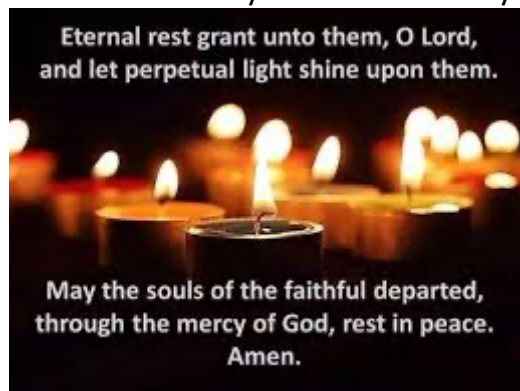


Term 1 Week 4 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Hoping everyone has had some reprieve from the warm summer weather! Last week we learnt of the sad news of the passing of Father O'Reilly. Father O'Reilly's association with the St Albans Parish began in 1968, and during this time, he was instrumental in the development and leadership of the Federation of Catholic Regional Colleges, and he helped to establish Cana Catholic School and Emmaus Catholic School. His legacy is immense as is his dedication to Catholic education, as he served God's people with joy and generosity. May He rest in peace.

I attended the vigil prayers and pontifical funeral mass celebration yesterday with a number of staff and 2 of our Year 6 leaders, Eve and Christian, who represented the school so well. It was a prayerful tribute to the great man who was known to many as Father O'Reilly.



Last week's Parent Teacher Conversations went well and were a great opportunity for parents and carers to share relevant information with their child's class teacher to help support students in all areas.

Home Learning at Cana:

Many parents have asked about how to best support their child/ren at home with their learning. Many studies have shown that formal homework that covers all areas of the curriculum is not of any benefit to students. Developing consistent study habits and routines are much more effective, especially for students in Year 5 and 6. This may include daily reading and quick practice and recall of maths facts. Stay tuned for more information from teachers about 'homework' and what home learning will look like here at Cana Catholic School.

Library borrowing:

Students will begin borrowing books from the school library on a weekly basis. We encourage all students to borrow books of their choice to take home and read for enjoyment. These may be picture books, graphic novels, short novels or non-fiction books. Please encourage your child to read daily and to care for these books and return them to school on time.

MACS Vision for Instruction at Cana Catholic School:

As a MACS School (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools), we are embarking on a journey to transform our learning here at Cana to be in alignment with the strategic plan [MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World](#). We will aim to deliver the best educational outcome for each student. Our focus will be 'explicit instruction' whereby we aim to reduce 'teacher talk,' and use consistent retrieval strategies for the automatic recall of information to help ensure that important information is stored in student long term memory.

Our planned closure days on March 24th and March 25th (no school for students) will enable all staff to participate in professional development about a program to assist with this called MultiLit and InitiaLit.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Alison Bretag
Principal

Dates for your Calendar (more to come)

Term 1, 2025

Wednesday 29th January	Term 1 begins - Prep to Grade 6 starts at 8:45am, Prep's finish at 1pm on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st.
Wednesday 5th February	No Preps students
Monday-Wednesday 10-12 Feb	Parent Chats after school
Wednesday 12th February	No Preps students
Wednesday 19th February	No Preps students
Wednesday 26th February	No Preps students
Monday March 10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 24th March	School Closure - Professional Development Day, no students
Tuesday 25th March	School Closure - Professional Development Day, no students
Tuesday 1st April	School Photo Day
Friday 4th April	Last day of Term 1 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 2, 2025	
Monday 21st April	Easter Public holiday- no school
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 2 begins
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public holiday-no school
Sunday 18th May	Sacrament of Confirmation- Year 6 students
Monday May 19th	School Closure Day- Professional Development Day, no students
Monday 9th June	King's Birthday public holiday
Thursday June 26th	Parent Teacher Interviews by appointment- no students onsite
Friday 4th July	Last day of Term 2 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 3, 2025	
Monday July 21st	Term 3 begins
Saturday 16th August	Sacrament of First Eucharist- Year 4
Friday 19th September	Last day of Term 3 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 4, 2025	
Tuesday October 7th	Sacrament of Reconciliation- Year 3 students
Monday November 3rd	School Closure Day- no students
Tuesday November 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th December	Year 6 graduation
Tuesday 16th December	Last day of Term 4 for students

This calendar does not include fundraising and community engagement activities- such as Mother's Day or the Colour Fun Run. These dates will be set at the first Parents and

Friends Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday February 25th at 2pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome to attend. Please email Belinda belinda.1787@gmail.com The more the merrier!

Introducing our 2025 School leaders.

General School leaders:

Eve Azzopardi
Christian Biondo
Mikayla Jose
William Cassar



Mary MacKillop leaders:

Natalie Dalton
Valentina Chiodo
Addison Spiteri
Mia Falzon



Sports Captains:

Fr. O'Reilly House-

Lucas Ferraro and
Christian De bono

St. Joseph House-

Jordan Deleon and
Thomas Gillman

St. Patrick House-

Lana Mussel and
Savannah Farrugia

St. Mary MacKillop House-

Marie Maurice and Danny
Krstevski



Inaugural Cana girls AFL team

We are thrilled to have Cana's inaugural girls AFL football team. Well Done to the girls for putting their hand up to play and we are sure they will do Cana proud in the upcoming Interschool sport season.



