Dear Families,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it begins our Lenten journey. Lent is about getting things into perspective. It focuses our attention on what life is about, and where we are heading. This year in his Lenten address Pope Francis said ~ “During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.” ~ We begin Lent 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’. The ashes challenge us to set our hearts on things that really matter, to not be indifferent to others but to see what we can do to alleviate the plight and hardship that others face. Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, 18th February at 9:15am. Everyone is most welcome to attend this liturgy with us.

Throughout the year there are times when all staff are required to attend professional development days. These days are generally held once a term. Several of these days are already confirmed so as to assist parents in making alternative arrangements please note the following school closure dates.

- Wednesday 4th March - Review School Closure Day
- Thursday 5th March - Review School Closure Day
- Monday 2nd November - School Closure Day

If you have not already done so please return all Student Summary Sheets which detail contacts 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. 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. A reminder also so that if your details change throughout the year please remember to update us.

This Friday, 20th February, the student leaders will be presented to the school community at our assembly and receive their badges, this includes School Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Captains, SRC reps, Christian Service Team, Art Monitors, Discovery Centre Monitors and I.T. Monitors. This assembly will begin at 2:45pm and you are all more than welcome to join us.

From this week all children must wear a hat when outside at recess and lunch, sport and outside class activities. Hats must be one of the school varieties, either a school bucket hat, school wide brim hat or school legionnaire hat. The rule of NO HAT NO PLAY will be enforced and children without an appropriate school hat will be asked to sit inside. The uniform shop will be open tomorrow morning for anyone who needs to purchase a school hat.

Have a great week everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees For 2015 will be $1200 per family plus the Curriculum Fee of $275 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.
Dear Parents,

This term, there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to train as a classroom helper. The 40 minute session will help you to gain an understanding of the variety of learning experiences students engage with every day and how you can be part of this. It will train you in providing support for small groups of students and also enable you to act as a role model when working with students in class. We will be offering a choice of two sessions;

- Monday February 23rd at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday February 24th at 2:15 p.m.

The classroom teachers look forward to having helpers in the classroom. It is an opportunity to share in the educational development of your child. If you have any questions about the session, please contact me at school. Please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday, February 20th.

Yours sincerely,

Marita Martin (Learning & Teaching Co-ordinator)

CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

Print Name: ______________________________ I am able / unable to attend the Classroom Helpers training session.

Please indicate the time which you can attend:

- Monday, February 23rd 9:00 a.m. □
- Tuesday, February 24th 2:15 p.m. □

Signature: ________________________________

☐ I have a Working with Children Check & school has a copy
☐ I have a Working with Children Check; the school does not have a copy
☐ I have applied for a Working with Children Check
☐ I do not have a Working with Children Check
Sports News

Interschool Sports begins this Friday, February 20th.

Games will be held this week here at St Catherine of Siena

From 11.30am –1.15pm

Parents are welcome to come and watch the games

Congratulations to all the children who made the swimming team.

Tuesday February, 24th MPSSA Swimming Carnival, Melton Wave

Permission forms were sent home

Cost:$10.00

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic book club have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by this Friday, February 20th

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS

Family Summary Reports were given to each family at the beginning of year interviews. 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.

Instructions for installing the school app on your phone or tablet device

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If you want, you can use your school name, change “Free” to “Install.
4. If you change the drop list to “iPhone Apps,” your school will then be visible, change “Free” to “Install.”
5. When installed click “Open.”
6. Select “On” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup.”
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup.”
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CRC INTERVIEWS YEAR 7 2016

All new families who have put in an application to enrol their child at Catholic Regional College Melton for Year 7 2016 are advised that they need to contact the Parish Office on 9743 6515 to arrange an interview with Father Michael in the month of February.

Dear St Catherine of Siena OSHClub Parents,

We have been informed of an upcoming Pupil Free Day and are hopeful that this will run, however, this is will depend on numbers.

When / what / how:
Date: Wednesday, 4th March and Thursday, 5th March.
Please book prior to Tuesday 24th February 11:59pm.
Times: 6:50am to 6:30pm
Cost: $13.56 - $50.00 per child (Not including 50% tax rebate)
How to book: Please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the aftercare bookings tab.
What happens: Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.
What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear/provide appropriate clothing including hats.
Please note: we require a minimum of 15 children to run the day, parents will be notified by end of business Wednesday 25th February if the day will proceed.
Further important information for this Day:

Once you have enrolled there are no refunds for cancellations.
A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day.
All regular Before and After Care bookings have been removed.

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

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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

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**CDF STUDENT BANKING**

Every Thursday is student banking day.  
Deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day.  
Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Student Banking Account.  
Application forms are available from the Office

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**Raffle Tickets are available from school office at $2.00 each**

**WOW......LOOK AT THE FANTASTIC PRIZES**

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2015**

Tickets - $2 each – Drawn 22/05/2015

Raffle profit is for the cost of the New Stations of the Cross Garden.

