



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

# Bridging Now to *Next*

**Week 6**

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## Important Dates

Year 4/5L Pentecost  
Mass 9.00am

Friday 6 June 2025

King's Birthday  
Public Holiday

Monday 9 June 2025

Pupil Free Day  
(Student Free) -  
Professional  
Development

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Sacrament of  
Confirmation  
7.00pm

Tuesday 10 June 2025

New Reception  
Transition 9.00am-  
11.15am

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Soccer Carnival  
Year's 5-6

Thursday 12 June 2025

First Holy  
Communion 9.15am

Sunday 15 June 2025

School Board  
Meeting 6.00pm

Tuesday 17 June 2025

New Reception  
Transition 9.00am-  
11.15am

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Year R/A Assembly  
9.00am

Friday 20 June 2025

New Reception  
Transition and  
Parent Meeting  
9.00am-11.15am

Wednesday 25 June 2025

AFL Max Year's 2-3

Thursday 26 June 2025

SACPSSA Netball

Year 3A Assembly  
9.00am

Friday 27 June 2025

New Reception

Choir Rehearsal

Yr's 4-6

Tuesday 1 July 2025

New Reception

Transition 9.00am-

11.15am

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Semester One

Student Reports

sent home

Thursday 3 July 2025

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## Welcome to this week's Newsletter

*Please note: If you are reading this newsletter from your email, you will not see any photo galleries or videos featured within it. Click read more to view the internet version of our newsletter so that you don't miss out on seeing our latest photos and videos.*

## From our Leadership Team

This term we've been truly blessed to welcome four amazing pre-service teachers completing their final placements at St Bernadette's: Olivia (4/5L), Blake (4/5B), Ella (6D), and Celine (RA). Each of them has made an exceptional contribution to our school community—building strong relationships with students and delivering exciting, engaging learning programs, all with the guidance of their mentor teachers. Their presence has brought great benefit to our whole community, and we send them off with our warmest wishes as they prepare to enter the teaching profession in 2026.

In Week 5, we gathered for a significant liturgical celebration led by the 4/5B class for Reconciliation Week. The liturgy honoured the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, centred around this year's theme: *"Bridging Now to Next."* This theme calls us to look to the future while honouring and learning from the past. Together, we gave thanks for the deep cultural richness and wisdom of our First Nations peoples—the oldest living cultures in the world. We celebrated their connection to land, animals, and community, and reflected on how we can continue to honour and incorporate their traditions into our own lives.

This Friday, the 4/5L class will lead our whole school in a Pentecost Mass. Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season and is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It commemorates the moment the disciples and early Christians received the Holy Spirit, 50 days after Easter.

Continuing our focus on Catholic Identity, we also celebrate a special milestone for three of our students—Hayden, Chibuifem, and Anna—who have been preparing through the Sacramental Program at St Ann's Parish. Next week, they will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion—important steps in their journey of faith. We congratulate and pray for them as they take these sacred steps.

As we head into the long weekend, a reminder that **Tuesday, 10th June is a Pupil Free Day**. For the first time, Camp Australia will be running a full-day session. Families wishing to use this service must book in through **Camp Australia**.

Wishing you all a safe and restful (extra) long weekend with plenty of time for family and connection.

God bless,

Michelle, Matt and Ben





## From 2M

**Reconciliation Week** is a time to learn about some of Australia's history and its Indigenous peoples. The Year Twos discussed ways we could build a more united future and celebrate ways we could be kind, respectful and inclusive of others in our day to day lives. Our children are the future, so it was heartening to see them genuinely reflecting on the past, present and future of reconciliation, being mindful of this year's theme...**"Bridging Now to Next."**

We all had so much fun creating our beautiful Reconciliation poster. You can also see by the photos, that the children thoroughly enjoyed making the colourful musical instruments with the Indigenous-style designs, by the joyful expressions on their faces.

### Lynda Moser and...The Gang



## From 6D

In Year 6D we have been working on Information Reports in writing this term. We have been lucky enough to have Miss Hosking, one of our Pre-Service Teacher's from Flinders University, teaching us all about how to inform our audience in the most entertaining way. Here is a snippet of some of our introductions below, where our job was to 'capture the reader's attention'.

