

NEWSLETTER



Bullying No Way!

This week, the Grade 6s led a range of activities to recognise and raise awareness for Bullying No Way Week. In class, they explored "What is bullying and what is not?" through activities, short videos from the Bullying No Way website, and lessons in SEL. It was a great opportunity to build understanding, empathy, and stronger connections across our school.



This morning everyone gathered in the senior classroom and did an activity about connecting, led by Miss Finnigan and the Seniors.

Everyone wrote down what and who makes them feel connected and then we turned it into paper chain.



A Big Thank You to the Lions Club of Casterton

This week we welcomed Lyn and Jeff from the Lions Club of Casterton, who visited our school to present an incredibly generous \$2000 donation towards our Cubby House Village project! The students were so excited to meet them and share our gratitude in person.



THANK YOU!

This amazing contribution will help bring our vision of a fun, creative play space to life for all our students to enjoy. A huge Sacred Heart thank you to the Lions Club for their kindness, generosity and continued support of our school community.

Take note!

WEEK 5
BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 19th August
Book Week Parade
& Kinder Visit

Friday 22nd August
Gr.4 CSC Partnership Day

WEEK 6

Tuesday 26th August
Lightning Prems - Coleraine
Grades 3-6

Wed 27th - Thur 28th August
PSG Meetings

WEEK 7

Wednesday 3rd September
LUNCH ORDERS

Friday 5th September
Father's Day Afternoon Tea
2:45pm

From your Principal...

Next week we welcome Kimberley Gill, a student teacher who will be working in the Year 4/5/6 classroom for the next five weeks. We're also pleased to have Chase Lange, a Year 11 student on work experience, joining us each Tuesday for the remainder of the year.

We're excited for Book Week celebrations, which will also coincide with our kinder visit - we can't wait to see everyone's favourite books and costumes!

A big thank you to Neil Treliving, one of our regular CRTs, who has been volunteering on Fridays at lunchtime to run a chess club for anyone keen to learn or improve their game. We've already had a great turnout!

I'll be attending the Australian Catholic Education Conference next week. In my absence, Chloe will be in charge and available for any questions or support needed.

Suzie

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2026

Do you know someone with a child starting school next year?

Please let your friend group, neighbours or teammates know about our vibrant little school!

We have another Learning walk coming up on Monday 8th September. Our doors are always open, so if this time doesn't suit they can call to arrange a suitable time.

Our Learning walk's are a great way for prospective families to visit our school, meet the staff and see our classrooms in action.

Feeling Unwell? Please Stay Home

There are lots of colds and flus going around at the moment, and the best way to stop the spread is to keep unwell children at home until they're feeling better. Rest, recover and return when ready - it helps keep everyone at school happy and healthy!



Stay Connected with the SIMON Everywhere App

Have you downloaded the SIMON Everywhere app yet? It's the mobile version of our Parent Access Module (PAM) and makes staying connected with school easier than ever!

Through the app you can:

- Quickly enter your child's absence (by 9:30am each day)
- View assessment reports
- Contact your child's classroom teacher
- And so much more!

It's free, easy to use, and keeps everything you need right at your fingertips. Search SIMON Everywhere in your app store today and get connected!

Logging in for the first time:

- Find & install the SIMON Everywhere app from your store
- Open the app, add your name, mobile phone number & select *Get SMS Code*
- Enter your *one-time password* & select *Login*
- Select the *+Add School* tile
- Search for your school & select the *Parent Access Login*
- Enter your *credentials* & select *Submit*



Scan the QR code to view the INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

The SIMON Everywhere app delivers PAM accessibility with easy login using existing PAM credentials, plus the ability for parents to communicate directly with teachers and notify student absences.



The Wild Thornberrys

GEOGRAPHY ADVENTURES (F-3)

We're off to Uluru

This week, the Wild Thornberrys headed to Uluru! We learnt about this sacred site and how caring for Country here is very different from cleaning the reef.

