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## Principal's News

Dear Families,

This week marks National Reconciliation Week (NRW), observed annually from 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two important milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey, the 1967 Referendum, which recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Census, and the Mabo decision, which acknowledged traditional land ownership and led to native title legislation.

As a school community, we are proud to walk the path of reconciliation and are honoured to be recognised as a FIRE Carrier School. This meaningful initiative, led by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the Opening the Doors Foundation, and led by our year 5 students, promote Fairness, Inclusion, Respect, and Equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This week, our students reflected on what reconciliation means to them today, and where we hope to go from here. Each student created a reconciliation leaf, symbolising both the steps we've already taken and our hopes for the future. These leaves will be displayed in a collective artwork that represents our school's ongoing commitment to healing and unity. As our flags have flown half mast this week we remember to continue to listen, learn, and walk forward in reconciliation.

## Nominate a Teacher Who Inspires

We are thrilled to be part of the Australia's Best Teachers campaign, run in partnership with the Herald Sun. It is a celebration of exceptional teachers and the lasting impact they have on our school community. Please feel free to nominate a teacher who inspires your child! Click the link below to nominate them to make your voice heard.

👉 <https://www.australiasbestteacher.com.au/>



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## School Sports

Our school athletics carnival yesterday was a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and exceptional sportsmanship. Despite the cloudy weather and the threat of rain, it turned out to be perfect conditions for a day of sport.

This year, we trialled timing the running events and measuring the field events in preparation for the upcoming District Athletics Day. This change gave students the opportunity to compete under the same conditions as the district event and ensured fair representation when determining placings. All students who participated earned valuable points for their house, contributing to the overall results.

Congratulations to **Green House**, who were the overall winners on the day, and to **Gold House**, who took out the **Spirit Award**!

### House Results:

Green	–	455	points
Red	–	402	points
Blue	–	380	points
Gold – 335 points			

A big thank you goes to Mr Jones and the staff for planning and running the day so smoothly. A special thank you also to the parents who generously gave their time to help time races and measure the discus, long jump, and shot put events. Your support made a big difference and was greatly appreciated.

## Cross Country

On a very wet and cold day, our dedicated students proudly represented St. Patrick's at the Beachside Cross Country event held at Bald Hill, Clarinda, after progressing through the Dendy District Cross Country. Despite the challenging weather conditions, their determination and perseverance shone through.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performances: Alice, James, Henry, Ben, Thomas, Tessa, Sam, and Kieran.

A special congratulations to Tessa and Sam, who have qualified to compete at the Southern Metro Regionals. We wish them the very best of luck as they take on the next stage of competition!

Well done to all our runners for their commitment and achievement.

God Bless,

*Joanne Soulsby*

St Patrick's School Principal



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## Dates

### June

Monday 2	Assembly Class 6D
Friday 6	11am Pentecost Liturgy Interschool School Sport Year 5/6
Monday 9	<b>King's Birthday no students at school No assembly</b>
Tuesday 10	5.30pm Year 4 First Eucharist Family Workshop
Friday 13	Interschool Sport Year 5/6
Monday 16	Assembly Class 6M
Tuesday 17	Dendy AFL Lightning Premiership (selected students)
Wednesday 18	Dendy Netball Lightning Premiership (selected students)
Thursday 19	Dendy Soccer Lightning Premiership (selected students)
Sunday 22	9:00am Year 4 First Eucharist
Monday 23	Assembly Class 5L
Friday 27	<b>9:15 Feast of Sacred Heart Mass</b>
Monday 30	Assembly Class 5M
JULY	
Friday 4	<b>End of Term - school finishes 1:00pm</b>

### July

Monday 21	Staff Professional Development Day - no students at school
Friday 25	Grandparents Day
Monday 28	3.40-5.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 30	3.40-7.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews

### August

Monday 4	Full Dress Rehearsal at school
Wednesday 6	full day rehearsal at Crossways 6pm School Production
Thursday 7	11 am late start to school
Friday 8	9.15 Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mass
Sunday 10	4pm Year 6 Confirmation
Friday 15	9.15am Assumption Mass
Monday 18	9.00am Book Week Parade
Friday 22	Dendy District Athletics

Please find the link to our website for our calendar. Our calendar is regularly updated for your information. [Calendar](#)



# Nominate a Teacher Who Inspires!

Would you like to nominate a St. Patrick's teacher who inspires? Now is your opportunity to nominate an outstanding teacher from our school. Make your voice heard!

