



Wednesday 18 June 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Eight. I'd like to begin this week's newsletter by highlighting an important event taking place yesterday and today-our Quality Catholic Education School Review. This review is a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on how effectively we engage in self-review, assess the impact of our leadership initiatives and evaluate the future directions we've identified to enhance student outcomes. We look forward to sharing the insights and outcomes of this review with you in the near future, as we continue our commitment to excellence in Catholic education.

Faction Cross Country Carnival

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, our Faction Cross Country Carnival will take place this Thursday, starting at 8:45am with our Year Six students. The races will continue in descending year order, concluding with our Pre-primary class. A detailed schedule has already been shared and we will do our best to follow the outlined times closely. Should there be any significant changes on the day, we will notify families via SMS.

To add to the fun and support our school, the P&F will be running a baked goods stall throughout the day. We warmly invite you to contribute by baking something delicious! Baked goods (following our nut-friendly guidelines) can be dropped off at the front office this afternoon afternoon or tomorrow morning. Please itemise ingredients so we can accommodate any dietary restrictions. All items will be sold for \$2. Additionally, soft drinks (for parents only) will be available for \$2 each.

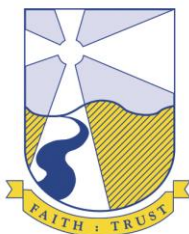
For the safety and comfort of all attendees, we kindly remind you that dogs are not permitted at the event-even if leashed or restrained. Thank you for your ongoing support. We're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun, fitness and community spirit!

Pre-primary Prayer Assembly

Please join us Friday 20 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the Pre-primary Prayer Assembly.

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Faith & Trust

**Maths Wizard Awards**

We will be presenting Maths Wizard Awards, Monday 23 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

First Holy Communion and Retreat Day

Please keep our Year Four students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will take place at St Augustine's Parish, Sunday 29 June at 10:00am, celebrated by Fr Robert. All Year Four students will participate in a retreat day, Friday 27 June. Parents and caregivers of students making their First Holy Communion, please keep an eye out for communication from Miss Moroney.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is held across Australia in the first week of July each year and the school will celebrate the history and culture of First Nations peoples during the last week of Term Two, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July. Individual classes will be engaging in activities to explore and honour First Nations peoples' histories, cultures and contributions through art, storytelling, music and learning experiences aligned with this year's NAIDOC theme... 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'.

Merit Award and Friendship Ninja Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 4 July at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award and Friendship Ninja Award Assembly.

A kind reminder about Canteen Orders

We understand that mornings can be busy and unpredictable and that sometimes things don't go quite to plan. However, we've recently had a number of children arrive at school without food and without a lunch order, which has left them feeling understandably upset and anxious.

If you've told your child that you'll be ordering from the canteen, we kindly ask that you please ensure the order is placed before the cut-off time of 8:30am. This small step makes a big difference in helping your



child feel secure and cared for throughout their school day. We know that everyone is doing their best and we truly appreciate your support in helping us make sure every student is well-fed, happy and ready to learn.

Crisis Management

Schools are obliged to plan for the safety of all individuals attending our site. Therefore, the school has a duty of care to ensure that all school related activities are conducted safely. In the emergency management context, the duty of care requires that pre-planning be undertaken for emergencies that might affect the school from time to time. As Principal, it is my responsibility for managing school related emergencies and critical incidents. The school has developed a Crisis Management Plan (CMP) which details how the school prepares for, responds to and recovers from emergency events. This plan outlines the responsibilities, drills and procedures that need to be used during emergency simulation activities. For example, depending on the context of the emergency, a decision will be made to deal with the matter internally, seek external assistance (fire, police, ambulance), evacuate the school, shelter-in-place or lockdown. The school regularly schedules training, drills and simulations to support the effectiveness of the CMP. Feel confident that the school is able to respond to an incident that affects the safety and/or wellbeing of your children.

Code of Conduct

As outlined in previous newsletters, I'll be sharing simple summaries of each of the 12 Code of Conduct statements to help us all better understand and uphold these shared expectations.

Statement Four-You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.

As a valued member of our school community-whether as a parent, staff member, visitor or School Advisory Council member-your relationship with the school is guided by the relevant agreement or role you hold.

We all share a responsibility to act respectfully, safely, and in line with school policies. If you witness unsafe or inappropriate behaviour, it's important to report it to the Principal or appropriate authority. If concerns are not addressed, further action may be taken through external channels. Everyone is expected to



respect others and school property, and to use school resources responsibly. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all.

As we move through the term, I want to express my deep gratitude for the continued support, trust and partnership of our families. Together, we are building a strong, faith-filled community where every child is known, valued, and nurtured. In the words of Jean Vanier... *"One of the marvellous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals."*

Thank you for being part of our Catholic school of excellence-a place where every child is known and every family plays a vital role.

Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards

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Principal