Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you have all had some fun, rest and relaxation over the past 2 weeks.

We have had some changes over the holidays, the most significant being the recarpentng of the original building which houses our Year Prep and 1 students. I am sure you will all agree that this is a welcome change and makes this an even more welcoming space. We have also had workmen in to begin the installation of new synthetc turf and shade sails between the portables and current football/soccer pitch. This work will continue for several weeks so we will be able to see the changes in this area as they occur.

October is traditionally the month of The Rosary. The Rosary is a simple prayer we can say and is a series of fve sets of ten Hail Marys, each one assigned to a particular mystery in Our Lord’s Life and that of His Blessed Mother. In praying the Rosary, we reect on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of Jesus and Mary; and since October 16th 2002 when Pope John Paul II added 5 new mysteries of the Rosary: we also reect on the Mysteries of Light. It is a simple humble prayer, much like Mary. It is a prayer we can say together with her, the Mother of God and invite Mary to pray for us. And since October is traditionally the month dedicated to the Rosary I invite you to find some time to pray this prayer with your family.

This term we have some closure days for professional development, preparation for our review in 2015 and for the 2015 school year. These dates have been listed in previous newsletters but a reminder to all parents that the school will be closed on Wednesday 29th October for a Mathematics PD day and on Monday 3rd November.

We have been fortunate over a number of years to have had many parents kindly volunteer to assist in the canteen to ensure that it could remain open. Last term we were in the position of having to close the canteen on days when we were unable to source sufficient volunteers. Since these closures we have had offers of assistance from some families, however there is still a shortfall. If you do not currently volunteer in the canteen I ask that you consider doing so, even on a fortnightly/monthly basis. If you are able to help out please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter.

Have a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
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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
All fee payers who have either
*Paid their fees in full OR
*Have their direct debit transactions up to date by Friday 7th November will go into a draw to receive a full rebate of the Term 4 school fees. This amounts to a $300 rebate for the lucky winner.

St Catherine Of Siena Whole School Sports Day
Whole school sports day Friday, 24th October.
We will be asking for parent volunteers for this event so please save this date if you would like to be involved. Thank you
Mark Sage PE Teacher

CRC Visits
On Friday, 17th October the Year 5 students have been invited by CRC to visit the school. The children will have a tour of the facilities and listen to some Year 7 students talk about the transition from primary to secondary school. CRC will provide the children with lunch on this day.

School Hats
As we are now in Term 4 school hats are to be worn by all students when outside whether this be during Physical Education, at recess and lunchtime or when taken outside for an activity by their classroom teacher. It is advised that school hats stay in your child’s bag at all times so they have them at school when required. Some children may need to purchase a new school hat so this week will be a phasing in time however by next Monday the rule of No Hat No Play will be enforced and all children will be expected to have a school hat on when outside. Children without a hat will not be able to play in the yard and will be directed inside.

Uniforms
In Term 4 all children are to wear their Summer Uniform. If you require uniform items, the uniform shop is open on Monday and Wednesday between 8:30 – 9:00am. Once again this week will be a phasing in time however by next Monday all children will be expected to be in their full summer uniform.

Summer Uniform consists of:
BOYS Navy Shorts, yellow polo shirt with school emblem, navy socks, navy windcheater with school emblem, black shoes
GIRLS Check dress, navy windcheater with school emblem, navy socks, black shoes, Yellow polo top with school emblem.

CANTOON VOLUNTEERS
Once again, the Canteen is asking for volunteers to help out in the Canteen during term 4.
As the school becomes larger in size, so too does the need for extra volunteers. Where one person’s help was enough, we now need two. It is a great way to meet other parents, as well as assisting the school. If you are able to assist on either a Monday, Tuesday or Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTOON VOLUNTEER SLIP
I can assist in the Canteen during Term on the following days: (Please tick)
Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Friday [ ]
I am able to help Weekly [ ] Fortnightly [ ] Monthly [ ]
Name: __________________________ Telephone No: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Calling for volunteers for our Term Four Elective Program!

Our Personalised Electives Program (PEP) for Term 4 2014 will commence on Wednesday October 15th and will continue for 4 weeks until November 12th. PEP is programmed for Wednesdays from 11:30 – 1:15pm.

The purpose of the Electives programme is to provide opportunities for students to explore their interests outside of the curriculum and build a dynamic and collaborative learning community. Our focus for this year in PEP is to work on developing a culture of making and producing by harnessing the power of learning by doing. On November 19th students will have the opportunity to share their product with the school community in the Hall as part of a formal presentation of learning. There will also be product on display around the school as well as communication through the school newsletter.

To help this program to be a great success, we would like to have you involved.

If you are able to help out at any or all of these times we would love to see you.

Please bring along your Working with Children Check cards, when you attend PEP. If you don’t have a Working with Children’s Check card, application forms can be obtained from any Australia Post outlet. There is no fee for this card.

Please return the slip below to the office as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you.

The students and staff of Saint Catherine of Siena.

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PEP VOLUNTEERS

Name_________________________________      Activity__________________________________

Dates you are available to assist (please circle): October 15th October 22nd November 5th November 12th

Child/children’s name/s: ___________________________________________    Class: _________
We hope you all had a great holiday. Just a reminder that as it is Term 4, its time to Slip, Slop, Slap! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. OSHClub has a “No Hat – No Outside Play” policy. OSHClub provides sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sunscreen please inform the Coordinator at the program. We also encourage you to read our sun smart policy at the program.