### The Up's and Down's of Cheetahs

Did you know cheetahs live in hot savannahs? They mostly live in Africa and Iran but are rarely found in India. Although cheetahs are known for their amazing speed, did you know they could swim?! They only swim when they really need to. From their orange fur to their

special diet, cheetahs are very interesting animals to learn about.

Sohan

### **The danger of Cheetahs**

Did you know that a cheetah is faster than Usain Bolt's top speed? The cheetah can double Usain Bolt's top speed. Cheetahs are the fastest land animals on Earth. A cheetah is a hunter not really prey, since cheetahs are the fastest land animal. Even if other animals tried, they would probably not succeed. These speed creatures are faster than any human ever.

Aarya

### **Eastern Lowland Gorilla**

If one gorilla was as heavy as ten humans, could 100 humans beat 1 Eastern Gorilla? Eastern Lowland Gorillas all live in a pack with the leader, known as a silverback. These gorillas live in tropical rainforests devouring fruits, although insects are on the menu too. Do you think Gorillas have the strengths to beat 100 men? The stats can let us know how vigorous they are, or how frail they are.

Sakar

### **Life of a Mandrill Monkey**

Did you know Mandrill Monkeys are the largest monkey in the world? Mandrill monkeys live on average up to 20 years but when in a zoo they live up to 40 years. Mandrill Monkeys also live in rain forests. They also hunt for insects, snails, worms and frags. The Mandrill Monkey is the worlds largest monkey reaching up to 37kg for male and 15kg for female. It lives in tropical rainforests because of the rich food source and shelter the rainforest offers. It is estimated that there are about 4,000 individual Mandrill monkeys in the world.

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### **Cheetah**

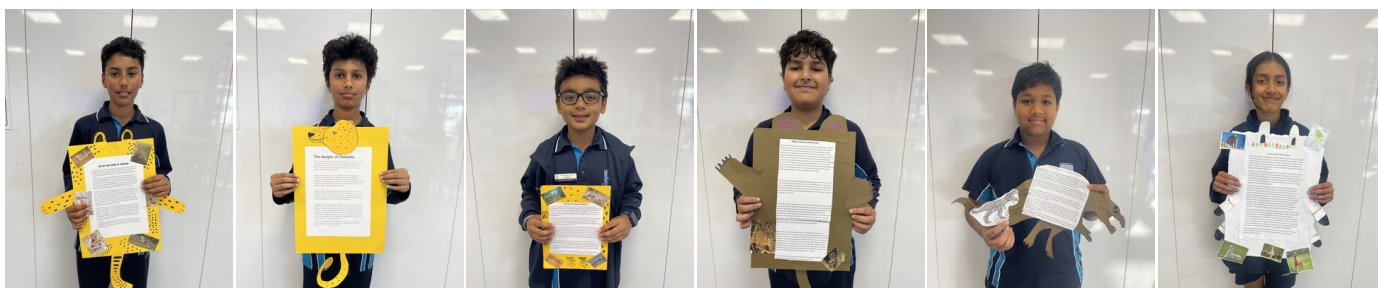
In the lonely, dry desert creeps up an animal. It hides near a rock and spots its vulnerable prey. This animal runs to get to the prey and then suffocates so it dies almost instantly! This specific animal is called a cheetah. It's the fastest land animal and can run up to 130km/h. They are almost heavier than the average human and are scarce in population, but they are well protected by their sharp fangs and claws also their jaw dropping speed.