Students created their own Uluru drawings, while staff prepared a huge mural ready for them to add animals, plants and birds during play-based learning. We've also been exploring the outback and desert environments as part of our adventures.



Book Week is next week!
This year's theme is "Book an Adventure"

Dress up day & Parade is
Tuesday, August 19th - 9:30am

Students can come dressed as their favorite book character for our parade, which will include our Kinder kids. Parents and carers are welcome to join the parade, and stay for a cuppa afterward.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!



BOOK AN Adventure
2025 Children's Book Week
16-23 August



“Cyberbullies are buoyed by the support they get from bystanders. Therefore, victims and witnesses should be encouraged to stand up to the aggressors. Children have the right to feel safe regardless of which school they attend.”

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying using technology such as the Internet or mobile phone. It can be shared widely and quickly with a lot of people, making this form of bullying extremely dangerous and harmful. It has become increasingly common, especially among teenagers. Cyberbullying can be identified as being repeated behaviour by an aggressor with an intent to harm or embarrass someone. This type of behaviour can include posting rumours about a person, posting direct threats or sexual remarks, even disclosing a victim’s personal information. Internet trolling is another common form of cyberbullying often found in online gaming or social media circles. Internet trolls often do this to elicit a reaction or disruption from their victim purely for their own personal amusement.

Follow this link to our school landing page where you will find a valuable array of resources on varying topics for school aged children.

 <https://shcasterton.catholic.schooltv.me>

CHILD SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

BULLYING NO WAY

Understanding Bullying – and What It Isn’t

This week, we’ve been working through the “High 5” strategies with students: Ignore, Talk Friendly, Walk Away, Talk Firmly, and Report. These steps help children manage situations confidently, get help when needed, and build resilience.

We’ve also been talking about the difference between bullying and other behaviours. Many children can confuse the two. Bullying is repeated, intentional, and involves a power imbalance. Constant fighting between friends, rough play, or thoughtless comments—while still needing to be addressed—are often signs of poor social skills, not bullying. This can be especially common for students who struggle to read social cues.

Our aim is to support children to talk openly about what is happening for them at school, without rushing to label someone a “bully.” By understanding the type of behaviour, we can teach the right strategies—whether that’s practising kinder words, giving friends space, or seeking adult help.

Families can help by asking open questions (“What happened next?” or “How did you feel?”) and encouraging their child to try the High 5 steps before the problem escalates. Together, we can build respectful, supportive relationships across our school.

For more information about preventing and responding to bullying, visit the information for families page.

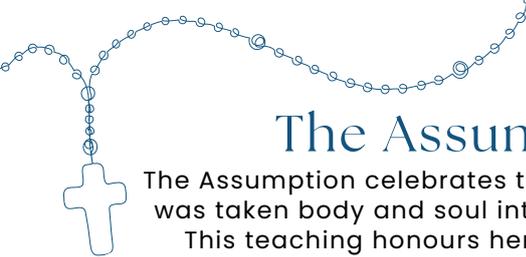
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Term 3 Family Calendar

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS EDITION

| Term 3 2025 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
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| Week 5 BOOK WEEK | 18 August | 19 August BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY & KINDER VISIT | 20 August | 21 August DENTAL VAN HERE | 22 August GR. 4 - CSC PARTNERSHIP DAY | 23-24 Aug |
| Week 6 | 25 August | 26 August LIGHTNING PREMS COLERAINE  | 27 August PSG MEETINGS | 28 August PSG MEETINGS | 29 August | 30-31 Aug |
| Week 7 LSO APPRECIATION WEEK | 1 September Mrs. H returns from Holidays | 2 September | 3 September BAKERY LUNCH ORDERS | 4 September | 5 September Father's Day Afternoon Tea 2:45pm | 6-7 Sept FATHER'S DAY (7th) |
| Week 8 CHILD PROTECTION WEEK | 8 septmeber LEARNING WALK | 9 September | 10 September SAC MEETING GLENELG INN - 6PM | 11 September R U OK? DAY | 12 September | 13-14 Sept |
| Week 9 | 15 September 4-6 EXCURSION TO HARROW | 16 September | 17 September | 18 September FOOTY COLOURS DAY LAST DAY OF TERM 3:20pm finish  | 19 September PUPIL FREE DAY | 20-21 Sept |



