Dear Families,

Fr Michael Moody, Parish Priest
Miss Carmel Marantelli, Principal
and St Catherine of Siena school staff
invite all families
to join us in giving thanks for the 2015 school year
on Wednesday, 9th December 2015 9.15am
at St Catherine of Siena Church,
followed by morning tea in the school hall.

Throughout the year, the staff and I have been very appreciative of the support the parents/guardians of the students, have given us; you have helped us in numerous ways. You have attended excursions, assisted in the Kitchen Garden program, been a member of the Parents and Friends, assisted with functions such as the school disco and Mothers and Fathers day stalls, been a classroom helper, covered library books, heard children read and so much more. We would like to say thank you for all that you have done by inviting you to join us for our End of Year Mass and Morning Tea on Wednesday 9th December. If you are able to attend please return the slip enclosed in this newsletter for catering purposes.

Have a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**Advent Week 2 - The Candle of Peace - The Bethlehem Candle**

The lighting of this the second candle symbolises the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Bethlehem is a story about a humble couple on an unwanted journey, at an inconvenient time, to visit a tiny insignificant town. Bethlehem was the smallest clan of Judah, a very insignificant town just outside of Jerusalem. Yet God did not choose Jerusalem for the birthplace of the Messiah. God loved the world so much that He chose, a tiny insignificant town as the location for the birth of the one who literally changed the world. This is the first of many reminders that God loves even those considered insignificant in the world,

Jesus he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen
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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

Whole School Picnic

On Friday, 11th December we are planning a whole school picnic for the student families at Maddingly Park, Maddingly. This is a whole school community event and we would love to see you there to celebrate the end of the year with us.

Date: Friday 11th December 2015
Venue: Maddingley Park, Maddingley VIC 3340
Time: 8:50am-3:15pm for students going on the bus. Students coming with parents, the picnic begins at approx.9:30am and conclude at approx. 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.

CDF STUDENT BANKING

Next Thursday, December 10th will be the last week for student banking for 2015. Please ensure you have your books at school on this day if you wish to bank.

Last Friday we held our annual sports day. This was a great event and I think everyone enjoyed themselves and had a terrific day. Congratulations to everyone for competing in good spirits and cheering on the efforts of all. Thanks to all of the parents and guardians who put their hands up to run in the parents relay event, this event earnt a special cheer from all on the sidelines.
A very special thank you to Mark Sage for organising this event and ensuring that the day ran smoothly and was a fun day for all.

Thanks for a great sports day, see you there again next year

SCHOOL FEES

Instalment 3 for the Family Fee and Curriculum Fee are now well overdue and the end of the school year is fast approaching. Please attend to any outstanding fees as soon as possible.
All 2015 school fees should be finalised by the end of the school year.

Canteen News

With the year almost over its time to look back at what has been an amazing time.
This was my first year running both CRC and St Catherine’s canteens. It has been a pleasure working with your children and supplying lunches and snacks for them.

Our last day this year for the canteen will be Tuesday 15th December, for both counter sales and lunch orders.

I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and safe new year and holidays. Have fun and we will see you all in 2016.
Karen, Marg and Jasmine.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, 14th December at 6:30pm in the school hall. We will also be drawing the Christmas Raffle at this event. Please keep this date free. This years theme is ‘Smile’, children need to come dressed in bright colours.

Thank you, MS Jodie Russell
Performing Arts Teacher

Save this date

Last Chance Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all who have supported the Gold Coast holiday raffle.
The response so far has been fantastic. The final date to return ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets is next Monday, December 7. At this stage we still have a number of books outstanding. We would appreciate your assistance by returning all monies and tickets (including unsold tickets) to school by Monday, December 7. As this raffle is a registered one we need to account for all the tickets issued. Thank you for your understanding and your efforts in supporting this raffle. PFA committee
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### We’re Calling On You

Some of our Year 3 students, Jackson, Joel and Ryan, are extremely passionate about wildlife, and are wanting to help the environment by minimising the cutting of trees so animals like gorillas have a habitat.

They have researched and worked really hard and held a “They’re Calling On You” awareness day today to spread awareness that Gorillas are an endangered species because of poaching and loss of habitat.

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause you may donate an old mobile phone that you no longer use. Please return it to school in the zip lock bag that was attached to a note that went out to all families last week.

Please ensure you label the bag with your name, contact details and phone model. Please make sure all contacts, photos and messages have been deleted.

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### END OF YEAR MASS & PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

I will be attending the Morning Tea on Wednesday 9th December.

Name: __________________ No. of Adults Attending ________________ No. of Toddlers Attending __________

Eldest Child’s Name: _______________ Class: ________________

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### Social Inclusion - Loud Shirt Day

The student leadership team has organized a fundraising day for Wednesday, December 2nd. On this day, students and teachers are welcome to come along to school with a bright/loud shirt. Please bring along a gold coin donation if you are wearing a loud shirt.

