Dear Families,

What a wonderful day we had last Friday for our School Picnic to celebrate the end of our 30th Year. The weather was kind to us and the children all had a great day. It was wonderful to see so many families there and able to join us for this event. A Bacchus Marsh resident who was there with her toddler provided feedback on the manners of the children and said that they were very mindful and caring of her toddler on the play equipment.

Last weekend a very special photo was taken. Over many months Catherine Woodhouse has worked with many people who have connections to the school in an attempt to contact someone from each of the 30 Prep intakes we have had and see if they would be apart of this group photo. As you can see from the photo 25 of those people were able to be apart of this photo last Sunday with our first Prep and our most recent one side by side in this photo. A copy of this photo is hanging in the school foyer. Thanks Catherine for your work in organising this, it is a truly unique photo.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who have helped to make this year such a success. Thank you to Fr Michael for his leadership, support, and advice; to the staff for their commitment to the students, parents and families in our community. Your professionalism and enthusiasm are always evident and you have the children’s best interests at heart. Thank you to Mrs Anne Norman and the parents who have helped Anne ensure that the canteen could stay open this year. Having this service available several days a week is a huge commitment and we thank you all for providing this for us.

A very sincere thanks to the Parents & Friends who have worked throughout the year raising funds for the school. Their hard work and dedication are much appreciated. The new play area is a space that the Parents and Friends funds have contributed to. Thank you to all parents for the support and interest you show in your child’s education. Education certainly requires a relationship between home and school and you show this support in so many ways. First and foremost, ensuring your child receives a Catholic education, this is our reason for being and the foundation of our school. Helping your child with their homework, participating in all the school events including excursions, PEP, concerts, art shows and expos, fund-raising support, selling raffle tickets, attending meetings are just some of these. Thank you for all you have contributed in 2014.

Thank you to Jeannette Hill, our School Crossing Supervisor. Jeannette knows the children who use the crossing by name and takes an interest in them and we thank her for her care of them in helping them get to school and home safely each day.

Thank you to our School and Vice Captains and Sport Captains who throughout the year were terrific, and also thanks to the members of the Student Representative Council, the Christian Service Team and the Discovery Centre, Art Room and Yard Duty monitors who all took their role seriously and were able to contribute much to our school over the year. Well done to you all. Congratulations to our 2015 student leaders. School Captains = Isabella Scheicher and Taylor Bell Vice Captains = Molly Harvey and Anthony Gigliotti, Gold Captains = Timothy Makuac and Megan Mizzi, Green Captains= Brylee Battye and Tong Tong, Red Captains = Jack Tat and Hayley Smith and Blue Captains Tijana Pirro and Tyler Williams Congratulations to you all and we all look forward to working with you in 2015 as our student leaders.

Thank you to all of our students who, throughout 2014, have enriched school life throughout the year. You set the tone for everyone who enters our school by the way you make them feel welcome and the respectful and well mannered way you speak to them. I hope that you have a safe and restful holiday break, and return to school refreshed and ready to learn. To our Year 6 students and other students Prep-Year 5 who are leaving, we wish you the very best as you head off to your new schools in 2015. You have all contributed much to St Catherine of Siena during your time with us and I know that you will continue to do amazing things in your new school settings. Best wishes to you all.

Thank you all very much and best wishes for a Holy, happy and safe Christmas

Carmel Marantelli
Principal

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Last day of Term 4 This Thursday, December 18
Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm
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, 20th December 5.15pm - 5.45pm

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

Uniform Shop 2015
The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 29th January and Friday 30th January between 9:00 - 11:00am.

2015 Calendar

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