Dear families,

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and it begins our Lenten journey. Lent is a time for getting things into perspective. It allows us to focus our attention on what life is about and where we are heading. We begin with the powerful symbolism of Ash Wednesday, putting the ashes on our forehead, under the sign of the cross with the words: ‘Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel’. Lent is also a time when we think of ways we can help others who may be in need. Our Christian Service Team, with the support of Mrs Iacovino, will be visiting all classes to discuss Project Compassion, what this means and ways we can help others who may be in need and act in ways that are more like Jesus.

Last week all families received a copy of the information we currently hold regarding addresses, contact details and emergency numbers. These details change as family situations change so it is important that you check all information for accuracy and note any changes in pen on the form. These are the details we use to contact you in emergency situations, so it is vital that you record contact information that is both accurate and reliable. All forms, even those without changes, need to be signed and returned to school so that we have an accurate update for our records. Thank you for returning these promptly.

Congratulations to all of our student leaders for 2016. Our school captains received their badges last year, all other leaders received them at assembly today. We look forward to working with you all throughout 2016 and I know that you will always try to model good leadership skills.

When visiting the school we ask that all parents, guardians and visitors come in through the school office; in this way we will be able to direct you to the person best suited to assisting you and we can also be assured of the children’s safety as we will have an accurate record of who is on site. After signing in using the iPad in the office all visitors are to wear the lanyard given to you by office staff.

Have a great week everyone.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees for 2016 will be **$1200** per family plus the Curriculum Fee of **$300** per child. The Curriculum Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible. Statements detailing opening balances and yearly fees will go out within the coming weeks.
Some reminders as we start the year:

School Uniform
All children are required to wear their summer uniform this term. The uniform shop will be open on a Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 - 9:00. The uniform shop is located in the left hand portable on the edge of the asphalt area. All children are expected to be in correct school uniform at all times. Presentation in the correct uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair expresses pride in our school and upholds the standard of our school. A note is required if a child is out of school uniform. Long Hair must be tied up with a school scrunchie, dark hair tie and/or yellow or blue ribbon should be used. Children are not to wear nail polish to school or wear jewellery, with the exception of plain sleepers.

Hats
All children are required to wear a school hat in Terms 1 & 4 whilst outside during recess, sport or other activities. Students without a hat will be required to stay inside at the first aid area. Hats can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Canteen
Once again our canteen will be run by Mrs Karen Honey who also runs the CRC canteen. The canteen will be open on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and be open at both recess and lunchtime on these days. A new 2016 menu has been sent home to all families and is available via our skoolbag app.

Punctuality
All students are required to be at school prior to the first bell. Being at school before the bell is important as it enables your child to develop social relationships with others and ensures they are at school for the commencement of the school day and learning activities.

Attendance
If your child is unwell it is important that they stay at home to recover and are not sent to school where others may then become sick as well. If your child is sick, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to their teacher, once they return to school, stating the reason for the absence.

School Visitors
When visiting the school all parents must enter through the office, sign the visitors register and receive a Visitors Lanyard which must be worn throughout your visit. This register is used in an emergency to determine who is in the school so it is vital that you do not enter the school through any other doors.

Before School
Supervision of the yard before school does not commence until 8:30am. It is important that children are not dropped off and left at school prior to this as they will be unsupervised in the yard. The adventure playground is out of bounds to all students both before and after school.

After School Supervision
There are four teachers on duty after school, at the yellow seats, entrance gate, park gate and pedestrian crossing. Children are to wait for parents on the asphalt area which is supervised by teaching staff. Children are not to wait in the office between 3.15 and 3.30pm as this area is very busy at this time and office staff are unable to supervise children while they wait. Any child who has not been collected by 3.30pm will be brought into the office by duty staff and parents will be called. Children not picked up by 3:45pm will be taken to OSHClub by a staff member and signed in. Parents will then need to collect their child from OSHClub. Parents are responsible for fees charged by OSHClub. Children who attend After School Care Programs offsite wait at the yellow seats for their bus to arrival.

Parking
There is no parking in the school grounds either before or after school. The drop off zone will continue to operate at the front of the school each morning before school. This area will be supervised each morning between 8:30 and 9:00am.
Congratulations to the following students who will be our Student Leaders in 2016.

Congratulations to Daniel Monitto and Heather Petelo-Sauvao on being voted in as our School Captains for 2016 and Allan St Martin and Andria Jojo who are our School Vice Captains. We wish you well as you commence the year and know that you will always endeavour to lead our community with wisdom and compassion.

School Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to Cate Cimarelli, Olivia Weaver, Mya Debono, Caleb Braszell, Alyx Williams, and Abiay Chol, who are members of the Christian Service Team for 2016. These children will work with Mrs Iacovino to promote Prayer, Liturgy and Social Justice within the school.

