Reflection

This week we celebrate the feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. Saint Catherine was born into a large family in Siena, Italy in 1347. While still quite young she decided to dedicate her life to God and as a teenager joined the Order of St Dominic. 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.

Dear Families

Over the last term staff have been working on developing a school mantra which encapsulates the sense of who we are as a school community and have come up with - "Live together, work together, grow together". Implicit in this mantra is the sense that learning and growing is about the growth of the whole person, this includes spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual development. This mantra gives the sense of a learning community with all considered to be learners. Each of us, regardless of age, is on a learning journey and can always learn from the wisdom and experiences of others. These messages are also prevalent in our Vision Statement and are important aspects of who we are as a school community.

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 14th, 15th and 16th. 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.

Sunday May 5th is the start of Family Week. This year the theme for Family Week is "It takes a village to raise a child" This theme acknowledges that both families and communities share responsibility in raising children. A ‘village’ that supports, protects, nurtures, shares wisdom and celebrates with families and children and other community agencies is the optimal environment for developing children to wellness.

We will celebrate Family Week with Mass on Wednesday 8th May at 9:15am. We invite all family members to join us on this day for Mass and a family activity in classes after Mass.

Children will be in family groupings so visitors will be able to be with all family members at the same time.

Best wishes for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
Mother’s Day Breakfast!

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**Date:** Friday 10th May

**Time:** 7.30am

**Place:** Hall

**Cost:** Gold coin donation (paid on the day)

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your children before school starts!

It would be great to see you there!

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Yes, I will be attending Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Name:

Number of Adults:

Number of Children:

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SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. Term 2 fees due May 6. If you have outstanding fees please attend to these immediately. If you are unable to meet your school fee commitments please make an appointment to see either Fr Michael or Carmel Marantelli.

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ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2014

Enrolments for 2014 are now open ~ please pick up an Enrolment Form and Information Pack from the School Office.

We will be holding a Tour and Information Night for 2014 enrolments on Wednesday, May 8th. The tour of the school begins at 6.30 and will be followed by an Information Session at 7.00pm.

Additional School Tours:

Monday, May 13th at 9.15am & 10.00am. Please contact the office to book a place on these tours.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Thursday, May 9th**

School photo envelopes have been sent home. To order photos please complete and return forms to school by Thursday, May 2nd.

All children are to wear their full winter uniform on this day. Children who have sport on this day may bring their runners to change into if they wish.

Forms for Family photos are available from the office.

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On Thursday the 2nd May the Parents and Friends Association will wrap gifts in preparation for the Mother’s Day Stall. If you are available to assist on Thursday at 9am, we would love to have your help.

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Prep B News

For our Inquiry unit we have been learning about different cultures. We read a story about Chinese New Year and on Friday we had a cultural immersion day. Here is what some of the children had to say about it:

“On Friday we had soup and fried rice with Prep D and Prep A. I loved the feast.” - Maddison E

“We made paper lanterns to make our room beautiful for the Chinese feast. My lantern is red and I made another one and it is white” - Annabelle Mc

“We ate soup with noodles and eggs, and we ate rice. Miss O’Leary and Miss Tymoszek made them for us. The soup tasted like Chinese food and I liked it.” - Kuel T

“On Friday we made lanterns. We cut the sides and folded them then we hung them up on the roof for our Chinese feast”. – Macayla C

“For our feast I ate soup and it tasted like corn. Then we ate rice and it tasted yummy. We listened to Chinese songs, they were slow and nice.” – Xijon L

Cyber safety Tips – Text Messaging and Chatting Online

- Never forget that the person you’re talking to is a real person with real feelings: if you wouldn’t say it face to face, don’t say it online.

- If you know someone else is being bullied, tell someone. The person being bullied might not have the courage to find help for themselves.

- If someone is giving you a hard time, don’t respond or reply. Save nasty messages, texts or emails (or copy and paste Instant Messaging chats to Notepad) so you can show a trusted adult.

- Most chat sites, Instant Messaging software and phones will let you block communication from people you don’t want to hear from.
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### St Dominic’s Parish Office
10 Unitt Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603
Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday between 10am - 4pm

**Mass Times**
- **Saturday Evenings:** 6.00pm
- **Sunday Mornings:** 9.00am & 11.00am
- **Tuesday Evening:** 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
- **Wednesday:** 9.15am at CRC Chapel
- **Thurs - Friday:** 9.15am at St Dominic’s

**ENROLMENT 2014**
- **School Tours:**
  - **Monday, May 5th:** 2:30 pm Assembly
  - **Tuesday, May 6th:** NAPLAN Yrs.3 & 5
  - **Wednesday, May 7th:** NAPLAN Yrs.3 & 5
- **Enrolment Meetings:**
  - **Thursday, May 8th:** 9:15am Mass for Family Week Lead by Yrs. 1
  - **Friday, May 9th:** School Photos
- **Family Week:** Begins
- **Saturday, May 10th:** PEP 9.15am-10.45am
- **Sunday, May 11th:** Mother’s Day Breakfast & Stall

**Parent Wellbeing**
Presented by Jodie Benveniste
Date: Tuesday, May 21st
Time: 7.00-8.30pm
Venue: TABCORP Park
2 Ferris Road, Melton
Cost: Free - Bookings Essential
RSVP: Friday May 17th
Telephone: Melton City Council Customer Service on: 9747 7200