**Support your Parish**

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**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**

Wednesday, March 4th & Thursday March 5th
YOUR HELP & FRIENDSHIP NEEDED!

Can you speak, read and write English confidently? Do you enjoy meeting people from other cultures? Can you spare 2 hours each week to help someone?

IF SO, A NEW ARRIVAL WOULD LOVE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND HELP TO LEARN ENGLISH.

FREE TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT PROVIDED.

NO EXPERIENCE or QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY!

For more information, please contact:

ROSEMARY HARMAN on 9366-0433
at AMES Volunteer Tutor Program,
16 Victoria Square,
St Albans
Email: harmanr@ames.net.au

The AMES Volunteer Tutor Program is funded by the Australian government to provide English support to newly arrived adult migrants. Tutors provide the language support that enables these people to settle into the community.
2016 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

Kindergarten applications for the 2016 Kindergarten year will be available from 7.00am on Wednesday 25 March.

Apply online at melton.vic.gov.au

Applications will be available at Kindergartens and all Melton City Council Customer Service venues. Applications should be lodged with Council as soon as possible to increase the likelihood of securing a place at the Kindergarten of your choice.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Parent and Educator Information Session

When is the right time to enrol your child in Kindergarten? How do you know if they are ready? Come along to this informative session presented by Early Life Foundations.

Date: Tuesday 3 March 2015
Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Location: Melton Library Auditorium

KINDERGARTEN OPEN SESSIONS

Come along and explore your local Kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and get information to help inform your decision on which Kindergarten to enrol your child.

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015
Time: 4pm to 8pm
Location: for participating kindergartens visit melton.vic.gov.au or call 9747 7200

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Supporting Healthy and Active Kindergarten Children. This exciting session will provide parents/carers with the tools needed to support their children in their kindergarten year including healthy & tasty lunchbox ideas, interactive activities, take home resources and more.

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015
Time: 8.00pm to 8.00pm
Location: Caroline Springs Library

For more information visit melton.vic.gov.au or contact the Kindergarten Central Enrolment Officer on 9747 7200
Making a decision on which Kindergarten to send your child to is often the first educational choice parents make. Our Kindergarten Open sessions provides parents/carers with the opportunity to explore local Kindergartens, meet teachers, ask questions and get information to help make an informed decision. We encourage families to visit the Kindergartens they are interested in attending during the open day hours.

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Location: For participating kindergartens visit melton.vic.gov.au or call 9747 7200
What is Relay For Life?
Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams of 10-15 participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council. The event brings the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance. Each Relay For Life event is organised by a local volunteer organising committee on behalf of Cancer Council.

Why do we Relay?
Every five minutes, another Australian is diagnosed with cancer. While survival rates are improving every day, cancer remains a leading cause of death. That's why it’s so important that we raise funds to fight cancer.

Every dollar raised at Relay For Life helps the Cancer Council to:
- Investigate new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancers
- Educate people in your community about ways they can reduce their cancer risk
- Advocate for cancer control and influence government policy
- Support people during their times of greatest need.

How did it all begin?
Relay For Life began in the USA when, in 1985, Dr Gordy Klatt raised over $37,000 for his local cancer charity by running around an oval for 24 hours. Since then, the event has spread across the USA and then across the globe. Relay For Life is now held in over 23 countries and is the world’s largest fundraising event.

Relay For Life began in Australia in 1995, when the Victorian community of Maroondah raised over $75,000 for Cancer Council. Relay For Life is now run in every state and territory, and raises over $14 million each year for the cancer fight.

Who can participate?
Everybody in the community can get involved.
Cancer Council recommends each Relay For Life team consists of 10-15 team members, including a nominated team captain. There are no age limitations or fitness requirements – Relay For Life is suitable for everyone, and anyone can join in the fun!

Please note: All participants under the age of 18 years must have adult supervision at all times.

Register now!
wwwrelayforlife.org.au
1300 65 65 85

Get involved with your community and be part of Melton’s Relay For Life

For more information please contact:
Jenny Barrie
jennyb97@bigpond.com
0419 872 134

Or alternatively register on the website:

Celebrate Remember Fight Back!

Melton Relay For Life
21 – 22 February 2013
4:00pm – 10:00am
Tabcorp Park
We are a new club that has 3 sides at this stage but we would love to grow and put sides in every age group for boys and girls.

REGISTRATION DAY

14th of March

We are having a registration day for all boys and girls for under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 so get on board and join our club we are very excited about our club going forward all players welcome

Where: At the melton rec centre on Coburns rd at 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Kind Regards,

Joe Murphy – Club President
Wolfpack Basketball Club