**Dear Families**

This coming Monday is ANZAC Day, a day on which we remember and acknowledge the sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand forces who fought at Gallipoli. The poppies which all of the children made in 2015 for our poppy field have been reused to make the banner in the office. This display is a reminder to all within the school community of the spirit and bravery of these soldiers and the debt we owe to them. Today Mrs Iacovino and the Year 6 student leaders represented the school at a special ANZAC Day Ceremony for Schools at the Shrine of Remembrance. Our school captains laid a wreath of poppies, which the children had made, as a sign of our respect.

Next Friday we celebrate the Feast day of Saint Catherine of Siena with Mass at 9:15am. Saint Catherine was born into a large family in Siena, Italy in 1347. She dedicated her life to God and as a teenager joined the Order of St Dominic. This year marks a special time for the Dominican order as they celebrate their 800 Year Jubilee. Saint Catherine stayed faithful to God and her beliefs, even in the face of opposition from those around her. As her holiness and wisdom showed through, many people followed her and the work she did with the sick and the poor. She died in Rome on April 29th in 1380 after a remarkable life, leaving a legacy of outstanding spiritual writing. Saint Catherine was canonised in 1461 and her feast day is celebrated on April 29th. Saint Catherine of Siena, guide and pray for us.

Each year NAPLAN assessments in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are conducted in schools across Australia. All students will complete the same test on the same day. This year our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in these assessments on May 10th, 11th & 12th. These national tests will assess student achievement in both Literacy and Numeracy.

- **Literacy includes:** Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (which is spelling, grammar and punctuation).
- **Numeracy includes:** Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Space and Measurement, Chance and Data.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests, or about your child sitting these tests, please see your child’s classroom teacher. Results from these assessments will be available to parents, in print form, later in the year.

Last Friday we held our PEP Immersion day. This was a fabulous celebration of the culture of many of the countries represented in our school community. A very special thank you to all of the parents who came and participated and assisted on the day. More information about this day will be sent home to all families shortly.

On Tuesday 3rd May we have our 2017 Prep Enrolment Information Night. This evening is primarily for new families, however, all who have children to enrol in 2017 are welcome. Enrolments are open for the month of May and then enrolment interviews will commence. Parents are required to enrol siblings of current children and attend an enrolment interview with their child.

Have a great long weekend

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**ANZAC Day Reflection**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.
Parish Of Melton Office
10 Unitt Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603
Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au
Office Open: Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena
Wednesday: 9.15am
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am

Reconciliation
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.45pm

Mass Times - St Dominic’s
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm
Thurs - Friday: 9.15am
Sunday: 5pm

Uniform News
Winter uniform stock is now available for purchase. Winter uniforms are compulsory in Term 2 and Term 3. **Eftpos is Not Available**

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, April 27th. All children are required to wear their FULL SUMMER UNIFORM, EVEN IF THEY HAVE SPORT ON THIS DAY. Parents please make sure your child's photo form, and family form if required, is returned to school by Wednesday, April 27th.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic book club order forms have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by Friday, April 29th.
**NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**
Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

Gum Nuts Required
The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry makes “Aboriginal Rosary Beads” using gum nuts of all sizes. It takes about 100 nuts to make one set of rosary beads and they have orders for hundreds of rosary beads so they need 20-30,000 nuts. The ministry is looking for people to assist by collecting nuts and also for someone to assist by drying / cleaning / drilling the nuts so they can be used. All sizes of Gum Nuts are acceptable from 30mm diameter down to 10mm diameter.
Call Fr Charles 0417 319 556 before you start collecting or preparing nuts so he knows what’s happening.

Congratulations to these children who all received a class award at our assembly today. You have all been working hard and should be very proud of all you have achieved. Keep up the great work!!