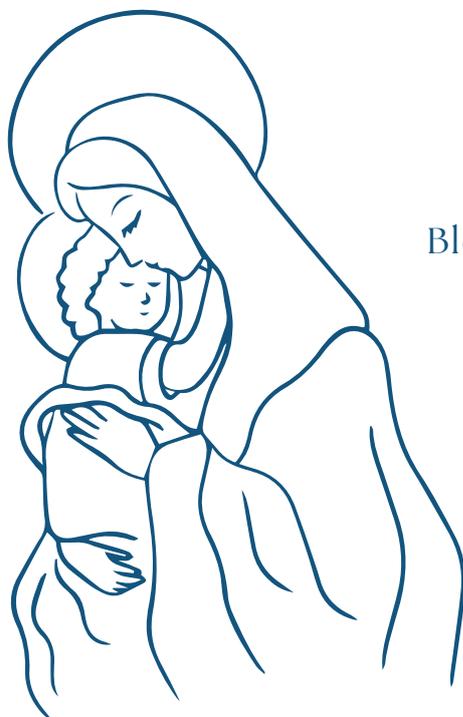
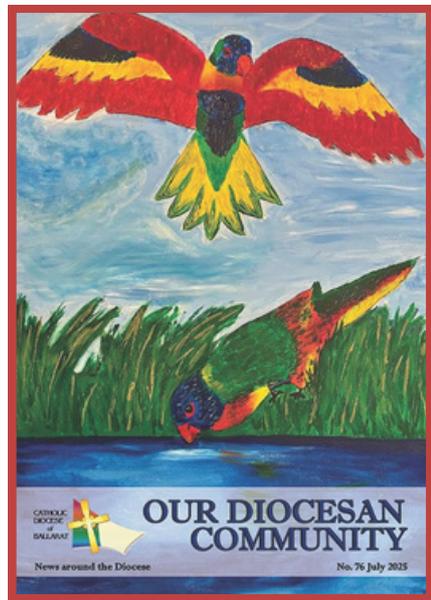
The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption celebrates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

This teaching honours her unique role in God’s plan, her life of perfect faith, and her closeness to Christ. For Catholics, it is a reminder of the hope we share—that we too are called to eternal life with God.

Mary is often called the Virgin Mary, a title that recognises her “yes” to God’s will and her openness to the Holy Spirit. It reflects the Church’s belief in her purity of heart and complete trust in God’s plan from the very beginning. This title is not only about a physical reality but also about her being wholly dedicated to God, free from anything that would hold her back from saying “yes” with her whole self.

On this feast, we thank God for Mary’s example of love, humility, and obedience, and we ask her to pray for us so that we might follow her path of trust and faith.



Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.

Please find the link here
for the latest edition of
“Our Diocesan
Community”





SACRED HEART PARISH

MASS TIMES

1st Sunday - 9am Mass | 2nd Sunday - 10am L.L.A

3rd Sunday - 5pm Mass | 4th Sunday - 11am Mass

5th Sunday - 9am Mass

We acknowledge the Gunditjmara people who are the Traditional Owners of the land where we play and learn. We pay our respects to Elders -past and present- and recognise their deep connection to the land, water and sky. At Sacred Heart, we are dedicated to walking on the path of reconciliation.

PRINCIPAL: Suzie McManus

SAC CHAIRPERSON: Noni Mason

Western Border - Mary MacKillop Parish: Co-Pastor - Fr Patrick Mugavin

Sacred Heart Parish: Co-Pastor - Fr Cay Trinh

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