Dear families,

Yesterday Wedge Park received a hoax phone call and enacted their emergency procedures. In situations such as these local schools are notified by the relevant authority. The Catholic Education Office sent out an email to all Catholic schools notifying them of the situation at Wedge Park. At no time did we receive a hoax call or threat of any kind. Both St Catherine’s and CRC, due to their close proximity, decided to enact precautionary procedures. The decision was made to keep the children in at lunch and continue to monitor the situation and remain vigilant. At all times our first consideration is for the children’s safety and wellbeing and decisions are made with this firmly in mind.

This week our Year 5 & 6 students were on camp in Healesville and had a fabulous time. Included in this newsletter are some photos of the children enjoying a range of activities. Many of the activities were designed to develop teamwork and problem solving and it was wonderful to see the children support and encourage each other. I am sure they would have been very tired on returning home on either Wednesday or Friday but will have many wonderful stories and memories of their time away.

Catholic Education Week runs from the 13th - 20th March and in the Year of Mercy the theme this year is Be the Face of Mercy. Not only do we celebrate the diversity found in Catholic schools and the richness of skills and experiences we can share with each other. It is also a time when we are asked to think of ways that each of us can be the Face of Mercy to others; to welcome the stranger and to show compassion to others. On Thursday 17th March the School Captains and Christian Service Team will represent the school at the Mass for Schools which will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Between the 15th - 19th there will be a display of art work from students across both Primary and Secondary Catholic schools at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade. Some children from St Catherine’s have art work in this display so if you are in the vicinity drop in and see some of the talent on display.

Next week the specialist timetable will revert back to the normal times. If you are unsure of these times please see your child’s teacher for clarification. A reminder that children are only to wear their sports clothes on their designated days, and they require a plastic backed art smock to protect their uniform.

Best wishes for a great weekend

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Lenten Reflection

The greatest privilege God gives to you is the freedom to approach Him at any time. You are not only authorised to speak to Him; you are invited. You are not only permitted; you are expected. God awaits for you to communicate with Him. You have instant, direct access to God. God loves mankind so much, and in a very special sense His children, that He has made himself available to you at all times. Wesley L. Duewel

School Fees

Fees for 2016 will be $1200 per family plus the Curriculum Fee of $300 per child. The Curriculum Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible.
FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS

Family Summary Reports were given to each family at the beginning of the year. Please ensure that all details are correct and your email address is up to date as our newsletter is emailed to all of our families. Forms are now overdue, please return them to school as soon as possible. We appreciate your prompt return of these forms.

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

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners & friends to the first weekend Open Day for 2016 on Saturday 20th February from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area.
A local guided “Walking Tour” will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome

Penance and Eucharist Faith Formation & Information Evening
A reminder to parents the first faith formation and information evening for the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be held this Wednesday 2nd March at 7:00pm in the school hall. All children celebrating the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation are required to attend along with a parent.

Sacrament of Penance
Last weekend all of the children who will shortly receive the Sacrament of Penance were presented to the Parish community at the weekend masses. The coming weeks are a special time for these children and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament. One of the reasons for being presented to the Parish community is to acknowledge the importance of this Sacrament and to invite the support of the whole community. The children will receive this Sacrament in the last weeks of this term so I invite you all to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic book club have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by Friday, February 19th

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

School Closure Day
Thursday, 3rd March
Year 5 & Year 6 Camp
Congratulations to the following children who all received an award at assembly today. You should be very proud of all you have achieved. Keep up the great work!!

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 & 6 children who were commended by staff at the camp and Healesville for their good behaviour and manners. Well done to you all.

Prep B - Dale Fernando
Prep C - Caitlin Harrington
Prep D - Ella Evans
1E - Kuel Kuel
1F - Jack Thornycroft
1H - Garang Akon
2I - Gon Chol
2K - Angelina Akur Anyany
2/3M - Anny Zhou
3J - Jake Squire
3L - Ateeda Dau
4N - Paris Iaria
4O - Jackson Wright
4P - Abby Janetzki
5Q - Zachary Russell
5S - Seth Briggs

Breakfast Club

A reminder to all that Catholic Regional College Melton is hosting a breakfast club each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This club is supported by the St Vincent de Paul society and is open on these mornings between 8:10 and 8:40am. Senior children form CRC will collect and bring back any children from St Catherine’s who will be attending. If you would like your child to attend please complete and return the note that was sent out earlier this week.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA EASTER RAFFLE & BONNET PARADE

Easter Raffle tickets are $1 each

We also ask families to donate either a chocolate Easter egg/bunny for our Easter hampers.

All Easter raffle money and Easter egg donations are due back no later than 11th March 2016.

It’s also time to get creative!! This is your opportunity to design and make an Easter Bonnet. Please bring a gold coin donation to enter the parade.

The Easter Parade and Raffle will be held on Monday the 21st March

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