Prep B - Kane Bondin
Prep C - Telar Telar
Prep D - Hayden Hausfeld
1E - Ethan Braszell
1F - Ananya Panda
1H - Gai Ajieth
2I - Lauren Linton
2K - Ryder Franksen
2/3M - Bol Agear
3J - Georgia Primerano
3L - Tyler Somerville
4N - Deng Adour
4O - Tahlia Gigliotti
4P - Jamie Millington
5Q - Whole Class
5S - Olivia Macklin
6R - Jordon Reeve
6T - Amel Kuel
6U - Alyx Williams
Italian - 6 R
PEP - Nikita Pereira
PEP - Jai Belcher
Parent Name: ______________________________ Phone: ________________________
Child’s Name: ______________________________ Class: ________________________

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**Presentation of Uniform:**
All students are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform, at all times.
Black shoes are to be worn daily, except on sports days - runners are to be worn.
Socks - navy.
Jewellery: a watch can be worn. Earrings are to be plain studs/small sleepers only.
Hair - long hair to be tied up in black/brown hair-tie, with or without a blue/yellow ribbon.
No Nail polish.

**UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 8.30AM - 9.00AM**
**PAYMENT BY CASH & PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER**
## April and May 2016

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|                            |                    | 27                         |                            |                            |     |     |
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| Week 4                     | 3                  | *Yr 3-6 Cross Country  
|                            |                    | *Prep 2017 Information  
|                            |                    | Evening @ 6:30pm          |                            | *Mother’s Day Stall  
|                            |                    |                            |                            | *Assembly at 2:30pm in the hall | 7   | 8   |
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|                            |                    | *Eucharist Family Sacrament Night @ 7pm |                            |                            |     |     |
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## Community News

### Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Raffle Tickets for the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle are available to purchase at the school office.

**Tickets are $2.00 each.**

1st Prize: Toyota Corolla Ascent Sports 5 door auto hatch valued at $26,990
2nd & 3rd Prizes: Toyota Yaris valued at $22,000
4th & 5th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards each to the value of $1,000
6th—14th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards each to the value of $500
Stig Live @ The Library

High energy with plenty of laughter!

Stig Wemyss, Australia’s favourite children’s narrator and performer will be here to launch BorrowBox.

Stig delivers a wildly entertaining and fun filled show designed for children aged 7-13.

Lots of audience interaction and participation with fantastic prizes and giveaways on the day.

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Saturday 23 April

TIME:
1 pm

WHERE:
Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie Street, Melton

COST:
Free

RSVP:
Bookings not required

For more information, visit melton.vic.gov.au/library
Phone: 9747 5300

Melton Phoenix FC is currently looking for

Boys aged 10, 11 or 12 years old, and
Girls aged 8 or 9 years old,

to join our soccer club.

If your child loves to play soccer,
bring them along to join in on the fun,
and learn the skills to play in a team.

Contact us today at meltonphoenixfc@gmail.com or by phone:
U11 & U12 Boys - Ph. Alex on 0402 243 765
U9 Girls - Ph. Mel on 0432 604 011
AFRICAN DADS AND KIDS CAMP
6-8 May 2016 ~ Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza

My culture is African, my child is Australian...

CatholicCare invites dads to bring along one of their children between the ages of 8–16 for a FREE fantastic camp experience - which acknowledges and celebrates the importance of fathers in a child’s life.

Our camps provide fun activities for dads and kids to enjoy together, in a relaxed setting, where open discussions can be had and fathers can spend quality one-on-one time with their child.

Discussions include:
- Respecting traditional cultures
- The challenges and differences between parenting in Africa and parenting in Australia
- Ways to strengthen the father-child relationship
- Understanding each other’s strengths

These weekend camps always receive great feedback ... most importantly, you enjoy a memorable experience together!

To register
Please complete the form below and send to:
African Dads & Kids Program
CatholicCare
PO Box 196
East Melbourne, VIC 3002

For camp enquiries please contact:
Kate on 0418 446 692 or email: africandadsandkids@ccam.org.au

*Meals, accommodation and transport provided
*Bus leaves from Footscray at 1pm

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO DON'T MISS OUT ... REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION FORM | AFRICAN DADS AND KIDS CAMP | 6-8 May 2016, Mt Eliza

DETAILS OF FATHER
Name
Address
Suburb
Postcode
Telephone B/H
A/H
Mobile
Email
What year did you arrive in Australia?
How many of our camps have you attended?

DETAILS OF CHILD
Name
Age of child
Male/Female
Address
Suburb
Postcode
Has this child attended before?
YES NO

www.ccam.org.au