Reflection

God of love, grant us the grace to strive to be more like Christ in the way we live and reach out to others. God of Jesus Christ, you have drawn us together as people of faith. May the love that is in us, like a small seed planted by your hand, grow stronger each day and may our care for one another witness your love for all. Amen.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you all managed to enjoy a lovely break with family and friends.

On Wednesday July 23rd we celebrate the Feast of St Ann and St Joachim, Jesus’ Grandparents, with Grandparents Day. The day will begin with Mass at 9:15am. During Mass Fr Michael will offer the Sacrament of Anointing to those who would like to receive it. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing we ask that you sit at the front of the church in the two side sections. Mass will be followed with activities in family groupings and morning tea. While we understand that it is not always possible for grandparents to be with us we extend the invitation to family members and significant people in the children's lives.

Last term the Christian Service Team organised a blanket drive on behalf of St Vincent De Paul. Throughout this drive 78 blankets and $116.50 were donated by our school community. Kate Mulholland, a member of the Melton St Vincent De Paul group spoke to the children at assembly and shared with us the ways in which these donations would be used to assist those within our community who are in need. Members of our Christian Service Team presented Kate with the blankets and donations. Thank you all for your generous support of this drive, your contributions will make a very real difference to people in our community who are doing it tough this winter.

Last term we invited families to participate in the Catholic Identity Surveys, staff and students were also provided with the opportunity to complete these surveys. In the coming weeks Mrs Iacovino and myself will have the opportunity to receive the combined data from these surveys. The surveys provide very important information which allows us to plan ahead for the needs of the school in the Education in Faith sphere, and as a Catholic school this is vital to who we are as a community. Data from the surveys shows that of the 288 families given this opportunity 39 families completed the survey. While we appreciate the support of these families in taking the time to complete this survey, having only 39 responses is less than satisfactory. Without an adequate number of parents completing the survey, the results will not be accurate and we will not be able to use the data gathered. This survey is one of the ways that families can be involved in planning future direction so having only 39 families accept this invitation is rather disappointing. Congratulations to the Kaczor family who won the $100 Coles Myer card for completing the survey.

Have a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events

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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

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. Plenty of stock in winter jackets all sizes available $65.00

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE ~
Instalment 2
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
• be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
• be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14 July, 2014). (Parents must be a holder of a valid Centrelink Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Pensioner Card or be a Foster Parent on this date).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by Monday, July 28th, 2014 for the second instalment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2014 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transferred children to another school after 22 February, 2014 and prior to or on July 14 2014, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment. Application forms are available from the school office.

Applications Close on Monday, July 28th, 2014
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
We are seeking the support of our parents as we believe our parent voice is important to help shape the ongoing improvement of our school.

The School Improvement Survey will be available from Monday 28 July 2014 to Friday 22 August 2014.

WHY DO WE SURVEY?
The main aim of the survey is to identify factors that contribute to the organisational health of your child’s/children’s school and provide valuable information about what is going well and not so well and the ways in which this may be improved and built upon.

We are consulting families to gather your input to shape the future development of our school. Although we strongly encourage you to complete the survey, your participation is voluntary.

Please keep an eye out for the parent survey letter.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

Canteen News
We are in need of help in the canteen. If you are able to help us in the Canteen in Term 3, could you please complete the volunteer slip below. If you are already on the canteen roster and can continue to help please complete the slip below.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP
I can assist in the Canteen during Term One on the following days: (Please tick)
MONDAY [ ] TUESDAY [ ] FRIDAY [ ]
Name: __________________ Telephone No: __________________
NAIDOC Celebration

During the school holidays many Australians from many different walks of life came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week is held each year in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

On Thursday 31st July we look forward to Helen Christensen spending the day with us where she will help us to celebrate the culture, history and continued achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The day will commence with a whole school assembly, students will then have an opportunity to work together to make friendship bands using the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours. In addition to this Helen will visit the students and share with them the dreaming story of the local community, students will be encouraged to reflect on this story through engaging in an art activity.

We take this opportunity to invite all parents to join us for our school assembly at 9:00 in our school hall. Any parents who would like to remain after assembly and assist the students make their friendship bands are very welcome to do so.

Wednesday, July 23rd is Grandparents Day

Wednesday, July 23rd is the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, Grandparents of Jesus. On this day we invite Grandparents and significant family members to come and celebrate this day with us.

Celebrations on the day include:

* Mass at 9.15am

*Grandparents/significant family members sharing their experiences with the children.

( children will be in family groups so families will only need to visit one class)

*Grandparents/significant family members are invited to stay and have morning tea with the children. We ask that each child please bring a plate of food to share.

Wednesday, July 23rd is Grandparents Day

I am able to attend the celebrations on Grandparents day

My/Our names are ______________________________________ ( Please Print)

I/ we will be happy to share some of our experiences with the children

Our children/grandchildren are __________________________________________ (Please print)
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### Community News

**Grandparents Playgroup**

Are you a grandparent who regularly looks after their grandchildren? Would you like to meet other grandparents and join in some fun activities?

Then come along to a morning tea and help celebrate the launch of Melton City Council's Grandparents Playgroup.

**When:** Wednesday 23 July 2014

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am

**Where:** Parkwood Green Community Centre
CommunityHub, Hillside

**RSVP:** Playgroups and Children's Resources Officer
Email: playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9747 7200

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**ANNUAL TROTS NIGHT**

The Annual Trots Night with St Dominic’s Melton and St Bernard’s, Bacchus Marsh will be held on Friday 25th July, time 6pm at TABCORP Park.

**Cost $39 per head in the Toolern Room.**

For Bookings, contact Paul Grech 0418 358 191, Anne Stokie 0417 149 472 or the Parish Office 9743 6515.

Come along for a fun night and of course a little bit of betting.

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**CANTEN ROSTER**

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**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.**