Dear Families,

On Sunday the Melton Cultural Festival was held at St Catherine of Siena and what a great day it was. The weather was perfect and the organisers had certainly thought of everything to keep us entertained and fed. A big congratulations to the children from St Catherine's who participated in the talent quest which was held throughout the day. Thank you to all who contributed by attending or through organising and having a stall.

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. Many parents park on the other side of Bulmans Road; if you do this I ask that you use the crossing as your crossing point as we want the children to use the safe crossing point and to learn that this is the best point for them to use.

The Djerriwarrh Festival will be held on Saturday the 7th November; this is a great community celebration so please keep this date free. In the past we have organised a float with St Dominic's for the parade however this will not be the case this year. The organising committee have changed the route and length of the parade and are asking that it be a walking parade without trucks. We will still be a part of this parade so if you would like your child to participate and have not yet returned your permission form, please do so as a matter of urgency so that we can finalise numbers and have adequate supervision for the students.

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

**Upcoming Events**

- **Monday, October 26**: School Closure Day
- **Monday, November 2nd**: School Closure Day
- **Tuesday, November 3rd**: Melbourne Cup 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 Hats
As we are now in Term 4 school hats are to be worn by all students when outside whether this is 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. The school rule of No Hat No Play is enforced. 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.

St Catherine of Siena Whole School Sports Day
This year our sports 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

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.

SCHOOLOSTIC 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, parade details, drop off point etc.

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.
RCIA: The Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults
A structured path to initiation for those wishing to become Catholic

It is wonderful that adults from the parish are coming forward requesting to be prepared to become Catholics: to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Till now, Fr Michael has undertaken an informal preparation program for these occasional marvellous new people. With an increase in numbers interested and with Fr Charles now in the parish, we are starting a more formal preparation program that provides a structured introduction to Catholic faith. The program will run from early November (after Cup Day) through till Easter (excluding the Holiday period) and candidates would be baptised, confirmed, and receive Eucharist as a part of the Easter ceremonies: a tradition that has come down from the earliest years of the Church.

SO!!!!

Two calls to action by you:

First Planning: do you feel called to assist with preparing / running this program? If so: please call Fr Charles on 0417 319 556 and have a chat with him. The sooner the better so we can plan what’s coming. We hope to have a meeting next week to start the planning.

Second Candidates: if you yourself are interested in becoming a Catholic then call the parish (9743 6515) and give Dee your details so we can contact you.

OR

if you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic give them this request.
Hello families,
We had a fantastic week at the program last week, the children played a few group games, did some construction activities and have started creating paper aeroplanes that they are painting and decorating to hang from the ceiling when finished.
This week the children have gained some inspiration from their art show at school and plan to do some arts and crafts at OshClub, including paper roll dolls, paper plate birds and creating targets for ball practice. Please see the children’s art gallery in the OshClub room displaying their amazing work.
Unfortunately we did not receive numbers to trade on Monday 26th October, so there will be No Oshclub on this day. If you haven't already done so and need Child care on Monday 2nd November please book online before Monday 26th October as we do require 15 bookings to operate on this day.
If your child goes home absent or is no longer attending the program please text Allison on the program phone asap to minimise the confusion at the start of the session.
If there are parents/guardians that have any ideas or suggestions for the program we would love to hear them, there is also a section in the journal for parents to leave their feedback.
Hope you all have a great week

OSHC program phone: 0402 669 652
Coordinator: Allison
Assistants: Cindy
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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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
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@sunshinefrc.org.au