Dear families,

On Wednesday we had an evening with Maria Forde and our Year 3/4 students and their families. This evening was part of the preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. On the evening Maria helped the children come to an understanding of the Sacramentality of these celebrations. It was a great night with lots of discussion between children and their families. Thank you to all of the families who attended and participated so readily. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they make their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Penance over the coming two weeks.

In 2014 the Victorian Government introduced new measures to ensure students attend school every day and get the most out of their schooling. These measures apply to all Victorian schools. Attendance data has shown that in Primary school some students miss, on average, 3 weeks per year; by the end of Year 6 this adds up to half a year. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Laws introduced in 2014 will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to assist you in getting your child to school every day.

Tonight we have our Buddy Picnic with our Prep and Year 6 families. This is a wonderful family occasion and an opportunity for the buddies to introduce each other to their families and have a fun night together.

The Christian Service Team have visited all classes to talk about the meaning of Project Compassion and the ways we can be of service to others. For every $10 raised in each class the Christian Service Team will display a picture as a tally of the money we are collecting. The display will be on the wall outside Mrs Iacovino’s office and is already a talking point with the children.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of this term on Monday March 21st, Tuesday March 22nd and Wednesday March 23rd between 8:00 – 8:30am as well as Wednesday March 23rd between 1:00 – 8:00pm. Bookings for these interviews opened yesterday. To book an appointment please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the school code of 5aaju, then your details, choose the teachers and times that are appropriate. When you click on finish your timetable will be emailed to you.

Best wishes for a great weekend

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**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.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Scholastic book club have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by Friday, March 11th.

**NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

Thank you

Theresa Maskell

**Book Club Co-ordinator**

**Sacrament of Penance**

The coming weeks are a special time for the children in year 3 and year 4 and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. 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.

**Parish of Melton Office**

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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

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**Parish of Melton**

**Easter timetable 2016**

**Palm Sunday**

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March, 2016

**Holy Thursday 24th March, 2016**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
Adoration 8.30pm to 10.00pm

**Good Friday 25th March, 2016**

10.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
followed by Individual Reconciliation

**Holy Saturday 26th March, 2016**

10.30am Blessing of the Easter Food
Please Note: NO EVENING MASS

**Easter Sunday 27th March, 2016**

Mass: 6.30am Easter Vigil
9.00am and 11.00am
5.00pm at St Dominic’s Church

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**Communal Reconciliation**

Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7.30pm

**Individual Reconciliation**

Friday 25th March, 2016 - 11.30am till Noon
Saturday 26th March, 2016 - 11.00am till Noon

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**Random Acts of Kindness**

This term the Year 6 students are focusing on leadership and how they can make a difference in the communities they are apart of. We have been looking at how small things can make a big difference and then spread throughout the community. To share their learning with the school community we have created a 'Random Acts of Kindness' tree in the foyer that the students will add to each time they do something for someone else.
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!!

Prep B - Tong Alew
Prep C - Joshua Auber
Prep D - Kade Fenton
1E - Pauline Abela
1F - Dylan Self
1H - Isabella Paddon
2I - Dominic Perez
2K - Nathan Palmer
2/3M - Annabelle McCartney
3J - Mary Romanos

CONGRATULATIONS

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

OSHClub News!

Hello families,

Last week the children were involved in activities revolving around the theme fruit and vegetables. Fruit and vegetable week was suggested after witnessing the children having conversations about the fruit and vegetables they use within their homes. The children have developed their little garden at OSHClub and are trying to grow some vegetables; they did some collages on the fruit and vegetables they like to eat and did Paper Mache.

This week the children suggested we have tropical week after the warm weather we have had, some activities will include, playing in the sand, fruit salad and more Paper Mache.

There are still a few children that are not bringing hats to OSHClub which results in the children being unable to play outside. Please put a hat in your children’s bag as OSHClub has a ‘No Hat, No Outside Play’ policy. We will provide sunscreen. If your child has any allergies to any types of sunscreen, please inform Allison at the program.

Please be sure to check out the program journal and the children’s portfolios to see all the fun activities the children engage in while at OSHClub.

If you are interested in enrolling your child into OSHClub, please come in and see the staff, we are more than happy to show you around and go through what is involved in the program.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for the program, we would love to hear them.

Have a fantastic week
Allison and Cindy.
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**Community News**

**LEARN ENGLISH**

**IMPROVE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS**

Courses now offered in Melton

Interested in learning English for **FREE** or improving your computer skills?

Do you need to practise your English conversation and pronunciation?

**COME AND VISIT US**

AMES Australia Melton

Tuesday—Thursday

9:30am—4:00pm

Suite 3, 3 Alexander Street

Ph: 9366 0433

E. edumelton@ames.net.au

Visit our new centre and tell us how we can help you!

*The Adult Migrant English Program (AEP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This course is free to eligible clients. RTO 0590*
PLAYERS OF ALL AGES INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL OR NETBALL

Registration is now open on-line and in person for any player interested in joining the Melton Junior Football Netball Club.

Information Sources

Team App - download the app from you smart phone app store and search for “Melton Junior Football Netball Club”. Register to join, log in, request access and have 24 hour access to all club information and updates.

Facebook - keep up to date with all the latest information and club news by liking “The Melton Junior Football Netball Club”

Web site - www.meltonjuniorfc.com.au follow the sportspulse link to our home page

Become a part of the Team

We are currently recruiting players for all age groups. Training has commenced but there is still plenty of time to join in the fun before the season begins on Sunday 17th April 2016.

“...We are a family orientated club who love to see the children having fun and learning new skills along the way...

- Matthew Kerr, President

SPORTSAFE AUSTRALIA

CUSTOM MADE PROFESSIONALLY FITTED SPORTS MOUTHGUARDS

Mouthguard fittings will be available for the Melton Junior Football Club on Tuesday 14th March 5.00pm - 8.00pm at Blackwood Drive Reserve.

Single Colour Mouthguard $5.00
Double Colour Mouthguard $10.00
Triple Colour Mouthguard $15.00

Orders must be made on the Day of Fitting.

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