Dear Families,

Last night we opened our Annual Art Show and what a terrific night it was. The amazing array of art on display is a credit to the children, their imagination and creativity as well as to Mrs Drew and Mrs Connolly for their inspiration and encouragement. The Art Show will be open each morning and afternoon this week so if you were unable to attend last night feel free to come in and have a look. This year 24 staff members have contributed art work and there is a competition to guess which staff member contributed which piece, entries can be placed in the box in the discovery centre this week. Good luck you might be able to get some clues from staff. A special thanks to Mary Tat and Abuk Ajeng who have a display of traditional weaving and embroidery outside the Prep classes. The richness and diversity of our community is well and truly on display and we are lucky to be able to showcase such an array of skills.

Last week our Year 3 & 4 students attended camp at Lady Northcote. They had an amazing time and I’m sure they had many stories to tell about their two days away. Working as a team to complete obstacle and rope courses, demonstrating patience and practice and challenging themselves to try new things are all components of their two day experiences. The night walk searching for wildlife and star gazing were also highlights. Thankyou to all of the staff who made this experience both possible and such a fun and rewarding time.

Our morning drop off space can become quite busy at times. To assist in the flow of traffic I ask that all drivers turn left when exiting the drop off area, as turning right causes long delays and traffic banks up in Bulmans Road affecting through traffic. When parking out the front of the school please only park in designated bays with the concrete stopper; parking in other areas means you are compromising the walkways for children and hindering other traffic.

A reminder to all to keep Friday, 27th November free if possible, we would love to have you join us on our Sports Day.

Have a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**News Letter - Term 4, Week 2 October 13th, 2015**

**Reflection**

Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the bread of life.’ Satisfy our hunger for God, we pray to you.

**All:** *Nourish us with the bread of life.*

Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the light of the world.’ Light up our darkness with your message of hope, we pray to you.

**All:** * Enlighten us with your word.

Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the gate of the sheepfold.’ Lead us to your truth and peace, we pray to you.

**All:** *Guide us in the ways of peace.*

Lord Jesus, you said, ‘I am the Good Shepherd.’ Gather us into your fold, we pray to you.

**All:** *Identify us as your disciples.*

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Monday, October 26**
  - School Closure Day
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 FEES
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.

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 8:30am – 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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book club brochures have been sent home. Any parent wishing to order will need to have their order in by Friday, October 23rd.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Djerriwarrh Festival
Permission forms were sent home last week, forms need to be returned to school by Friday, October 23rd.

Please note:
Parents need to fill in a form for each child attending.

WHEN: Saturday, November 7th

Further details will be provided closer to the date, such as what the Children will be wearing, float details, drop off point etc.

St Catherine’s Whole School Sports Day
This year our sport's day will be held next month on Friday, 27th November. This will involve students in teams from Year Prep – Year 6 participating in various fun activities throughout the day. Our Sports Day will be held at Westlake Reserve with an active fun day being the focus. 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

CDF STUDENT BANKING
Thursday is our 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 Banking account.

Application forms are available from the Office
Grade 3 and Grade 4 Camp 2015

ART SHOW 2015
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PFA committee are organising an end of year Christmas raffle. First prize being a Queensland holiday staying at the Sea World Resort.

We will be sending home one raffle book per family (handed to eldest child). 10 tickets per book at a cost of $2 per ticket. It is imperative that all books are returned by 7th December 2015 (including unsold tickets). As this is a registered raffle it is important that all books are returned.

We invite you to sell as many books as you can. If you require more books, please complete the form below and hand it back into the office for processing.

Book seller prize
For each completed book you sell, you will receive 1 entry into a draw to win an IPod shuffle 2GB.

We thank you in advance for supporting our major fundraiser for the year.

PFA Committee

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PFA Christmas Raffle – Request for additional book
Please complete and return to the office when you require more raffle books
You have until 7th December to sell raffle tickets

Parent/Guardian Name:............................................................

Eldest Child Name:.............................................................. Class:............................................................

Number of books: ..............................

