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Newsletter

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Reflection



10 Year Anniversary of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si

A letter (encyclical) written by Pope Francis in 2015, called Laudato Si, calls us to think about our environment and ways to care for it and each other. Laudato Si means ‘Praise be to you’. This year is the 10th anniversary of this papal letter.

Pope Francis’ encyclical was written about the care for our common home. It encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future, to “hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (n. 49).

Laudato Si has been welcomed as a document that calls upon all of humanity, prompting people around the world to reflect more deeply on our Creator and creation.

How can we, as a Catholic community, continue to find ways to care for our Common Home, and the people that are most in need?

We are called to be people of action, kindness and compassion.

Let's continue the great work of Pope Francis by caring for our Common Home.



Sacrament of Confirmation

As the Year 6 students continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation we focus our thoughts on what the Sacrament of Confirmation means.

Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. Confirmation perfects our baptism and brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. It is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is a true sacrament instituted by Christ. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism accompanied by prayer. The chrism is blessed by the bishop and the bishop administers the Sacrament.

Confirmation Name

Our given names are a very important part of our identity. Parents put a lot of thought into choosing a child’s name. It is appropriate for a candidate to confirm the name given at Baptism. If a saint’s name is chosen, it should be a name of a saint that inspires the child. Choosing a Confirmation name helps put us in contact with our greater Christian story.



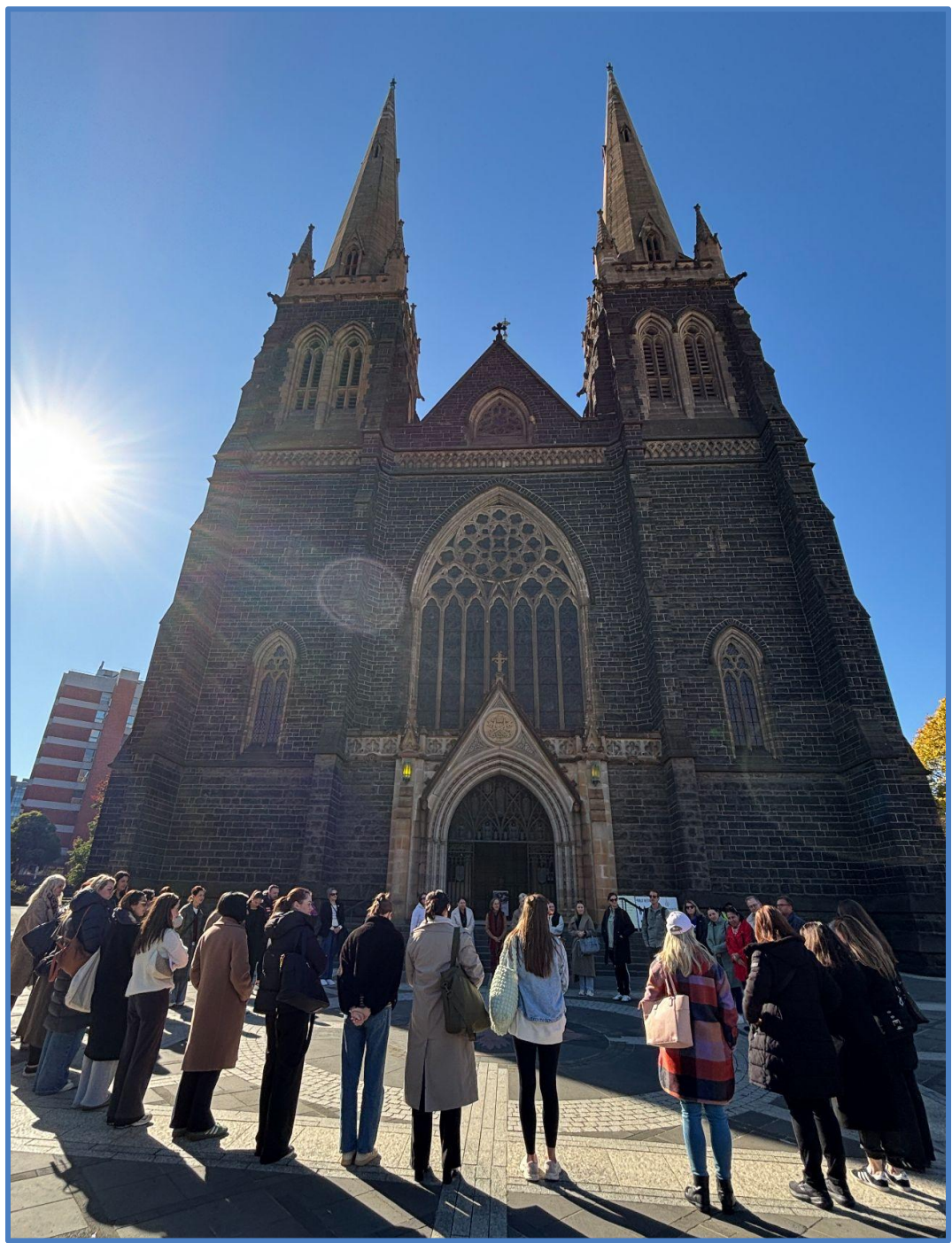
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Principal’s Message

