



Monday, 11th November 2024
Term 4 - Week 6 of 11

Please Return All Library Books

This year we have extensively increased the number of books in our library. Our priority is to provide our students with every opportunity to enjoy reading and build their capacity as a reader and learner.

The cost of most of our hardcover library books range between \$20 - \$30. If every student, and there are currently 513 students, were to keep or lose a book, that would result in not only over 500+ books we no longer have, but over \$10,000+ to replace them. You can understand why we are so keen to have all books returned.

Next week, all families will receive a report of any missing books that have not been returned by their child/ren. Please note that books that have not been returned, will result in a replacement cost billed to the family. We simply can't continue to have books taken and not returned.



Inviting All Parent To Participate in This Year's End Of Year Events

Many parents, and even more students, have commented as to how quickly this year has past. From the school's staff perspective, so much has happened in such a short time.

As we come to the end of this schooling year, there are several events that are opportunities to participate, support, enjoy and create memories.

The following is a list of events that we ask you to mark in your calendar.

Friday 22nd November

- Sports Carnival Day

Wednesday 11th December

- Whole School Picnic & Carols Evening 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Monday 16th December

- Grade 6 Big Day Out

Tuesday 17th December

- Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy (6.00pm)

Wednesday 18th December

- Last Day Of Term
- Whole School End of Year Liturgy 10.00am
- 2024 End of Year Awards 2.00pm
- 2025 School Leaders Announced
- 2024 Grade 6 Farewell 3.00pm
- School Dismissal 3.15pm

Sports Carnival Day

As our Sport Carnival fast approaches, we would like to invite all members of our community to join us on Friday 22nd November. Activities will be run by our Grade 6 House Captains, but we would greatly appreciate the assistance of parents and carers to assist with taking scores and assisting students throughout the day.

Students will be participating in a range of activities, rotating through each one to score points for their house colour. Prep students will be paired with their Grade 6 buddy while Students in Grades 1 to 5 will be split into their house colours within their year levels.

Activities will go for 30 minutes on a rotational basis. The first activities will begin at 9.30am, with the last activity finishing up at 3.00pm. Further information will be provided closer to the date but we are very excited to get students involved in a range of games and have an amazing day.

Whole School Picnic & Carols Evening

Wednesday 11th December sees the Whole School Carols Evening where students have their final opportunity to showcase their many talents to the St Catherine of Siena School Community and lead us in singing Christmas Carols.

Grade 6 Big Day Out – Go Ride A Wave

The Grade 6 Big Day out is on Monday 16th December where students will be taken to Torquay Main Beach to learn how to surf and participate in other water activities with the company Go Ride a Wave. On this day, we would love parents who would like to join their child in learning to ride a wave and assist with preparing lunch to join us. Further information has been sent out via Operoo regarding this day. Parents who have already decided that they would like to come along are asked to ensure that they have a current Working With Children Check.

Grade 6 Graduation Liturgy

On Tuesday 17th December, we have our Graduation Liturgy where all students (in full summer uniform), will participate in a final liturgy as Year 6 students and the attending parents receive a final blessing.

End Of Year Award Ceremony & Farewell To Grade 6's

Finally on Wednesday 18th December, we celebrate our final day of the year. We ask that parents, if able to, join us for both the Whole School End Of Year Liturgy at 10.00am and the End of Year Awards Ceremony at 2:00pm.

At 3:00pm, weather permitting, we will gather on the school oval to give our Grade 6 students, together with their parents, a final farewell. Students will then be dismissed at 3:15pm.

This is an exciting time for our students who have grown, learnt and formed strong friendships over these last seven years of primary school. Let's together make their final weeks at St Catherine of Siena as special as we possibly can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or your child's Grade 6 teacher.

CAUTION:

**Dates on calendar are
CLOSER than they appear.**

2025 Class Placement & Transition Days

Thank you to the many parents that have emailed the school in the past five weeks to assist in the placement of their child next year.

Our placement of students is based upon our professional observations, assessments made throughout the year, peer relationships and family consultation.

One only has to imagine the challenge you would face if asked to create a 'ready to go' family that consisted of 26 members of similar age but hugely different experiences, skills and abilities. In attempting to achieve this you would have to think of each of their own personalities, their gifts and their abilities, together with their social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs and strengths. It's a daunting task but a task made much easier when consultation occurs.

