Dear Lord,
Open our eyes to all who are in need.
Inspire us with words and deeds to comfort those who labour and are burdened;
keep our service of others faithful to the example and command of Christ.
Let your Church, that is, each one of us, be a living witness to truth and freedom,
to justice and peace, so that everyone may be lifted up by the hope
that their life and their world can be made new.
(Adapted From Eucharistic Prayer for Special Occasions; Jesus, The Compassion of God).

Dear Parents,

It is affirming to know that at the end of 2013, when our then Year 5 students chose our 2014 school leaders they took this role seriously and did not vote for their friends but rather for the best leader. Twice last week our student leaders showed their leadership skills and are to be congratulated for their efforts and the very positive way in which they live out the qualities of St Catherine of Siena school. All of the students ran tours of the school for some of our 2015 prospective enrolments and their families. The feedback from these families on the students is something that the students, as well as the rest of us, can be proud of. On another occasion Tayah and Bridie met with a landscape designer to discuss their views on the possibilities for a particular area of our playground. They showed that they had given this serious consideration, not just from their perspective but also from that of our younger students. The designer was extremely complimentary of their vision, enthusiasm and creativity. Congratulations to all of our school leaders, you are showing daily why you were elected, well done!

The drop off area is a busy one, both in the morning and afternoon, however if we are all mindful of a few things the flow of traffic will be easier for all. Please note the following points:

♦ the drop off lane in the morning is for drop off only and we ask that you not stop and park in this lane. If you need to get out and come into the school please park in a designated bay or an alternative along Bulmans Rd.

♦ when using the drop off lane, drive in as far as other cars will allow; do not stop in front of the gate or at the beginning of this lane as this stops other cars from driving in and adds to the congestion in Bulmans Rd.

♦ only park in the 9 designated bays at the front of the school, if you park in non parking spaces alongside these you will be obstructing the entrance gate, exit gate or other cars trying to access the drop off lane.

♦ the entrance driveway should only be used for cars coming into the drop off lane. If you park in front of Westlake Park and are exiting driving through the drop off lane to the exit gate allows for smoother traffic flow.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

Have a great week

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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

SCHOOL FEES
Instalment 2 of school fees is now overdue. This instalment is $400.00
If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the office to arrange a time to meet with Carmel Marantelli.
Statements were mailed home last week. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Lisa at the office.

Cross Country
Congratulations to Awaak M, Kelly G, Laini B, Achol N, Caleb B, Connor O, Hayden V, Ethan D, Jack T, Jeal C, Ruby O, Kirsty C, Mary M, Adrian M, Matthew V, Zane B, Logan B and Agnes A who attended the MPSSA Cross Country event on Friday. This event was held at McPherson's Park. The course for 10Yr olds was over 2kms, while for 11/12Yr olds was run over 3kms. All of these children are to be congratulated for trialling for and attending this event. Well done to you all. A special congratulations to Awaak M, Adrian M & Matthew V who will attend the Regional cross country event.

2015 ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for 2015 are now open ~ please pick up an Enrolment Form and Information Pack from the School Office.

Year 3/4 Eucharist
On Friday, May 30th our children receiving their First Communion later in the term will attend a retreat day at St Bernard's Parish Centre, Bacchus Marsh. Please pray for all of these children as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

Looking for a First Eucharist gift?
Make sure you stop by the Piety Store after all Masses over the weekend. New Communion items, Rosary beads and lots more in stock now.

Our Annual Book Fair
Coming Soon
St. Catherine of Siena’s Annual Book Fair will be held in the Library / Learning Resource Centre in the week beginning Monday 23rd June, the last week of Term 2.
More details to follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
Djerriwarrh Health Services operates a public school dental service, which is currently located at Melton Health, 195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.
Children from pre-school age to Grade 6 are eligible for the service. The service is FREE for children who are eligible for concession, or a co-payment fee of $30 is payable for those who are not eligible.
Bookings can be made on the Referral and Appointment Hotline number - 9747 7609
Volunteers For Our Term 2 PEP Program

Term 2 Activities

Please bring along your Working with Children Cards when you attend PEP. Working with Children Check application forms are available online. There is no charge for this card.

I __________________________ am available to assist with the PEP program on the following
Wednesdays from 11:30 - 1:15pm

21st May 28th May (Please circle)

Eldest Child’s Name ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Preferred PEP activity ________________________________________________________________

PEP Cooking Group

Once again the children came to PEP cooking with hungry tummies and lots of enthusiasm. They thoroughly enjoyed making potato puffs, fruit sticks and smoothies which we all enjoyed together for lunch. They all loved the potato puffs and were more than willing to have seconds. Until next week, when we will have another recipe suitable for lunch boxes.

Theresa Maskell & Mary Drew.

Potato Puffs

Ingredients:

3 cups of mashed potatoes
2 eggs
1 cup of shredded ham (optional)
1/3 cup sour cream
1 heaped cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped chives or parsley or spring onion
Salt and pepper to taste.

Directions:

Preheat oven to 200 degrees
Lightly grease with butter 8 – 9 of the wells of a nonstick muffin pan.
In a medium bowl whisk the eggs then mix in the sour cream.
Stir in both cheeses and the chives.
Add potatoes and mix well.
Spoon them in to the pan filling the cups to slightly below the top.
Bake 25 – 35 minutes until they pull away from the sides of the cup and are golden brown.
Remove from oven and let them cool for 5 minutes in the pan.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Monday and Wednesday between 8.30am - 9.00am. Our winter stock has arrived and is available for purchase. Unfortunately short sleeved shirts are still on back order, we will notify you when these come in.

CDF Student Banking

Student banking is Thursday. Deposit books are to be handed in to class or the office by 9.00am on this day. Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Banking account.

Application forms are available from the Office.

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Hello everyone,

We hope you all had a wonderful week/weekend. We are happy to have welcomed some new children into the program last week. We are also pleased with the amount of enquiries for enrolment and we look forward to meeting new families. If you are enrolling your prep child, we do encourage you to come and introduce your child and familiarise them with our location and environment. We have many exciting upcoming activities so if you wish for your child to become involved please visit www.oshclub.com.au to enrol your child.

Thank you,
Jardie-Ann and Nathan  **OSH Club program phone:** 0402 669 652  
**Coordinator:** Jardie-Ann Brigham  
**Assistant:** Nathan Belcher  
**OSH Club Head Office:** 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend this program. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

**Contact Jasmine Duong, your local Saver Plus Worker:**  
(03) 9312 0932 / 0419 607 295  
or jasmine.duong@thesmithfamily.com.au

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**FOOTBALL BOOTS WANTED!**

Do you have any old football boots in good condition that are too small and are cluttering up your cupboards? If so give those boots to someone who can only dream about having a pair! In July this year Australian Catholic University is running a football program for children in Timor East to promote health, wellbeing and life skills. Boots are needed for children ranging from 7-15 years. If you have a pair and you wish to donate them please hand them into the school office by Friday 23rd May.