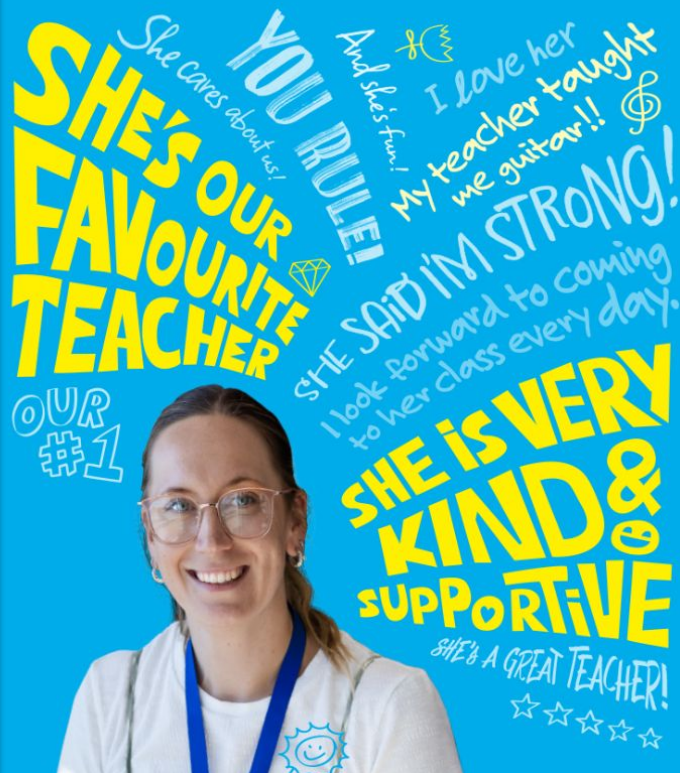
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Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools

## AUSTRALIA'S BEST TEACHER NOMINATE A TEACHER WHO INSPIRES

At the heart of all MACS schools are the teachers who enable vibrant centres of learning and growth – forming the head, heart, hands and soul of our young people.



This is why we're partnering once again with the Herald Sun on its Australia's Best Teachers campaign, a campaign to recognise and celebrate exceptional educators across school communities and the profound impact they have in inspiring growing minds to discover futures filled with purpose.

An expert judging panel will shortlist all nominations for entry into Australia's Top 50 Best Teachers list to be announced in June.

Nominations are now open to all MACS students, parents, staff and members of the school community to nominate their best teacher!



# School Sports Years 3 - 6



Congratulations





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# Cross Country



Parents and Friends

Christmas in July

Christmas party planning has begun...

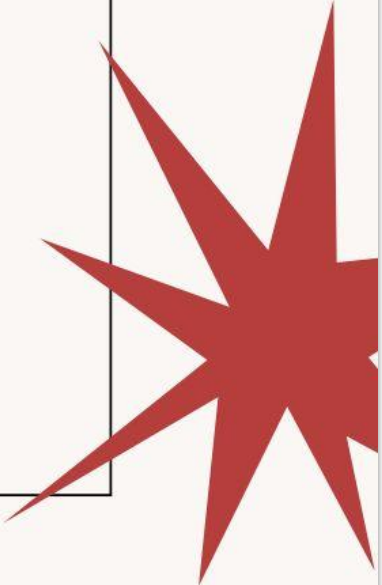


**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

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25 JULY 2025

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You won't want to miss this one!  
Details available shortly



# Parents and Friends Dates

## Calendar of Events

### May

Friday 23



Prep-Grade 2 Social Event –  
Crocs Clayton

### Save The Date

Friday 25 July



Christmas in July Parent Social  
Event

## To Do Checklist

### May

ASAP



Volunteer to help organise the  
Christmas in July parent social  
event!

Anytime



Donate unused uniforms to pre-  
loved uniform shop

## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM STORE

Did you know we have a pre-loved uniform store run by a group  
of wonderful volunteers?

Request for items can be emailed to:  
[stptssecondhanduniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stptssecondhanduniforms@gmail.com) at any time of the year!

**ALL ITEMS \$5!**

Donations are always appreciated and can be dropped into our  
designated green uniform bin located to the left of the stage in  
the hall.





# SCHOOL CONCERT

## 2025

**AUG 06**  
Term 3 Week 3  
Crossway Burwood

Show Time:

**06  
PM**

Meeting Time:  
5.40pm

TICKET  
SALES  
IN  
TERM 3

St. Patrick's Primary School Presents

**FOLLOW  
YOUR  
DREAMS**



A musical Journey about believing in yourself

# SCHOOL CONCERT

## 2025

Sneak Peek

More new costumes to come!!



Ratatouille by 5L



Hakuna Matata by 3M





DE LA SALLE  
COLLEGE - MALVERN

# Year 7 2027

## Information Night

Thursday 12 June, 7:00pm  
1318 High Street Malvern

[Register here](#)



DE LA SALLE  
COLLEGE - MALVERN

Join us and learn about our  
comprehensive Year 7 program.  
All are welcome to attend.