vivienne	Mitchell
3/4SB	Georgia	Bodhi
5AW	Gracie	William
6CT	Lauren Jack	Ollie Elliot

ECO 2025 Semester Two

Sem 2	Student Name	Student Name
REC JS	Ellie	Elijah
REC JB	Luna	Harrison
1/2BB	Lorenzo	Alexandra
1/2NB	Otis	Elise
3/4JC	Willow	Henry
3/4SB	Torin	Lila
5AW	Max	Mackenzie
6CT	Anton	Matisse

Enrolment Intentions for 2026

Whilst 2026 may seem some time away, we are starting the process of planning staffing and class structures now. The School works hard to balance class sizes and new enrolment requests and to support our planning, I ask that if you are considering a change in the enrolment status of your child/ren in 2026 that you inform our enrolment officer, Cathy Fischle as soon as possible.

(cfischle@stcaths.catholic.edu.au).

We are looking forward to several upcoming events including:

- Week 3: St Dominic's Week
- Week 3 Fri Aug 8: Assembly hosted by 3/4SB
- Week 5: Book Week
- Week 6: Tues Aug 26: MITIOG Parent Workshop 5.30pm
- Week 9: Parent and Teacher learning conversations

For your reference, the Term 3 Calendar is now available on Audiri.

Kind Regards,

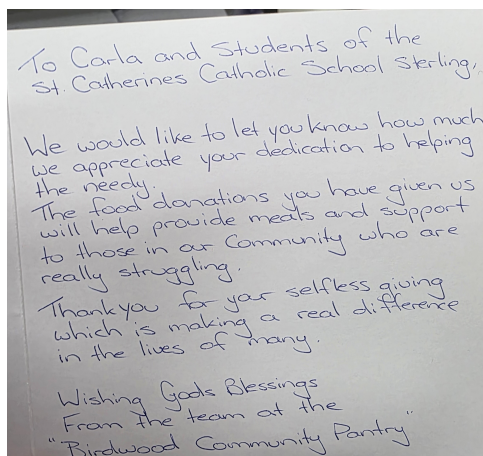
Mark Simpson

From the APRIM



Thank you from Birdwood Pantry

A special thank you from our friends at Birdwood pantry for the donations and support provided during last term's Vinnie's Winter Appeal fundraiser. It is through the generosity and kindness of our families that we were able to make a meaningful contribution to those in our community who are doing it tough this winter. Your support has helped provide warm clothing, food, and comfort to those in need. Thank you for making a difference.



Celebrating Our Saints: St Dominic and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

In Week 3, we joyfully recognise two important feast days in our Catholic tradition. St Dominic, our patron saint, and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Uniquely, both saints share the same feast day on August 8, offering us a beautiful opportunity to reflect

on their lives of faith, service, and dedication to God.

We will honour St Dominic during a special Whole school Mass on Tuesday 5th August led by 6CT, where we will celebrate his legacy of truth, prayer, study and service. St Dominic reminds us of the importance of seeking knowledge and sharing the love of God with others.

Later in the week, we will also reflect on St Mary MacKillop, whose life of courage and compassion continues to inspire us. Her well-known words, "Never see a need without doing something about it," challenges us all to respond to the needs of others with action and love.

All families are warmly invited to attend our Mass on Tuesday 5th August at 9:00am in Siena Hall.



Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly Mass

This week, 3/4SB led our Year 3-6 community for a very special Mass honouring grandparents and the elderly. This was connected with celebrations initiated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan across Adelaide over the weekend.

Through prayer, the students helped us to reflect on and recognise the vital role grandparents and older generations play in the lives of our children, sharing their wisdom, love and faith in countless ways. It was heartwarming to welcome so many grandparents into our school and parish community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us and made this celebration memorable.



Mass and Liturgy outline for Term 3

This term, with Fr Fred away on leave in the second half of the term, all school Masses will be held during weeks 2-5 on Tuesday at 9am.