In Week 9 we commence our student transition (orientation) days. It's a strategy we use to provide our students with a sense of belonging, an opportunity to get to know both the teacher and the students they will share the coming year with, along with getting a sense of the learning environment they will be working within.

Our two transition days for our current students from Prep to Grade 5 are:

Tuesday 3rd December 2025

& Monday 9th December 2025

Our teachers are greatly aware of the expression

"Directors of First Impressions"

and just how important it is to develop a positive relationship with the students within their class and care.

So too, I ask you as parents to be mindful of your role as a director of first impressions when your child/ren discuss their class placement with you.

Your own reaction, expression and comments, be they positive or negative, will have a lasting impression on your child/ren's attitude to the coming school year. Let's together make it a positive experience.



Week 6

Monday 11/11

- Saint Martin of Tours
- **2025 Prep Transition Session 1 9am – 10am**
- **Remembrance Day**
- Exec Team 2.15pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 12/11

- Saint Josaphat
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 13/11

- Year 5 Aspire Leadership Incursion

Thursday 14/11

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 15/11

- *Saint Albert the Great*
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Saturday 16/11

- *Saint Gertrude*
- *Saint Margaret of Scotland*

Sunday 17/11

- 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Week 7

Monday 18/11

- Exec Team 2.15pm
- **Prep Transition Session 2 9am – 10am**
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 19/11

- Year 6 Graduation Photo (Summer Uniform)
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 20/11

Thursday 21/11

- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 22/11

- **Sports Carnival Day**
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Sunday 24/11

- Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Week 8

Monday 25/11

- *Saint Catherine of Alexandria*
- **2025 Prep Transition Session 3 9am – 10am**
- Exec Team 2.15pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 26/11

- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **Parent Advisory Council 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

Wednesday 27/11

- Parent Support Group Meetings

Thursday 28/11

- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Archdiocesan Celebration of Principalship 2.00pm – 9.30pm

Friday 29/11

- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Saturday 30/11

- Saint Andrew

Sunday 01/12

- 1st Sunday Of Advent

Week 9

Monday 02/12

- **2025 Prep Transition Session 4 9am – 10am**
- Exec Team 2.15pm
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 03/12

- Saint Francis Xavier
- **2025 Student Transition Day 1 (Prep – Grade 5's) @ 11:30am - 1pm**
- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 04/12

- *Saint John Damascene*

Thursday 05/12

- Parent Support Group Meetings
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 06/12

- Saint Nicholas
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Saturday 07/12

- Saint Ambrose

Sunday 08/12

- 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Week 10

Monday 09/12

- The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- **2025 Student Transition Day 2 (Prep – Grade 5s) @ 11:30am - 1pm**

Tuesday 10/12

- *Our Lady of Loreto*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 11/12

- *Saint Damasus I*
- **Carols By Candlelight & Family Picnic 5.00pm - 7.30pm**

Thursday 12/12

- *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Friday 13/12

- Saint Lucy
- **2025 Prep Transition Session 5 9am – 10am**
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- **Reports sent home**

Saturday 14/12

- Saint John of the Cross

Sunday 15/12

- 3rd Sunday Of Advent

Week 11

Monday 16/12

- **Year 6 Big Day Out**
- Exec Team 2.15pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 17/12

- **Year 6 Graduation Liturgy & Presentation Night 6.00pm**

Wednesday 18/12

- **Whole School Liturgy 10am – Advent Wk. 4**
- **End of Year Award Ceremony @ 2:00pm**
- **Last Day of Term 4 – Dismissal Time 3:15pm**

Absences & Late Arrivals

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes as well as their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day. That also means getting them to school on time.

For most of our students, their arrival time depends upon their mum, dad or a carer dropping them off or picking them up.

Being late everyday is nothing to be proud of!

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and most importantly, parental responsibility, ensures a child's regular school attendance and prevents both chronic absence and late arrival patterns.

Please help your child to get to school on time. Their absence and or lateness does impact upon their learning.

On the back of this newsletter is a flowchart that highlights how the school will be addressing absenteeism. It has been implemented in and for the best interest of our students.



Prep A

Jake A - For staying on task and labeling the different parts of 10 animals. What a focused learner!

Tomislav J - For staying on task and labeling the different parts of 10 animals. What a focused learner!

Prep B

Rhylan S - For being a knowledgeable learner during reading and finding new words in our text.