Yesterday all staff attended the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne. The purpose of the day was to investigate the work of Australia's first saint and the impact that her work had on others. Mary was the first Sister of St. Joseph and began establishing the order and the work they needed to do throughout the country. She was only 24 when she began this work and took the title of ‘Mary of the Cross’ in recognition of Christ’s ultimate gift of love for us. Penola in South Australia was the first of many schools she established. She worked to support the poor and marginalised in society, establishing many schools across Australia where no learning opportunities previously existed. She also created charitable organisations to support single mothers who had nowhere else to turn. The Heritage Centre was one of the many sites that Mary founded to support the poor. She faced many challenges throughout her time, even at one stage being excommunicated from the church. However, her commitment to helping the poor and less fortunate helped her overcome these challenges and her legacy continues to live on with the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. As a staff we use Mary as an inspiration for the work we do with children and also to support those organisations who support the poor and marginalised.



Staff outside
St Patrick’s Cathedral

POPE LEO XIV

Since our last newsletter a new leader of the Catholic Church has been appointed with the announcement of Pope Leo XIV. The fact that Pope Leo was agreed upon by the Cardinals so quickly is a positive sign that there is a consensus by the Cardinals around how he can lead the Church. With the many challenges that face the world, with conflict in several countries, his message of peace is so important. We look forward to the 69 year old pontiff building on the work of Pope Francis in uniting Catholics around the world with love and inclusiveness.

LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS DAY

Next Wednesday the school is celebrating the wonderful work of the Learning Support Officers (LSO) at our school. The school currently has 18 LSOs working in every class in the school supporting children in their learning. Their hard work and commitment to improving the outcomes for the children is something we would like to acknowledge and thank them for.

PREP AND YEAR 6 FAMILY MASS

This Saturday evening we have our Year Prep & Year 6 family mass which will be celebrated at the 6:00pm parish mass. This is an opportunity for children, their buddies and the families to gather together at the same mass and celebrate the Eucharist as a community. We look forward to seeing all Prep and Year 6 families attend this mass.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

It was terrific to see so many of the mums at the Mother’s Day Breakfast the Friday morning before last. Thank you to our committed Parents Association Reps and the many parents who helped out on the day. To feed so many people so well and with such delicious choices is no easy feat.

BEST TEACHER NOMINATION

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools are again partners in the Australia’s Best Teacher Campaign. If you would like to recognise the exceptional work that any of our teachers do this is your opportunity to nominate via the website listed below.

**Nominate a teacher who inspires:
Australia’s Best Teacher Campaign**

MACS is proud to be an official partner for the third year in a row, celebrating exceptional teachers across our community.

Nominations are now open for MACS parents, students and community members to nominate the teachers who inspire our students to flourish in their learning.

An expert judging panel will shortlist nominations for entry into Australia's Top 50 Best Teachers list, to be announced on Saturday 21 June.

Nominate your 'best teacher' today by visiting www.AustraliasBestTeacher.com.au and stay tuned to read some wonderful stories featuring teachers from across the MACS schools.

PETITION OUTCOME

Recently the school received a response from Moonee Valley City Council regarding the school’s petition against the charging of a fee for a Road Occupancy Permit. Unfortunately MVCC have refused to waive the fee despite the objections from so many in the community. This is a disappointing result given the hard work the School Advisory Council and many in the school community have put into appealing the imposing of this fee. At this stage the school will be required to pay the outstanding amount still owed on the permit.

Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

NCCD

The NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability. The NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school.

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA), and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the standards), Australian students with a disability must be able to access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers. To ensure this, students with disability may receive adjustments to access education, based on the professional judgement of teachers, in consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians or carers.

In providing an adjustment, schools assess the functional impact of the student’s disability in relation to education. This includes the impact on communication, mobility, curriculum access, personal care and social participation. Other areas that might be considered for some students are safety, motor development, emotional wellbeing, sensory needs and transitions.

Our teachers and LSO’s are working tirelessly to ensure appropriate adjustments are put in place for each student included in the NCCD. A student with reading difficulties (Dyslexia) for example may have the following adjustments in the classroom:

- Providing reading rest breaks
- Providing prior instruction in new vocabulary
- Access to audio and video materials
- Graphic organisers for note taking
- Scaffolding instructions
- Giving extra time in tests/exams
- Providing visuals over written instructions
- Highlighting key words or phrases
- Use of assistive technology
- Reduction in amount of information copied from the board
- 1:1/Small group support
- Breaking down tasks into small steps

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a fact sheet of information for parents. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



Rebecca Glenton
Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

Sport News

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 33 students across Years 4 - 6 who represented our school at the District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. The Year 4 students competed at their first XC event, completing a 2km race whilst the Year 5/6 students competed in the 3km event. The weather most certainly looked after us with 18oC and sunshine gracing the students as they participated in their events, with 6 students progressing through to the Divisional stage next Wednesday. Congratulations to Saige Morrell, Kris Tadikamalla and Levi Bugryn in Year 4, Olivia Godino and Chloe Bevelander in Year 5 and Declan McIldowney in Year 6, for all placing in the top 10 in their respective events. We wish them well in the next stage next week at the Keilor Park Athletics Track.



Interschool Sports

The Year 5s and 6s have continued their Interschool Sports competition over the last two Friday’s, competing against St Monica’s Primary School and Essendon Primary School. Both schools put up some fierce competition for our students and we’ve been super proud of how our kids have worked cohesively as a team in all sports. Highlights of the past fortnight would have to be Toby Lessware of Year 6 kicking 10 goals against Essendon last week and Miss DC’s tactical coaching on the sidelines for the Teeball team! There could be a calling in the 2028 Olympics? We look forward to our round 4 match against Strathmore North Primary School (away) in Week 7.

Week 2 Scores:

Girls Netball: STV 4 - 29 STM
Mixed Netball: STV 4 - 28 STM
Teeball: STV 26 - 16 STM
AFL: STV 113 - 26 STM
Girls Soccer: STV 4 - 0 STM
Mixed Soccer: STV 0 - 11 STM

Week 3 Scores:

Girls Netball: STV 8 - 2 EPS
Mixed Netball: STV 4 - 17 EPS
Teeball: STV 15 - 12 EPS
AFL: STV 205 - 1 EPS
Girls Soccer: STV 6 - 0 EPS
Mixed Soccer: STV 1 - 4 EPS

Daniel Igoe
Sports / PE Co-ordinator

2025 Term 2 School Fees

A reminder that Term 2 school fees are due tomorrow, Friday 23rd May. For details please refer to the statement that was emailed on 6th February 2025.

If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing hardship, please contact Mr Shane Byrne (principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au), so that a confidential financial arrangement can be discussed.

2025 Term Dates

TERM 2
Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July

TERM 3
Monday 21st July – Friday 19th September

TERM 4
Monday 6th October – Tuesday 16th December

2025 School Closure Days

- ❖ Thursday 31st July
- ❖ Wednesday 17th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 3rd November
- ❖ Thursday 4th December

Awards

Please find listed below the names of those students receiving awards at the assembly on **FRIDAY 30th May at 2:25 pm** in the hall.

