

SMCM PRINCIPAL REPORT TO SAC – TERM 3 2025

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- 2026 Planning is underway.
 - Staffing budgets are being prepared. It is expected that we will employ some new staff members for 2026 due to parental leave replacements and a small number of staff movements.
 - Curriculum and Capital budgets are being prepared. School fee payment is essential for maintaining our learning and teaching programs and facilities. There will be an increase in the Capital Levy due to the construction on Stage 4.
 - Enrolment meetings for Prep siblings have been completed and we are now meeting with families for other year levels in 2026. Projected enrolment for 2026 is 615 students
- Capital works update:
 - Internal glass partitions and sliding doors have been installed in the Lane building. This has been very well received by staff and students. A glass panel and sliding doors is being installed these coming holidays between the amphitheater and reception as an increased safety measure.
 - Planning continues for our Stage 4 building. There has been a hold up with a Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Town Planning. Construction is now due to begin in June 2026.
- We are currently transitioning to Compass, an online organisational and communication platform for schools. This will streamline some of our online platforms.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

- This term we have celebrated our Mary MacKillop Feast Day with Year 4-6 Mass, Prep - Year 3 liturgy, dance performance and student learning activities. This day is always a highlight of our school calendar.
- Our Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal was a huge success and I extend my thanks to the school community for their support. This is an important opportunity for our students to put the Catholic Social Teaching principles into action.
- The new regional Bishop, Bishop Rene Ramirez visited our year 6 students and had a tour of our school.
- Our Confirmation Sacramental Family Faith Night was well attended by families. The Sacrament of Confirmation was a wonderful celebration for our students and families.
- Last Friday our students in Prep - Year 3 celebrated Parish Mass.

LEARNING & TEACHING

- This term our teachers and curriculum leaders have been engaging in feedback and coaching routines including Learning Walks and Peer Mentoring with a focus on consistency of practice and embedding of engagement norms and explicit instruction.
- Congratulations to our Prep students who celebrated 100 days of School!
- Extra curricular experiences this term include: Year 6 Camp to Campase Downs and inclusions for Aboriginal Storytelling and Japanese Martial Arts.
- Sporting events including T-ball, Girls AFL, Volleyball, Cross Country and District/Divisional Athletics have provided opportunities for students to showcase their abilities.
- Book Week celebration including our parade, daily story time, art showcase, author visits and performance was a wonderful celebration.
- A Reading Parent Information Evening led by our school curriculum leaders was well attended and received positive feedback.
- Maths competitions with APSMO and Matific have had strong results and participation from students.
- We look forward to our Celebration of Learning open afternoon and Sports Colours Day in Week 9.

STUDENT WELL BEING

- Year 5 Online Puberty night was well attended and offered an opportunity for parents and children to begin an open conversation about the changes children experience with puberty.
- Next week we have a Cybersafety Parent Information Evening. We encourage all families to attend.
- The NCCD August census was completed with 26% of our student population receiving support through this funding program.
- Student initiated, break time clubs for yo-yos, lego, cooking and our chickens have been popular with students and provide a variety of activities.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- This term's community events have included Grandparents Morning, Book Week Parade, this week Father's Day Stall and morning and our Celebration of Learning in Week 10.