Dear Families,

Our Parents and Friends have worked tirelessly throughout the year organising events and fundraising opportunities for the school. One of their last efforts for the year is the Christmas Raffle. This year we have organised a registered raffle with a First Prize of a family holiday to Queensland. Raffle books have gone home to all families and I ask that you all endeavour to sell as many tickets as you can. For every complete book you sell you will receive 1 entry in a lucky prize draw. As this is a registered raffle **all unsold tickets and books must be returned to school**. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas concert on December 14.

The school has recently purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). These are portable devices that can be used in emergency situations where the heart is not working properly. The AED is able to diagnose whether a shock is required and then administer it if necessary. The AED is currently located in the school office as we are awaiting the arrival of an alarmed cabinet to store it in. The device we have purchased is able to be used on children as well as adults and will give audible instructions for its use as well as advise whether CPR should be continued.

The end of the year is fast approaching and over the coming weeks staff will commence the placement of students into their class groupings for the 2016 school year. When placing students in classes teachers take many things into consideration, this knowledge is based upon the observations, discussions and achievements of each student in light of conversations with parents throughout the year. This is a difficult and time consuming task and a lot of thought goes into the process, ensuring that the final grouping is one that best meets the needs of all. If you have any information or concerns which will inform this process, please put these in writing and have them to me no later than Friday 6th November. While this information will be considered, there is no guarantee that they will be included in the final list.

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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10 Unitl 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

St Catherine of Siena Whole School Sports Day
This year our sport's day will be held 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.

Permission slips and letters with your child's house colours were sent home today, together with an outline of the days events.

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

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.

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.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 17 year old German girl who arrived in July 2015 and is currently attending Catholic Regional College.

She is a cheerful person interested in sport, baking, nature, improving her English and learning about the Australian culture. Together with her host family she would love to experience new activities and simply be part of her host family’s daily life.

We are looking for a family able to host her until the end of April 2016.

If you can help, please phone Melissa at the Student Exchange Office: 1300 135 331. Thank you very much for your help.
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**TERM 4 CALENDER**
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

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
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. 
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