



School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 , 2025

As Term 3 draws to a close, we reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy and productive few months. We were delighted to welcome four new students this term, and we're pleased to share that each of them has settled well into Pacelli

Sacramental Celebrations

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

This past Sunday marked a truly special occasion in the life of our school and parish community, as we came together to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with a number of our students. It was a joyous and meaningful day for all involved, made even more memorable by the presence of Miss McKinnon (Miss M), who also received the sacraments alongside our young people.

A very special thank you goes to Jenny Flavall and Isla McKinnon, whose dedication and guidance in preparing the students through the sacramental classes was invaluable.

We are also deeply grateful to the school staff, parishioners and volunteers who generously supported us on the day, whether by helping with the Mass, setting up the church, or simply offering a warm welcome to families and guests.



Year 7 & 8 Camp

Last week, our Year 7 and 8 students had an unforgettable experience at camp at Lakes Ranch. The few days away were filled with fun, adventure, and plenty of opportunities for personal growth. From team challenges to outdoor activities, the students embraced every moment and demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience, and cooperation throughout the camp.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to join us and support the camp. Your help was invaluable, and we truly appreciate your involvement in making the experience so enjoyable and successful for our students.



Read-a-thon over the holidays

These holidays we will be holding a read-a-thon to encourage children to continue reading throughout the holidays. We will be sending home a form to fill in every time your child reads a book or chapter of a book. A read-a-thon form is also attached to the end of this newsletter. There will be **house points** for the amount of books/chapters read and also **spot prizes** will be drawn in the first week back at school.



We wish you all a good holiday break and safe travels. School ends on Friday the 19th of September at 2.45pm.



Term 3 Dates:

- School ends: 19 September

Term 4 Dates:

- School Starts: 6 October at 8.50am
- Final assessments: 12-24 October
- International Food Fest: 20 November
- Prize-giving: 11 December
- Reports home: 12 December
- School Ends: 12 December midday

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Holiday Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can over the school holidays! You can read a school book or books from home, and you could even ask someone to take you to the library. Make sure an adult signs each day that you read. Every book you read earns house points, and there will be spot prizes for returned forms and for students who read the most books. For a fun challenge, see if you can read in the most unusual place and share a photo with your classroom teacher you might be featured in our next newsletter!

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