Dear Families,

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who were Confirmed on Saturday by Bishop Long. The ceremonies were prayerful liturgies with many people contributing to the ceremony and adding to the prayerful reflection. I’m sure you all enjoyed the rest of your day surrounded by family and friends to help you celebrate this very special occasion. Thank you to the parish choir, who gave up their time to sing at the three ceremonies, the staff who filled a range of roles on the day and to Ms Littley, Ms Campbell, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Woodhouse, Ms Anderson, and Mrs Iacovino who prepared the children and the liturgy.

We are coming out of winter, the sun is shining and we are all set to enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperatures. It is at this time of year that we need to be extra vigilant as at this time many bird species are protecting their nests and waiting for eggs to hatch. If they see us as a threat, or we are too close to their nests they may swoop us as a warning to move away from the area. Usually we think of magpies as the main culprit however other species of birds may also swoop. Usually the swooping occurs over a short period at the beginning of spring. Last week a family were swooped while riding through Westlake’s Park. Many of the students walk through Westlake’s Park where there is currently a population of magpies so I urge you all to be careful and read the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Arrangements for 2016 are currently underway, these arrangements include the class structure and student numbers. If you have not already notified the office of your intentions for 2016 please do so at the earliest possible time to confirm your child’s place.

This week on Thursday we are running our PEP Science Day. The structure of PEP has changed this year and the focus of all groups will be within the discipline of Science, a connection back to the Inquiry units of this term. If you are able to assist with these activities, even if only for a part of the day, we would love to have you join us.

Thursday is also the date of our annual disco. The PFA have worked hard to organise this event for the children and I thank them for their tireless efforts throughout the term. This is a great way to end the term and an event the children all look forward to. More information about the disco is enclosed in this newsletter.

Have a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**Reflection**

*Take heart.*
We are the light of the world. In this hour of illumination let us shine into the broken places with our very own Christ-light.

*Take heart.*
We can be the peace, we can be the healing, we can be the Christ.
Trailing clouds of glory, we have come from the brightness of God.

*Take heart.*
Our power to love will overshadow our love of power. In this luminous hour we will see what we must see, and we will shine because of what we have seen.

*From Seven Sacred Pauses* by Sr Macrina Wiederkehr

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**Upcoming Events**

**Thurs 17th Sept**
- PEP Science Activity Day
- Junior Disco 6 - 7:30pm
- Senior Disco 7:45 - 9:15pm

**Friday 18th Sept**
- Last Day of Term
  Children dismissed 1:30pm
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

School Canteen
Last day for canteen for term 3 will be this Thursday, September 17

Uniform Shop
Uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday from 8.30am - 9.00am. Summer stock is now available to purchase for Term 4.

Cash Only { No Eftpos Facilities available }

The PFA committee would like to say thank you for your continued support. The Father’s Day raffle and Father’s Day stall made over $1100. Thank you
We would like to wish you all a safe and wonderful school holidays and look forward to Term 4.
The Parents and Friends Association

Footy Colours Day
Last Friday, the Students came to school in their footy colours with a gold coin donation for MND (Motor neurone disease). The Students raised $434.65. This was a fantastic effort.
We thank you for your continuous support.

PFA GROUP NEED YOUR HELP
SCHOOL DISCO 17TH September

If you are able to help with the disco on the 17th September please fill in the slip below slip and return it to the office as soon as possible.
Your help is greatly appreciated.
The disco is so our children can enjoy a night of fun and dancing.

SCHOOL DISCO HELPERS / VOLUNTEERS

NAME: ____________________________ [Please Print] PHONE: __________________
I am able to help sell Glow Sticks/Drinks at the School Disco: (Thursday 17th September)

Session 1: Grades Prep – 3 (6pm – 7.30pm) Session 2: Grades 3 - 6 (7.45 – 9.15pm)

THANKYOU
With your help the disco can go ahead safely and successfully.

Congratulation to our athletics team
Who competed in various events last Tuesday and Wednesday.
St Catherine of Siena are very proud of you all.
Well Done!!

Instalment 3 Fees are now overdue. Please attend to any outstanding fees as soon as possible. If you are unable to meet your school fee commitments please make an appointment to see Carmel Marantelli to discuss.
Reminder: Information for Parents who hold a Health Care Card

The Government has announced a new allowance for 2015. The Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. This is an annual payment of $125 for primary students payable to the school.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.


An application form can be collected via the link above or from the school office.

Forms need to be lodged with the school by Friday, September 4 and a copy of your eligible card needs to be provided.
## Term 3 & 4 Calendar 2015

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### ATTENTION JUNIOR SOCCER PLAYERS!

Melton Phoenix FC is running a fun 7 week soccer skills program aimed at developing the skills of junior soccer players, and any kids that would like to come along and learn the basics of the game.

Now taking bookings for:

- **Boys & Girls age 5-7** - 20 places - 6.00m - 7.00pm Wednesday evenings beginning 14th October
- **Boys & Girls age 8-10** - 20 places - 9.00am - 10.00am Sunday mornings beginning 11th October
- **Boys age 11-13** - 20 places - 10.15am - 11.15am Sunday mornings beginning 11th October
- **Girls age 11-15** - 20 places - 11.15am - 12.15pm Sunday mornings beginning 11th October

Cost: $105 per child, including a free t-shirt & drink bottle

Free sausage sizzle after each session

Contact meltonphoenixfcjuniors@gmail.com to book today!
Swooping birds may be a frightening or even a dangerous experience. Native birds can swoop in urban and rural areas, in parks and gardens, along bike tracks and in school yards, or anywhere that birds are nesting.

