Dear Families,

Next year we welcome a new staff member to St Catherine of Siena. Ms Mandy Hayley will be joining our Year 1 team. Mandy has worked at St Catherine of Siena in recent weeks and already brings a knowledge of the school as well as a wealth of enthusiasm and experience to working at St Catherine of Siena. She was able to spend time planning with the 2015 Year 1 team so will be able to begin the year in an efficient manner. We welcome her and wish her well as she begins her time with us in 2015.

Goodbye and best wishes to our Year 6 students and several other students in other grades who leave us for other settings. In 2015 you will continue your learning journey in a range of new schools and you will encounter many new and exciting changes and challenges. Each year during your time with us the staff, together with your families, have developed and reinforced life skills, such as team work, problem solving, effective communication, negotiation, respect and many others, to equip you for the challenges you will encounter. May you face these changes with a positive spirit and the knowledge that you have the capacity to deal with them. I hope you have fond memories of your time at St Catherine of Siena and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sustain you throughout your life journey.

At the end of the year we say goodbye to many of our families as their youngest child finishes Year 6 or they move on to other school settings. Over many years all of these families have made valuable contributions to the school and I thank them all very much for all they have done to support staff and students of St Catherine of Siena. In whatever you do and where ever you are the following families have our very best wishes.

The Augoustakis Family  The Castro Family  The D’Arienzo Family  The Degiorgio Family
The Drew Family  The Hickey Family (Brandon)  The Hickey Family (Emily)  The Klasic Family
The Knights Family  The Larchin Family  The Larraín Family  The Laurilla Family
The Lewis Family  The Mendoza Family  The Míchaux Family  The Morgan Family
The Morrison Family  The Muller Family  The Ottone Family  The Pace Family
The Pendleton Family  The Ramos Family  The Sydigus Family  The Testro Family
The Thomas Family  The Tine Family  The Turner Family  The Van Der Pas Family
The Woods Family

Have a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
Our Christmas Concert will be held on Next Tuesday, 16th December at 6:30pm in the school hall. The theme of this year’s concert is the ‘Giving Tree’. Please keep this evening free as we would love to celebrate the end of the year and the coming Christmas season with you.

*We will be having a full dress rehearsal during the day on Tuesday, December 16th. In order to alleviate some of the congestion at night, parents, grandparents and family members are very welcome to come to the dress rehearsal at 1.30pm and view the performance.

*The concert will be performed at 6.30pm on December 16th.

*The Children will need to wear something in Christmas Colours e.g. t-shirt, hat, hair band, tinsel.

* Tuesday, December 16th- Full Dress Rehearsal - 1.30pm
* Tuesday, December 16th- Christmas Concert - 6.30pm

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA 2014 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

All raffle tickets for our end of year Christmas raffle are now overdue. Please return these ASAP. Extra tickets to sell to friends or purchase yourself are available from the school office.

Raffle tickets are $1 each OR $10 for a book.

The raffle will be drawn next Tuesday, December 16th after the Christmas Concert.

Lucky winners can collect their prize on the night or from the school office by Thursday, 18th December.
Whole School Picnic

Date: This Friday 12th December 2014
Venue: Maddingley Park, Maddingley VIC 3340
Time: 8:50am-3:15pm for students going on the bus.

For students going with their parents, the picnic will begin 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 2 or 3 drink bottles of water

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

*Permission slips were sent home and are now overdue*.

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STUDENT BOOK PACK COLLECTION & UNIFORM SHOP

Student Booklists – Student booklists are included in the curriculum levy and will be ordered by the school. They will be sent home with each student on their first day of the school.

There are some items that children will be asked to bring such as a pencil case, coloured pencils and scissors - many will already have these items. A letter with a list of these items will go home with the report this Friday, December 12. All items are to be returned to school labelled with students name.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open between 8.30am-9.00am tomorrow Wednesday, 10th December and next Monday, 15th December from 8.30am-11.00am. The Uniform Shop will open again on Thursday, 29th January 2015 between 9am-11am Friday, 30th January 2015 9.00am-11.00am and Monday, February 2nd 2015 8.30am-9.00am

A reminder that there is no Eftpos/ Credit card Facility available in the Uniform Shop.

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Last day of Term 4

Next Thursday, December 18

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm
CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELTON

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2014

St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Wednesday, 24th December, Christmas Eve
6.00pm, 9.00pm and Midnight

Thursday, 25th December, Christmas Day
9.00am and 11.00am

Carols will precede all of these Masses

PLEASE NOTE:
On Friday, 26th December, Boxing Day There will be NO morning Mass

Communal Reconciliation
Thursday, 18th December at 7.30pm

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday, 13th December 5.15pm - 5.45pm
Saturday, 20th December 5.15pm - 5.45pm

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, 24th December 2014 until Wednesday 28th January 2015
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2015 School Closure Days

Staff From the Catholic Education Office who will be preparing our 2015 Review with us, have sent through Wednesday, March 4th and Thursday, March 5th as the dates they will be working with us. Please put these dates in your calendar as School Closure Days.
The “My Parents N Me” children’s group is a program designed to support children who have been affected by family separation.

“My Parents N Me” is a group program which runs each school term over a 4 week period. This group is for children from separated families. Each session is structured and covers feelings, dealing with conflict and helping children to identify their own strengths. Group sizes are limited up to 10 children and will run for two age groups (6-9 and 10-12). There is no cost for this group.

Groups will run every term, starting term 1, 2015

The dates for the next group are:
February 12th, 19th, 26th, and March 5th (Thursday afternoon from 4.00pm-5.00pm)
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