PREP BLUE	Mila Mazzarella Jesse Taylor Alessio Cicone	THREE GREEN	Dominic Pappalardo Sophie Pell
PREP GOLD	Sebastian Guirguis Athena Senda	FOUR BLUE	Madeleine Russell Logan Nguyen
PREP GREEN	Magdalena Marinovic Timothy Matthews	FOUR GOLD	Blair Naim Kris Tadikamalla
ONE BLUE	Leo Bongiovanni Eva Colombi	FOUR GREEN	Will Favaro Isabella Dos Santos
ONE GOLD	Clara Pantano Henry Goodburn	FIVE BLUE	Hayet Seoud Billy Giansiracusa
TWO BLUE	Millie Arnup Xavier Echeverria	FIVE GOLD	Billy Shannon Chloe Bevelander
TWO GOLD	Olive Russell Allira Thompson	FIVE GREEN	Angus Mizzi Matilda Pound
THREE BLUE	Charlize Palmai Valentina Zara	SIX BLUE	Annabel Sands Lucas Inguanti
THREE GOLD	Asha Di Natale Anthony Cannavo	SIX GOLD	Charlie Kennedy Isabelle Kollamana



St Columba's College Scholarship Program



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College

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



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- Accelerated Learning Opportunities
- Personal Growth and Confidence
- Leadership Opportunities
- State-of-the-Art New Facilities
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Registrations Close

18 July 2025

Examination Date: Saturday 26 July 2025

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columba.vic.edu.au/scholarships/

Ave Maria College - Enrolments Year 7, 2027


She Who Belongs She Who Thrives



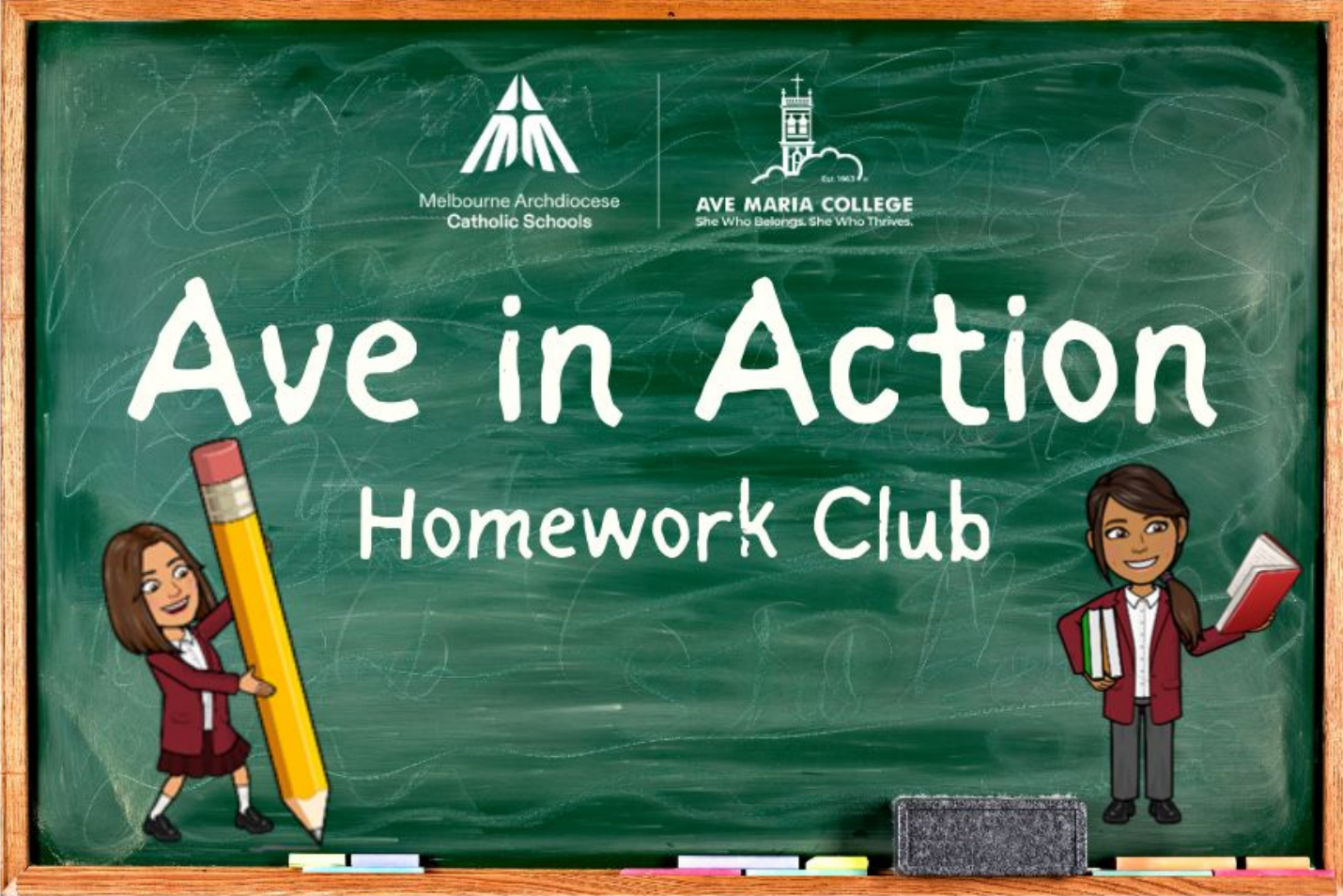
Now accepting enrolments Year 7 2027
Applications close 15 August 2025



