Dear Families

This coming Sunday we celebrate the First Week of Advent, a sign that we are now in the Season of Advent and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In this busy end of year and pre-Christmas time it is important to reflect on the message of Christmas, it is a time to reflect on God’s plan for us and to thank him for his love and mercy. A time to be thankful for the gift of his Son, who put aside his glory to become human and stand alongside us, and ultimately offer his life for our redemption, the ultimate gift of love.

There are many symbols and rituals during Advent which help to guide our reflections; Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree tells the story of the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story. Isaiah 11:1 says "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David and so the Jesse Tree was named. It is a way to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Season of Advent and our hope and anticipation with the faithfulness of God across the ages. The Branch is a sign of newness which became a way to talk about the expected messiah and in the Jesse Tree it is said to symbolise Jesus. Each day a new ornament is placed on the tree, these all represent significant people and events in the Old and New Testament and although there are various versions some common symbols are a rainbow for Noah, a tent for Abraham, a coloured coat for Joseph, a burning bush for Moses, an apple for Adam and Eve, a whale for Jonah and a baby in a manger or cross for Jesus. This Friday we will have an Advent Liturgy in the Church at 2:30pm and you are all most welcome to join us, this liturgy will be led by our Year 6 students.

It is surprising how quickly we have come to the end of the year, so that accounts can be finalised I ask all families to ensure that they are up to date with the payment of fees. The Finance Committee will be following up on all outstanding accounts in the coming weeks.

Best wishes for a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
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Office Open: Tuesday-Friday
10am-4pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm
Wednesday Morning: 9.15am
Saturday Evening: 6.00pm
Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am
Sunday Evening: 5pm

Reconciliation
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.45pm

Mass Times - St Dominic’s
Thurs - Friday: 9.15am

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be closing for stocktake at the end of week 9 Friday, 2nd December. To assist with any purchases you need for 2017 the uniform shop will be open Monday, 28th November, Wednesday, 30th November and Friday, 2nd December of that week from 8:30am - 9:00am.

It will re-open in 2017 on Tuesday, 31st January from 11:30am - 1:30pm and then again on Wednesday, 1st February from 8:30am - 9:00am. Children in years 1 - 6 return to school on Wednesday, 1st February.

From Monday, 6th February the uniform shop will be open each Monday and Wednesday morning between 8:30am - 9:00am.

Whole School Picnic
Date: Friday 9th December 2016
Venue: Maddingley Park, Maddingley Vic 3340
Time: 8:50am - 3:15pm for students going on the bus.

For students coming with their parents, the picnic will begin at approximately 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:00pm.

Snack and lunch arrangements: Children need to bring food for the day as per usual: a healthy snack and lunch as well as a drink bottle of water.

Clothing: Students will need to wear their full sports uniform and bring their school hat and sunscreen.

Parents and other family members are welcome to join us on this day.

Please return the permission slip by Thursday, 1st December.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Kieron Harrington who recently competed in and won the National Karate Kata Championships in Queensland. He now holds the Junior title for Australia and New Zealand. Not only did Kieron demonstrate great skill at the championships but also wonderful sportsmanship and thoughtfulness, as he chose to give his award to another competitor that had a disability.

We would also like to congratulate Matthew Netto on being selected to represent the under 12 North Western Metropolitan Cricket Association at the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union in January 2017.
Catholic Regional College
Melton Year 7, 2018

Enrolment Process

Enrolment for Year Seven students begins in the November that the students are in Grade Five. Parents of students who seek enrolment at CRC are advised that:

*Application forms must be lodged at the College by **Wednesday 30th November.** The application must be accompanied with a photocopy of the child’s Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate, Grade 5 NAPLAN results and an application fee of $50. (Applications will not be accepted without the required paper work)

*New families will be interviewed by a senior staff member during November.

*Families may be required to attend an interview with their Parish Priest. Information regarding the interviews was available at the meeting on November 9th 2016.

*Applicants are notified by mail during the fourth week of April 2017 regarding the result of their application.

*Families wishing to accept the offer are required to confirm their acceptance by completing the Enrolment form and returning it to the College with a $100 deposit which is deducted from the first term fees. This deposit is non-refundable. The paperwork and deposit need to be returned by Thursday 11th May 2017.

**Please note it is important to adhere to the above timeline due to the expected high demand on places available.
Let’s Celebrate Children’s Week 2016!
Free special library events for 5 to 8 year olds.

Enter a fairytale land where things are not quite what they seem and let your imagination run wild and free.

BOOK EARLY! Don’t miss out as places are limited.

Bookings online at http://tinyurl.com/h5rzx62 | Phone: 9747 5300
For further information visit melton.vic.gov.au/childrensweek2016

CAROLINE SPRINGS:
WHEN: Wednesday 26 October
Session 1: 4 - 5pm
Session 2: 5:15 - 6:15pm
WHERE: Caroline Springs Library
193 – 201 Caroline Springs Boulevard
Caroline Springs

MELTON:
WHEN: Thursday 27 October
Session 1: 4 - 5pm
Session 2: 5:15 - 6:15pm
WHERE: Melton Library
31 McKenzie Street
Melton
RACV Wild Bytes - Stories From Your Backyard

Have you ever wondered what to do when you’ve been swooped by a magpie or when a blue-tongued lizard suddenly appears in your yard, or maybe you’ve found a possum curled up inside your garage roof?

Come along to hear Wildlife Victoria rescue, transport and care volunteers share some great tips for these situations as well as sharing some of their rescue adventures!

Melton Library & Learning Hub
(31 McKenzie St, Melton)
2-4pm, Saturday 10 December 2016

This event is free but bookings are essential. Head to our website:
www.wildlifevictoria.org.au or call 8400 7318
Don Bosco Camp
SAFETY BEACH
Est. 1945

2017 SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

JUNIOR CAMP 1
3 to 6 January
Young people aged 9-13 Years

SENIOR CAMP
9 to 12 January
Young people aged 13-16 Years

JUNIOR CAMP 2
16 to 19 January
Young people aged 9-13 Years

Book online at
www.donboscocamp.org.au

For more information contact: dbc@donboscocamp.org.au

52-62 Dromana Pde, Safety Beach VIC 3936 (03) 5987 2692
Summer Program Details

Who
This program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours
6.30am – 6.30pm

Location
Bridge Road Children’s & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Melton South

Cost
$65 per day (prior to Child Care Benefit being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost

Enrolments Open
8.30am Monday, 21 November 2016

Enrolments Close
5pm Friday, 16 December 2016
Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor’s discretion and incur a $20 late enrolment fee

Contact
E vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au
Ph 9747 7200

BOOK EARLY! Don’t miss out!

More information can be found at melton.vic.gov.au

* Activities are subject to change.
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED XMAS THEME

9th Dec
Melton
BLUE LIGHT
THE GAP
5 GRAHAM STREET, MELTON
6-8PM (7 TO 12 YEARS) | COST: $5
NO PASS OUTS | NO BACK PACKS

CONTACT: AVSGT STEVE TURNER STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU OR VALTURNER57@BIGPOND.COM
CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT REASONABLE PRICES

f Melton Blue Light Disco
Ask your parents to like the page if you are under 13