Dear Families

Today we celebrated the Feast day of Saint Catherine of Siena with Mass at 9:15am. After this, children were involved in a quiz about St Catherine, her life and her works and then we had a shared lunch in the classrooms. The children are learning much about their patron saint including the symbols which represent her. The boat with the papal seal represents her devotion to the church and efforts to unify it. The lily she is often shown with represents purity, a book references the many letters and papers she wrote in her lifetime while the crown of thorns is a reference to the crown of thorns she chose when Jesus offered her two crowns in a vision, a golden one or the crown of thorns. Saint Catherine of Siena, guide and pray for us.

CatholicCare’s Family Week will be celebrated in May from the 16th—22nd. The theme this year is ‘Champions for Change’, in recognition that children can play a role in building more kind and equitable societies. Children and young adults make natural champions of social justice; they are interested in how they are connected with, and can contribute to the world. ‘Champions for Change’ is about assisting children in learning personal skills, encouraging them to ‘be the change they want to see in the world’ and learning how to show care to all members of society. This approach ties in seamlessly with the social skills and positive behaviours we explicitly teach and encourage across the school.

The NAPLAN assessments for our Year 3 & 5 students will be held on May 10th, 11th & 12th. These national tests will assess student achievement in both Literacy and Numeracy.

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

It is anticipated that all children in Year 3 & 5 will complete these assessments unless they are exempt or parents choose to withdraw them. Children can only be exempt if they have been in Australia for less than 12 months and have yet to acquire adequate English OR if they have a learning difficulty which would compromise their ability to complete the assessments independently. Parents can choose to withdraw their children for a number of different reasons. If a child is exempt or withdrawn a signed parental authority must be obtained and retained at school. 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.

Best wishes for a great weekend

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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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

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Uniform News
Winter uniform stock is now available for purchase.
Winter uniforms are compulsory in Term 2 and Term 3.
The Uniform Shop is open every Monday & Wednesday from 8.30am - 9.00am

**Eftpos is Not Available**

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Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 6th of May.
Gifts are priced between $1 and $4. Please bring along a plastic bag to put your gifts in.

*Children will have an opportunity to purchase 1-2 gifts.

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Mothers Day Breakfast
All Mums are warmly invited to attend our Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast.

**Date:** Friday 6th May  
**Time:** 7:30am

**Place:** Hall  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

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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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following children who received an award at our assembly today. Well done on all you have achieved this week. Keep up the great work!!

Prep B - Logan Cassar  
Prep C - Mwajuma Marinjira  
Prep D - Kareena Allen  
1E - Nicholas Primerano  
1F - Tess Wolfe  
1H - Patrick Makhraz  
2I - Reagan McLelland  
2K - Jordin Orr  
2/3M - Georgia Galileos  
3J - Jett Garunovic  
3L - Britney O’Connor  
4N - Nancy Lalia  
4O - Jessica Ferris  
4P - Abby Janetski  
5Q - Julia Primerano  
5S - Makuei Adour  
6R - Jake Agius  
6T - Achol Nagur  
6U - John Mabok
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.

**TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT**

UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 8.30AM - 9.00AM
PAYMENT BY CASH & PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER
On Tuesday 3rd May we have our Enrolment Information Evening. While this is mainly for new families, all are welcome. Enrolment applications are now available from the office. When lodging an application please remember to bring along your child’s birth certificate, immunisation certificate and Baptism certificate along with any VISA or legal documents if these are applicable.

All siblings of current students as well as all new applicants are required to have an enrolment application lodged and attend an enrolment interview. School tours will be held on May 4th at 9:15, 9:45 and 10:15am.
Walking in Autistic Shoes

A special presentation by renowned expert:

Donna Williams

Born in 1963, thought deaf and diagnosed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna Williams acquired functional speech in late childhood and came to terms with her autism in her 20’s. Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism from someone who actually lives the experience.

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Tuesday, 24 May 2016

TIME:
5pm – 6.30pm

WHERE:
Tabcorp Park
2 Ferms Road
Melton South

COST:
Free

RSVP:
Natasha Napiza
Email: natashan@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200

BOOK EARLY! Don’t miss out!
Building resilience in children
Presented by Andrew Fuller

To celebrate National Families Week 2016, Relationships Australia Victoria invites parents and teachers to attend this free, fun and informative session on building children’s resilience and emotional intelligence.

Topics
- How resilience and emotional intelligence contribute more to career and life success than academic intelligence.
- The active ingredients of resilience.
- How parents can develop these in their children.
- Friendship skills.
- Parenting tricky kids.
- Creating happy kids.
- Building self-esteem and dealing with setbacks.
- How to talk to boys and girls.

About the presenter
Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and author of books including Tricky Kids, Raising Real People and Life: A Guide. He is a co-author of programs on the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence. Andrew is a Fellow of the University of Melbourne’s Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development.

When  4 - 6pm, Thursday 26 May 2016
Where  Resurrection Catholic Primary School
        51 Gum Road, Kings Park
Cost    Free of charge. Bookings are essential.

Bookings and enquiries
Resurrection Catholic Primary School
Ph: 9366 7022
Email: hbelden@kingspark.catholic.edu.au