The money that is raised will be put towards a present or hamper to be bought by each class to go under our St. Catherine’s Giving Tree.
MELTON PARISH
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2015
“Come Home for Christmas”
St Catherine of Siena Church
Bulmans Rd Melton West

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Christmas Eve          Thursday 24th December       6.00pm, 9.00pm & Midnight
Christmas Day          Friday 25th December          9.00am & 11.00am

Carols will precede all Masses
Saturday 26th December 6pm
Sunday 27th December   9am & 11am
                          5pm St Dominic’s

New Years Eve          Thursday 31st December       7pm

RECONCILIATION
Communal Reconciliation Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday 5th December   5.15pm - 5.45pm
Saturday 12th December  5.15pm- 5.45pm
Saturday 19th December  5.15pm- 5.45pm

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December 2015 until Wednesday 27th January 2016
ST CATHARINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL
- SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM -
- Terms 1 & 4 -

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TOTAL ORDER

Presentation of Uniform:
All students are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform, at all times.
Black shoes are to be worn daily, except on sports days - runners are to be worn.
Socks - navy.
Jewellery: a watch can be worn. Earrings are to be plain studs/small sleepers only.
Hair - long hair to be tied up in black/brown hair-tie, with or without a blue/yellow ribbon.
No Nail polish.

UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 8.30AM - 9.00AM
PAYMENT BY CASH & PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER
January 2016
Vacation Care Program
Melton City Council

How to Book
1. Enrolment forms can be collected in person from Customer Service or mailed off to you.
2. Completed forms should be returned to the Melton City Civic Centre, or faxed or emailed.
3. Successful bookings will be notified by mail within 10 working days.
4. Booking transfers or changes can be made to the Customer Service Centre.

Important Information

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Cost

- Enrolment fee of $25 will be included
- Additional activities and fee may be added

Financial Assistance

- Enrolments are available for Enrolment Fee up to 100% of the Care Fee

Contact

For more information call 9747 7200

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<td>After such a long and dreary winter we want to celebrate summer finally arriving by having all the fun we can outdoors! We will also be making jelly watermelons and having a cricket competition.</td>
<td>The school year is finished and it’s been a while since we’ve seen you. Today we thought you would like to bring in one of your prized possessions or some news to share with the group.</td>
<td>By popular request we are going to visit Adventure Park for some water slide fun. Towels, swim wear and Sun Smart hats are a must.</td>
<td>Last program we had heaps of fun in the hairstylist salon. This time we want you to show your creative side with your own crazy hair!</td>
<td>That’s right, laser tag is coming to us! Bring your A game and get ready to battle it out.</td>
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<td>We’re having a party! By children’s request we will be hosting a party at Bridge Road with games, prizes and cakes galore, plus music karaoke and dancing.</td>
<td>Who doesn’t want a day to just chill out and play with their favourite tech? The Xbox and Wii will be here so bring something from home to play and don’t forget to make sure you sign the Safe Play contract.</td>
<td>On our ideas wall nature walks and picnics popped up a few times, so we are off to Lerderderg Gorge. Bring along your favourite teddy, a picnic lunch and a Sun Smart hat.</td>
<td>Don’t we all wish we could be on a tropical island for the summer? Today we will transform Bridge Road into a relaxing resort. Water play, sandcastle building and some hammocks are just the beginning of what we will do.</td>
<td>Today’s about investigating your questions about the past. We’ll build a pyramid and imagine life in the olden days.</td>
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<td>It’s all things art down here. On offer for you - paint a masterpiece, make a clay sculpture, screen print or make a felt puppet.</td>
<td>Bring a change of clothes and a towel because things are about to get messy!</td>
<td>After the fun we had on the Science Spectacular Incursion in September we thought a visit to Scienceworks would extend on our learning.</td>
<td>By popular request from the children in September, and because we missed out on Halloween – it’s Monster Dress Up day. Come dressed up in your favourite monster dress up and we will take care of the face painting for you.</td>
<td>It’s the final day of the summer program and after a busy few weeks, we are going to take some time to wind down. Come chill out with us.</td>
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My Parents ‘N’ Me
Supporting children after family separation

Family Dispute Resolution
- Assistance with Post Separation Parenting Arrangements
- Information, Support and Referral
- Post Separation Parenting Groups

Further assistance
The Family Relationship Advice Line also provides free information, advice and referral.
You can call the Family Relationship Advice Line on 1800 050 321 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday and between 10am and 4pm, Saturday, except national public holidays.

Family Relationships Online provides access to information about the changes to the family law system, family relationship issues and services available to assist families.
Visit Family Relationships Online at
www.familyrelationships.gov.au

Booking a course
- No referral is required.
- Handout materials will be made available to children.
To find out more and to make a booking contact the Sunshine Family Relationship Centre.

1 Clarke Street
Sunshine VIC 3020
Phone: (03) 9313 0444
Email: enquiries@sunshinefc.org.au
Visit: www.relationships.vic.gov.au

What is the Sunshine Family Relationship Centre?
The Sunshine Family Relationship Centre was established by the Australian Government as part of family law reform, and is led by Relationships Australia Victoria. The Centre aims to enable separating families to achieve workable parenting arrangements outside the Court system.

Many services are provided free or offered on a sliding scale, according to financial level of income.
The Centre works collaboratively with, and provides referrals to, a variety of other services, matching the needs of the family or individuals.