1. Know your local swooping hotspots
   Keep informed about parks, schoolyards and bike trails in your local area by reading your local newspapers, viewing Victoria's 'Magpie Map' on www.depi.vic.gov.au/swoop or contacting your local council.

2. Avoid the area
   The best way to protect yourself from a swooping bird is to avoid venturing into their territory.

3. Move quickly
   If you must pass through the area – move quickly – do not run.

4. Cover your head
   Wear a hat or carry a stick or umbrella above your head. Cyclists should wear a helmet, dismount and walk through the area.

5. Eyes at the back of your head
   Birds may be less likely to swoop if they think you are watching them. Draw a pair of 'eyes' and attach to the back of hats and helmets. A printable set of 'eyes' is available to download on the DEPI website at www.depi.vic.gov.au/swoop.

6. Do not harass wildlife
   Don’t interfere with or throw stones at birds. This gives them added reason to see humans as a threat and may increase swooping behaviour.

7. Do not destroy nests
   This may prompt birds to rebuild their nests, prolonging the swooping behaviour.

8. Don’t feed swooping birds.

9. Travel in a group
   If possible, try to travel in a group in areas where there are swooping birds.

10. Notify others
    Put up warning signs for others who may not be aware that there are swooping birds in the area, or ask your council to do so.

- Mark a bird-swooping area on Victoria’s ‘Magpie Map’ at www.depi.vic.gov.au/swoop
- Tweet @depi_vic with the location details and include #swoopwo
- Send photographs of birds for the Swoop Flickr page. Email swoop.victoria@depi.vic.gov.au

Council has a responsibility to ensure that kindergarten application and enrolment policies promote fair and equitable access to a kindergarten program, including for those children who face barriers in order to participate in the program. Research shows that children that can most benefit from early childhood education are those least likely to access kindergarten. In line with the 2016 kindergarten guide, Council is in the process of reviewing the kindergarten allocation priority criteria.

A survey has been set up on survey monkey providing staff and families with the opportunity to provide feedback and or recommendations. The survey closes on Friday the 28th at 5.00pm. Please take the time to review and provide feedback:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kindergartenallocationpriorityfeedback

Come along and join us for the unveiling of Council’s exciting new community activation space!

The Corner @ McKenzie is Melton’s very first pop-up park. The space will be transformed into an exciting space for people to use within the future town centre site. It will be a community space to Play.Create.Connect.

WHEN: Thursday 24 September
TIME: 10.30am – 12.30pm
WHERE: The Corner @ McKenzie
       Corner of Palmerston and McKenzie Street, Melton
ENQUIRIES: Sarah Grace, Project Officer
           Phone: 9747 7200

Enjoy interactive activities and light refreshments
Melton City Council has developed its draft Integrated Transport Strategy which outlines what improvements should be made to our current transport system.

We would like to know your thoughts on the draft Integrated Transport Strategy, including the actions relating to:

- walking and cycling routes
- bus routes and service
- the Melton railway line
- arterial roads
- land use and development
- education and partnership

Have your say: provide online feedback on the draft Integrated Transport Strategy at www.movingmelton.com.au between Monday, 31 August and Friday, 25 September.

Attend a drop-in session at Melton Library and Learning Hub on Monday, 14 September between 4.00pm and 8.30pm.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the draft Integrated Transport Strategy, please visit the Moving Melton website movingmelton.com.au, or contact Council’s City Strategy Unit on 9747 7200 or email MovingMelton@melton.vic.gov.au.

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**Melton Cultural Festival**

**TALENT CONTEST**

We are looking for the next big success in Melton

Can you sing, dance or are talented in other ways?

Applications close 1st October 2015

Auditions at St. Catherine’s School Hall
On Sat. 17th Oct.
Performance on Sun. 18th Oct.

For information and application forms contact:-

Paul Grech, Mob: 0418 358 191
Jenny Brown, Mob: 0438 434 409
Kate Swan, (03) 9743 2591
Supported by Fishcare Victoria come along and learn about fishing. Try your luck and catch a fish.

Bring your chair, blanket or picnic lunch. Free BBQ will be available

WHEN: Monday 21 September
TIME: 10am to 1pm
WHERE: Navan Park (Lake) Coburns Road, Melton (Mel 336 H5)
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 to 15
Cost: Free

Some rods will be available but please bring your own if you have them

Bookings essential. Visit: melton.vic.gov.au
Please note: parents or guardians must be in attendance at all times during the clinic
For further information please contact the Recreation Development Officer on 9747 7200 or email: nicolew@melton.vic.gov.au
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MELTON SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Sports orientated holiday program designed for children to emphasise fun, enjoyment and maximum participation.

WHERE Blackwood Drive Community Hall

WHO Ages 4-12

WHEN Monday 22nd September to Thursday 1st October
8:00am - 5:00pm daily

INFO SPRING IN FULL SWING!
Enjoy your school holidays this spring with Kelly Sports. These programs are designed to help kids develop basic skills such as kicking, throwing and catching, all in a fun engaging and exciting environment. Sports included are Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Rippa Rugby, T-Ball, Soccer, AFL, Dancing, Gymnastics and many more.
- Friendly and experienced coaches teaching skills and providing an exciting and safe environment.
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1. Online: www.kellysports.com.au
2. Call/email Belinda (contact details above)
3. Return the form: PO Box 71, Moonee Vale, VIC 3055

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