Pypah M - For being an inquirer and asking questions during inquiry to discover more about emotions.

Prep C

Gabriella G - For identifying what fiction and nonfiction texts are and the similarities and differences between them.

Tyson L - For identifying what a fact is and writing fun facts about the different animals we have learnt about.

Year 1A

Daniel W - For reading with beautiful pace, prosody and accuracy.

Chloe M - For adding and subtracting numbers using efficient mental strategies

Year 1B

Mathew P - For showing outstanding growth in your writing, attempting to include new words and crafting descriptive responses.

Arsemawit G - For writing an imaginative and detailed piece on why you want to become a scientist when you grow up.

Year 1C

Aaron A - For your hard work in self-regulating your emotions, creating a positive classroom environment. Keep it up!

Mariah A - For your creativity in crafting a detailed writing piece about your dream job. Well done!

Year 2B

Lily W - For continuing to display the school values of Kindness and Respect amongst the classroom. Well done Lily.

Jason D - For demonstrating and sharing your knowledge of different synonyms with your sentences. Well done Jason.

Year 2C

Penny S - For your excellent accuracy when writing time in worded, analogue and digital forms. Well Done Penny!

Zechariah B - For being a fantastic role-model in your class each day by being respectful, safe, responsible and kind!

Year 3A

Agot A - For displaying improvement in your post test in division. Keep up the great work.

Irah K - For showing growth in your spelling skills and achieving high results in your Acadience test.

Year 3B

Tayla C - For demonstrating a thorough understanding of common and uncommon spelling patterns.

Abby V - For showing outstanding growth when completing your reading assessments in Term 4.

Year 3C

Jason G - For displaying resilience when completing assessments this week. You are a star and should be proud of your growth!

Harry P - For being respectful of your classmates, by being considerate and focused during independent learning time.

Year 4A

Judah T - For showing perseverance in your learning and focus during whole class discussions. Well done!

Dau D - For making amazing growth in the statistics and probability unit. Excellent effort.

Year 4B

Leon P - For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude, empathy, and understanding towards his classmates building a welcoming atmosphere in the classroom.

Moses D - For achieving excellent results in PAT-R comprehension assessment. Well Done Moses

Year 4C

Shahana S - For your contributions to class discussions. It is great to hear your knowledge and ideas about different topics.

Hunter B - For your fantastic effort with your writing. You showed good perseverance in constructing sentences about the set topic.

Year 5A

Ava K - An accurate line graph of continuous numerical data! Great work!

Amelie B - An accurate line graph of the "Aussie Bird Count results! Super work!

Year 5B

Zion T - For actively engaging in our new unit of fractions and staying on task. Keep it up!

Chelsea G - For managing your time effectively and completing tasks in a timely manner. Well done!

Year 5C

Mia K - Brilliant effort making connections between our class novel War Horse and our previous novel Wonder.

Gue G - Making great growth in your personal number knowledge. Keep it up!

Year 6A

Madison D - For consistently approaching your tasks with detailed responses and taking responsibility for your learning. Awesome work!

Akot A - For consistently taking on feedback to ensure you engage with the learning tasks to the best of your abilities. Well done!

Year 6B

Sarah L - For always sharing your ideas in the classroom and encouraging others. Thank you for the enthusiasm, you bring to 6B every day.

Agurke P - For always working hard in all your subjects. You have a fantastic attitude to learning, always striving to do your best and taking on feedback to reach goals.

Year 6C

Lily H - For consistently demonstrating outstanding teamwork during group reading sessions, supporting her classmates with kindness and insight to ensure everyone succeeds together.

Brody C - For showing dedication to developing a growth mindset and embracing challenges with a positive attitude. Well done!

Mathematics Award

Emma M (5B) - For successfully recalling all of the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. Well done!

Absenteeism Flowchart

At St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School, the monitoring of student absences is the responsibility of all staff. Homegroup teachers must work through the flowchart with the support of Level Leaders and Wellbeing Leader to alert families and school leadership when concerns are raised regarding extended absences and late arrivals.

Please note:

- Any child having an planned extended absence of 6 days or more consecutive days will meet with the Principal prior to approval has been made (eg. notification of extended holidays).
- When families make Operoo notifications regarding absences, this information will be passed onto Homegroup teachers by the Office staff.
- Please consider the context relating to the purpose of the absences/late arrivals prior to communicating with families.