The outline for masses and liturgies this term are as follows:

- Week 2 - 3/4SB Mass
- Week 3 - 6CT Whole School Mass
- Week 4 - 5AW Mass
- Week 5 - 3/4JC Mass
- Week 6 - 1/2BB Liturgy
- Week 7 - RecJB Liturgy
- Week 8 - 1/2NB Liturgy
- Week 9 - RecJS Liturgy
- Week 10 - Community Prayer (Friday)

Classes choose a theme based on their learning during Religious Education, current events, the mass of the day or a topic of interest. It is a wonderful way for students to engage meaningfully with the Christian faith, express their understanding, and take an active role in leading our school community in prayer and reflection. We look forward to celebrating with students, families and friends this term.

Planting for biodiversity: Watercourse Restoration Project Underway

Thanks to a generous grant from Catholic Education South Australia (CESA), students assisted in an exciting new project to restore and revitalise the watercourse area in the Kitchen Garden space. At the end of last term, students and staff came together to plant a selection of native rushes and sedges, chosen for their ability to stabilise the soil and support the natural flow of water into the wetland catchment area.

With the recent rainfall, we're hopeful that these young plants will establish and begin to flourish as spring approaches. Over time, this planting will help create a more stable and sustainable environment, capturing and slowing water to reduce erosion and support biodiversity.

Already, there has been excitement about the idea of developing a frog pond at the first water catchment point. We look forward to seeing how this idea might unfold in the coming months.

This project is just one example of how we are working together to enhance our school environment while offering hands-on learning opportunities that connect students with ecological stewardship and sustainability. Stay tuned for more updates as the watercourse continues to transform.

Egg-citing News from the Chicken Coop!

We're thrilled to share that our school chickens have started laying eggs! This is a wonderful milestone in our Kitchen Garden program and a great opportunity for students to learn about life cycles, responsibility, and sustainable living.

Keep an eye out on Qkr!, fresh eggs are available for purchase. 1 dozen eggs cost \$5.50 and funds raised will go back into supporting our chickens and garden program.



Kitchen Garden Update – Growing and Preparing for Spring

This term, students from 3/4JC and 1/2NB are taking part in our Kitchen Garden Program, with a special focus on maintaining and enriching our garden space. Students have been busy weeding garden beds and feeding the soil using nutrient-rich manure from our chickens, learning firsthand how to care for creation and support healthy plant growth.

Winter is a quieter season in the garden, a time of preparation and patience, as we wait for the warmth of spring to begin planting produce ready for harvest in late spring and early summer. Excitingly, our brussels sprouts are just beginning to form, bringing signs of life and growth during the colder months.

In addition, students have started using green waste from their classrooms to contribute to our compost bins, a sustainability initiative led by our YELP group. This is a fantastic step toward reducing waste and creating healthy compost to nourish our garden in the seasons ahead.

Alongside their Kitchen Garden work, 1/2NB will also be tending to the Butterfly Garden, preparing the space for new planting at the end of the term during the Season of Creation. This is a beautiful way to support biodiversity and attract native pollinators to our school environment. Stay tuned for updates as this project unfolds!

We're proud of the hands-on learning happening in the garden and look forward to seeing the fruits (and vegetables!) of the students' efforts in the months to come.

Congratulations to our new Eco Leaders

We're excited to announce that our new Eco Leaders have been elected! These students were chosen by their classmates to lead and support eco-friendly initiatives across the school, helping us care for creation and live out our commitment to sustainability.

As part of their role, the Eco Leaders will work closely with me to promote and educate their classmates on environmentally conscious practices such as reducing waste, composting, recycling, and maintaining our garden spaces.

This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for students to take action on issues they care about and inspire others to do the same. We look forward to seeing their passion and creativity shine as they lead us in caring for our common home.

Stay tuned for updates on their projects throughout the term!

Carla Thomas

Acting APRIM

Watercourse Restoration Project



Kitchen Garden Update



RecJB News

This term, we were excited to welcome five new Reception students into our class—Willi, Luella, Louis, Charlie and Emilia! It has been a joy getting to know our new classmates and helping them settle into our learning environment. Together, we have been exploring the theme of God's love and how we can see it in the world and in the caring relationships around us. In Literacy, we've also begun learning about narrative writing, where students are discovering how to tell stories with a clear beginning, middle and end. It's been a wonderful start to Term 3 with new friends and meaningful learning experiences!