Book a College Tour today:
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(03) 9331 9300
registrar@avemaria.vic.edu.au




Ave Maria College - Ave in Action/She Who Explores Programs



Calling future Ave girls! Come join our brand new homework assistance program, Ave in Action. Open to Year 4 and 5 girls from our Feeder Primary Schools, these sessions will allow students the opportunity to get help with their homework from our student leaders in our fantastic Helene Library.


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2+3=	5-3=
4+2=	8+2=



Tuesday, 6 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, 13 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, 20 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, 27 May 4:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, 3 June 4:00pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, 10 June 4:00pm-5:00pm

Please note there is a 2 sessions limit per student.

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.



She Who Explores

TERM 2 Sessions


Come and see what it's like to be an Ave girl with our after school program, **She Who Explores**.


Designed specifically for Year 4 and 5 students, this is a fantastic opportunity for our future students to explore subjects that they will be able to study at Ave Maria College.



We hope that you will join us for one or two of the following sessions.

Monday, 5 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Writing
Thursday, 15 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Leadership Skills
Thursday, 29 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Food Technology (repeat)
Monday, 16 June, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Science (repeat)

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.







St Bernard’s College Business Lunch

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE
BUSINESS LUNCH



12:30PM – 2:30PM
Friday, 6 June



Michael Perrett Pavilion

St Bernard's College Essendon –
enter via Hampton Rd Gate 8,
and follow road down to ovals



\$60 per person – with a
buffet lunch and drinks
included!



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commentator, media personality



AGOSTINO
GIRAMONDO

St Bernard's College Old Collegian (1986)

Managing director of News Corp
VIC & TAS



FRANCIS
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St Bernard's College Old Collegian (1985)

Strategic Communications and Media
Specialist with over 30 years experience.

Important Dates

MAY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 School Advisory Council Meeting	2 Yr 6 Winter Sports #1 Year 3 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	3	4
5	6 Mother’s Day Stall	7 Year 3 Mass 10am	8	9 Mother’s Day Breakfast Yr 6 Winter Sports #2	10	11 Mother’s Day
12	13	14 Year 2 Mass 10am Second hand uniform sale 8:30am	15 Year 6 Confirmation Info Evening 7pm	16 Yr 6 Winter Sports #3 Year 2 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	17	18
19 Parents Association Meeting 7:00pm Online	20	21 School Closure Day	22	23 Kids Movie Night	24 Prep & Yr 6 Family Mass 6pm	25
26	27	28 Year 1 Mass 10am	29	30 Year 1 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	31	

JUNE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2	3	4 Prep/Yr 6 Mass 10am	5	6 Yr 6 Winter Sports #4	7	8
9 King's Birthday Holiday	10	11 Yr 5 Gold Mass 10am	12 Hot Food Day (Pizza) School Advisory Council Meeting	13 Prep Assembly 2:25pm (Hall)	14	15
16	17	18 Yr 5 Blue Mass 10am	19	20 Parent's Trivia Night	21	22
23	24	25 Yr 5 Green Mass 10am	26	27 Year 5 Assembly 2:25pm (Hall) (Note change of Year level)	28 Year 6 Confirmation Masses - 6 Gold 10am - 6 Blue 12noon	29
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JULY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4 Last day of Term 2 1:30pm finish	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Term 3 Begins	22	23 Yr 6 Gold Mass 10am	24 School Advisory Council Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30 Yr 6 Blue Mass 10am	31 School Closure Day			