Congratulations to the following children who are our Sports Captains for 2016. Mr Sage and I look forward to your contributions throughout the year.

Green (Freeman) = Caleb Belcher & Laini Battye
Blue (McKillop) = Awaak Mayan-Tong & Matthew Netto
Gold (Hollos) = Angelina Maker & Junior Mbuto
Red (Roberts) = Charlotte Stephens & Jaxson Charge

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen, by their class mates, to represent their class on the Student Representative Council for 2016. We look forward to working with you all to run events and projects to engage students and develop our school.

Prep B= Tong Alew  Prep C= Jayke Gauci  Prep D= Nyaleng Mayan-Tong
1E= Ethan Magri  1F= Talia D’Angelo  1H= Ned Michael
2I= Yom Ajieth  2K= Lucas Raic  2/3M = Cooper Battye
3J= Dulein Peramuna  3L= Charlee Bugeja  4N= Mitchell Weaver
4O= Wel Majok  4P= Cameron Binek  5Q= Sierra Schembri
5S= Khallea Vanguardia  6R= Andria Jojo  6T= Heather Petelo-Sauvao
6U = Allan St Martin

Congratulations to Ethan Davis, Natalie Jones, Hayley Spence and Monique Wroblewski who will be our Discovery Centre Monitors in 2016; to Hayley Ferris, Charli Drew, Helena Kean-Ing, Darcy Makin, Bridget Henthorn and Morgan Philpin who will be our Art Room Monitors and Abouk Anyar, Ben Cuccia, Adam Smith and Kyan Claveria who will be our ICT Monitors. I know that you will be of great assistance to Mrs. Maskell, Mrs. Drew and Ms. Connolly throughout the year.

Discovery Centre Monitors  Art Room Monitors  ICT Monitors
### 2016 Specialist Timetable

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For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniforms.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following children who all received an award at assembly today. It is good to see that you are all trying your best each week. Well done on all you have achieved!!

- Prep B - Addison McKinley
- Prep C - Santino Mabok
- Prep D - Indyah Cassar
- 1E - Aiden Davis
- 1F - Mitchell Stancic
- 1H - Arop Adour
- 2I - Jacqueline Puccio
- 2K - Keira Heaviside
- 2/3M - Ava Sliwa
- 3J - Dana Huerto
- 3L - Elyse Stancic
- 4N - Kalista Moore
- 4O - Madeline Wroblewski
- 4P - Mariana Ishaq
- 5Q - Mark Gebreyesus
- 5S - Awien Milaual
- 6R - Junior Mbuto
- 6T - Ethan Davis
- 6U - Natasha Pereira

**Good Job!**
Hello families,

Last week we welcomed some new faces into the program, it was delightful to see all children interacting well with each other and making everyone feel welcome. We played some group games outside, we had competitions in pool and totem tennis and we got the children involved in developing the program the way they would like to see it for beginning of term.

This week we will do lots of activities in preparation for Valentine’s Day and continue to have interactive group games to help all children transition into the program positively. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren into Oshclub, please come in and see the staff, we are more than happy to show you around and go through what is involved in the program.

We will be doing themed weeks throughout the term, this way the children will have a diverse range of activities to participate in. Activities will involve arts and crafts, sports, group games, cooking and much, much more.

This week is all about group activities and meeting and greeting others.

Just a reminder, that it is Term 1 therefore all children must bring a hat to Oshclub so they can play outside. We have a ‘No Hat, No Outside Play’ policy, we do provide sunscreen for the children, if your child has an allergy to certain sun creams please inform the coordinator at your program. If you have any suggestions or feedback for the program, we would love to hear them.

Have a fantastic week

Allison and Cindy.

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**OSHClub News!**

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA EASTER RAFFLE & BONNET PARADE**

Easter Raffle tickets are $1 each

We also ask families to donate either an Easter egg/bunny for our Easter hampers.

All Easter raffle money and Easter egg donations are due back no later than 11th March 2016.

It’s also time to get creative!! This is your opportunity to design and make an Easter Bonnet. Please bring a gold coin donation to enter the parade.

The Easter Parade and Raffle will be held on the 21st March.

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**Scholastic Book Club**

Scholastic book club have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by Friday, February 19th

**NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

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**FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS**

Family Summary Reports were given to each family at the beginning of the year. Please ensure that all details are correct and your email address is up to date as our newsletter is emailed to all of our families. Forms are now overdue, please return them to school as soon as possible, we appreciate your prompt return of these forms.

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**School Closure Day Thursday, 3rd March**
**February & March 2016**

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**Community News**

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**Parish Of Melton Office**
10 Unit 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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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together.
Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.
There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug. 11-13 Nov
Starts at 7pm on Friday and ends at 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
For information and bookings contact Marianne and Marcel on (03) 9733 0997 or email at the following
vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: www.wwme.org.au