5AW

5AW love to read! We have time every single class day reading by ourselves or with Mrs Williams reading to us. We love to share what we read. This term, we are writing book reports to show others how awesome the books we choose are. If you want to find out what books we like, feel free to ask anyone in the Fabulous 5s!!



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Curriculum



NAPLAN Results Now Available for Year 3 and 5

NAPLAN reports have now been distributed to Year 3 and Year 5 families. These reports provide valuable insights into your child's progress in areas such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and numeracy.

At a school level, NAPLAN is one of the important tools we use to measure the impact of our teaching and learning initiatives. It helps us identify strengths and areas for growth, guiding our next steps as we continue to ensure we provide a high-quality education for all students.

If you have any questions about your child's NAPLAN results, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher. They will be happy to support you in understanding the report and how it relates to your child's overall learning journey.

Book Week

We're thrilled to announce that "Book Week 2025" is just around the corner, and this year's theme is "Book an Adventure"—a celebration of the adventures, imagination, and possibilities that books bring into our lives!

To kick off the festivities, we warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for our much-loved Book Week Dress-Up Parade!

- Date: 9am Friday 22nd August (week 5)

- Time:~9:15am
- Location:~The Courts (weather permitting)

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book characters—from classic tales to modern adventures! Whether it's a wizard, a wild thing, a superhero, or a curious creature, we can't wait to see the creativity and joy on display. Please support the Parents and Friends as they set up our sustainable costume sale/swap on Tuesday 5th August from 2.30-3.30pm in the Treehouse.

It's a wonderful way to share the magic of reading with your children and be part of the fun. Let's make Book Week 2025 a celebration to remember. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading in our school community.

Narelle Brine and Carla Thomas

Leaders of Learning – Curriculum and Assessment

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Wellbeing

Positive Partnerships Professional Development for Families

We are pleased to share an excellent professional development opportunity for families in our school community.

Positive Partnerships is offering a free national online workshop series designed to support parents and carers of young autistic people. This is a valuable chance to learn, reflect, and connect with others who are on a similar journey.

The online workshop is made up of four sessions held over four weeks. Each session focuses on a different topic and provides practical strategies to help strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Workshop Dates and Topics (12:00pm – 1:30pm AEST):

- Session 1: Diversity of Autism – Tuesday 19 August, 2025
- Session 2: Understanding Sensory Processing – Tuesday 26 August, 2025
- Session 3: Understanding Behaviour – Tuesday 2 September, 2025
- Session 4: Working in Partnerships – Tuesday 9 September, 2025

Each session has a separate registration, and families are encouraged to attend all four for the most comprehensive learning experience. These are interactive sessions delivered online via Zoom.

To find out more or to register, scan the QR code on the flyer or visit the Positive Partnerships website. For enquiries, please contact Renee Christie at rchristie@positivepartnerships.com.au or call 0416 553 130.

We encourage all interested families to participate in this valuable and supportive learning opportunity.

Autism online workshop sessions for parents & carers National

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young autistic people from across all states.



Session 1:
Diversity of autism
Tuesday 19 August, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEST)

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Understanding sensory processing
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For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

4 Workshop sessions

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

- This online workshop is four short sessions spread over four weeks.
- Each session contains unique information and attending all will provide the best learning.
- These workshops are interactive online sessions, delivered via Zoom. Each session has a separate registration.

For enquiries or to register, email Renee Christie:
rchristie@positivepartnerships.com.au



0416 553 130

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Bianca Foote

Leader of Learning – Wellbeing and Inclusion

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Book Week Pre-Loved Costume Sale

Book Week Pre-loved Costume Sale

Let's reduce our impact on the Earth -

come along to our costume sale

Tues 5th Aug from
2.30pm until 3.30pm.



Location: Treehouse

If you have costumes to donate to the sale

or would like a table to sell your

pre-loved costumes please contact

Lucia 0431083032

Before 1st August



Tuesday 5th August from 2.30pm - 3.30pm in the Treehouse

Mass Invitations

Please join us for



WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

CELEBRATING ST DOMINIC
FEAST DAY

TUESDAY | AUG 5 |
9:00 AM

SIENA HALL



5AW SCHOOL MASS

CELEBRATING ST MARY OF
THE CROSS MACKILLOP

TUESDAY | AUG 12 |
9:00 AM

SIENA HALL



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