Kabir

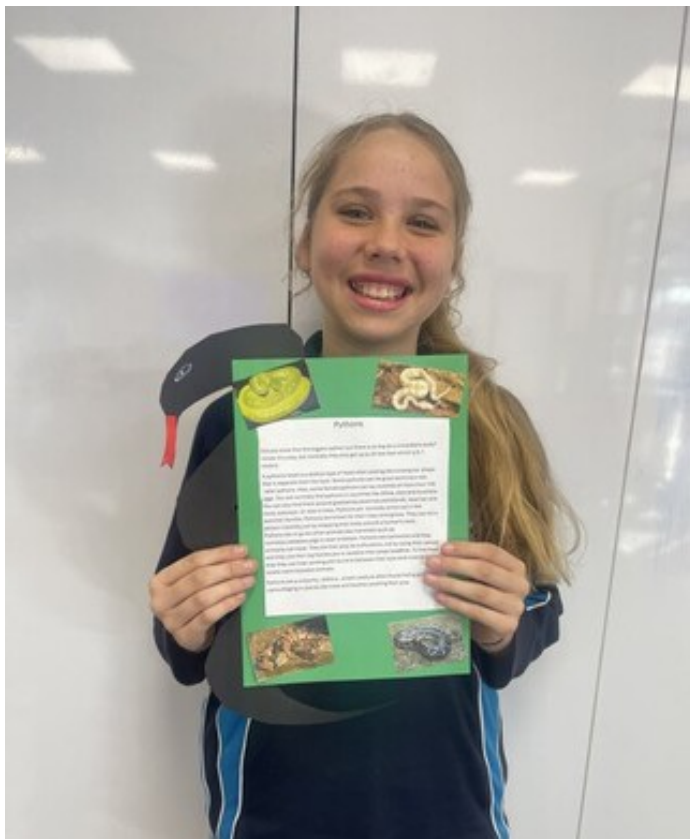
### **Old Man in the Sea**

A playful sea otter spends their life in the sea with family. They love to hunt food like crabs, sea urchins, octopus and other marine invertebrates. They also love the sea because they play with friends or relax with their baby's all day every day with their unique manners and exceptional behaviour.

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Camp Australia - Pupil Free Day

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# Pupil Free Day



Date: 10-Jun-2025



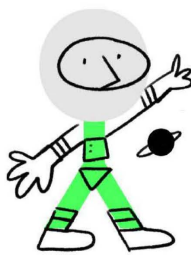
Time: 07:30 to 18:00



Fees: \$66.19 (\$7.12 after max. CCS\*)



Location: The Before and After School Care Room at SA St Bernadette's School



## Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

## Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is based on your income, care type, and activity level. Call Centrelink on 13 61 50 to find out more.

Register free and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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Australia

Register Now

# STRENGTHS

Strengths are positive personal characteristics, including personality traits, psychological abilities, moral qualities and talents, that feel natural and enjoyable to use.

## SOME WAYS TO WORK WITH STRENGTHS AT HOME...

### Strength Games

Download the following games from the Strengths Exchange website to play with your kids:

- Strengths and ladders
- VIA-ingo

<http://www.the-strengths-exchange.com.au/resources.html>

### Pick a Strength & Pick a Movie

- Pick a strength for the day and see if you can find a movie you think it might be used in.
- After watching the movie discuss with your kids when you noticed the strength in the movie, were there any other strengths that you noticed?
- How did the characters use their strengths – what happened as a consequence?

### Strengths Card Activities

If you have a set of Strength Cards, try one of the following activities:

- **Card Pick:** have each family member randomly pick a card from the deck and chat about the strengths that were picked. Ask family members to commit themselves to practising the strengths that were picked during their day. This activity promotes strengths flexibility.
- **Strengths Growth:** have family members choose a strength they would like to grow and get better at. Use the natural opportunities that arise during the day to promote their chosen strength. This activity promotes strengths development.
- **Strengths Artwork:** Pick a card and then get creative! Draw, paint, or create a piece of art that represents that strength. This activity promotes strengths awareness.

There are many versions of strengths cards you could use, here's a link to Lea's shop to access her cards - and check out her online strength-based parenting course ...

<https://www.leawaters.com/shop/>

Not sure what your strengths are? If you haven't already done it, get the family to do the VIA strength survey to find out your top strengths. The survey is available free for adults and kids 13 and up. If you have younger kids, look at the list of strengths on the site and see if you can work out what their top strengths are...

<https://www.viacharacter.org>



## Cabra Dominican College Enrolments



**CABRA**  
Dominican College

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD  
CURRENTLY IN YEAR 4?**

**We are now accepting  
enrolment applications  
for Year 7, 2028**

Applications close Friday 19 September 2025

[cabra.catholic.edu.au](http://cabra.catholic.edu.au)



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## Sacred Heart College Enrolments



## Term 2 & 3 2025 College Tours

A Home for all Hearts.

### Champagnat Campus Tours Years 7 – 9

Wednesday 21 May, 9.15am

Wednesday 13 August, 4.15pm

Wednesday 10 September, 9.15am

### Marcellin Campus Tours Years 10 – 12

Monday 2 June, 9.15am

Tuesday 2 September, 9.15am

Register at [shc.sa.edu.au](https://shc.sa.edu.au)

[Book a Tour](#)

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