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature: ............................................................
RAFFLE PRIZES

1st prize: QLD Holiday Valued at $2850
- 4 nights at the world famous Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children.
- Unlimited entry to Sea World, Movie World and Wet’n’Wild.
- $100 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort & Water Park.
- $1,000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher.
  * The winner will have 12 months to use the prize and it can be used over the school holidays.

2nd prize: Entertainment Pack Valued $1,500
- 48" LED HD TV
- Apple TV
- Xavian Bonbonus Speakers
- Phiaton Maxbass Headphones

3rd Prize: Home and Garden Pack Valued $500
- Bunnings Wheel Cart
- Garden tools and hose
- $100 Benton Voucher
- Reece plumbing tool box and tools
- $30 The dreamlife design voucher
- Best friends pet hamper
- Beauty hamper

4th Prize: Kids Sport Pack Valued $250
- Basketball ring and ball
- Soccer net and ball
- 6 in 1 sport set
- Backyard tennis
- Super soaker water gun
- Slip n slide
### TERM 4 CALENDER

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### THE SUNDAY Squeeze

Finding time for Mass in a busy schedule

Family life is busy. Even without children, our modern lives are packed with activities. No matter how many jobs we have, it’s guaranteed that the activities will expand to fill the time available. So how do busy people make time for Mass, and why would they want to?

**Free Up Sundays**

Do chores on weekday nights. Shop online after hours. Combine kids activities w/ other days.

**After-Mass Bonus**

Keep the positivity going afterwards with a visit to the park, an ice cream shop or cafe. Yum!

**HOW TO GET THERE**

1. **Plan Ahead**
   - Schedule Mass ahead of time and fit other activities around it. Make Mass the priority or it will get squeezed out.

2. **Get A Routine**
   - A regular Mass time helps to establish life-affirming friendships with other Mass-goers.

3. **Double Duty**
   - If you are on the road, attend Mass near where you’ll be doing other things.

4. **Reduce Stress**
   - Find a good children’s liturgy or take appropriate books and bible activities to keep the little ones busy in the pew.

### WHY MASS?

1. Food your soul: Mass is a spiritual superfood.
2. Connect with others.
4. God said so: Do we need a better reason?

**Recharge Here**

Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks find their proper perspective; the material things we worry about give way to spiritual values.

*Pope John Paul II / Doc Evans*
**Fun & Games**

**Singing**

**Music**

**Dancing**

**Talent Show**

**Melton Cultural Family Festival**

**Save the Date:**
**Saturday 18th October 2015**

12 Noon till 7 PM

108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West (School Ground)

**Fun:** Jumping Castles, Animal Farm, Face Painting, Walt Disney Characters!!

**Food:** Multi Cultural Food Stalls

**Performances:** By Local Groups and Individuals of the Community

** Talent Show:** Sign up for to participate in the Talent Show if you;
- Love the Stage
- Can show us how it’s done
- Have passion for you culture
- Need to share your talent

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**Family Relationship Centre**

**An Australian Government Initiative**

**My Parents ‘n’ Me**

Supporting children after family separation

Children whose parents have separated may be affected by numerous stressful experiences.

Many children who experience parental separation cope well with the changes over time. However, some children will experience difficulties along the way and require support to help them build resilience.

My Parents ‘n’ Me is about helping children to understand their parents’ separation, to adapt to changes in the family and to feel safe and comfortable to express themselves.

My Parents ‘n’ Me sessions:

- are age appropriate with children divided into two groups (ages 6-10 and 10-12)
- allow children to gain more insight into their own approach to painful issues as they freely select a balance between watchfulness and participation in group activities
- give children the opportunity to talk to a neutral person about the changes in their family and share their experiences with other children in similar situations
- can assist children to develop resilience and coping strategies.

**Dates**
Four sessions per group from 4 - 5:30pm on Thursdays:
4, 11, 18, 25 February 2016.

**Course location**
Sunshine Family Relationship Centre
1 Clarke Street, Sunshine Victoria

**Bookings and information**
For more information and to make a booking, speak to a staff member at reception at the Sunshine Family Relationship Centre, phone (03) 9313 0444 or email enquiries@sunshinefr.org.au