Dear families,

Thank you to everyone for their patience in dealing with the difficult parking conditions at the moment. A drop off of sorts will run at the front of the school in the drive through zone until we once again have access to the official drop off zone. When using this temporary drop off we ask that all drivers drive up as far as they can to the exit driveway so that other cars can pull in behind you. Children should always exit cars on the passenger side of the vehicle and cross directly to the footpath. All cars should exit via the exit driveway and not the entrance driveway as this causes a traffic jam with other cars trying to enter. Your continued cooperation is appreciated as this will make parking easier for all.

Catholic Education Week commences on Monday March 11th. The theme this year is Entrusted with Something Precious. This is a time to 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 to come together as a Catholic community in both liturgy and celebration. On Thursday 14th March the Liturgy team will represent the school at the Mass for Schools which will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral. During the week beginning March 11th, there will be a display of art work from students across both Primary and Secondary Catholic schools. Several students from St Catherine of Siena have art work in this exhibition. The art work will be on display at Catholic Leadership Centre from Tuesday March 12th to Sunday March 17th, so if you are in the vicinity drop in and see some of the talent on display. Thank you to Mrs Mary Drew for organising our children’s art work for display.

A reminder also that Friday 8th March will be a school closure day. On this day staff will be attending offsite professional development in the area of Mathematics. The day on March 8th is an integral part of a Mathematics project we are involved in in 2013. The school office will be closed on this day. The following Monday, March 11th is a public holiday so enjoy the long weekend. School will resume as usual on Tuesday 12th March.

Many children ride either their bike or scooter to school. We encourage this as it is a great way to engage children in physical activity and also alleviates some of the strain on the limited parking available. All children who ride to school should wear the appropriate safety gear such as helmets, and while children are encouraged to ride to school, once they enter the school grounds they must walk their bike/scooter to the bike rack. It is also advised that all bikes and scooters are secured with some type of bike chain and lock when left at the bike rack during school. While we will do all we can to find a lost bike, it is not always possible to recover it once taken. Friday March 22nd is Ride2School Day so if your child has a bike and hasn’t ridden it to school as yet, Friday 22nd might be a good day to start.

Have a great week everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events

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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
Once again, the Canteen is asking for volunteers to help out in the Canteen during the year. As the school becomes larger in size, so too does the need for extra volunteers. Where one person's help was enough, we now need two. Also, for any new families wanting to help out, it's a great way to meet other parents, as well as assisting the school. If you are able to assist on either a Monday, Tuesday or Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated. Rosters are being prepared shortly, so if you are able to assist, please return this slip by this coming Friday. Thank you.

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**BOOK CLUB**

All Book Club orders must be returned by Friday, March 15th.

Late orders cannot be accepted.

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees For 2013 will be $1100 or $1900 per family plus a Curriculum and Excursion Fee of $250 per child. The Curriculum and Excursion Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible. Statements detailing opening balances and yearly fees will go out within the coming weeks.

First instalment of $300 is now due

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP**

I can assist in the Canteen during Term One on the following days: (Please tick)

MONDAY [ ]
TUESDAY [ ]
FRIDAY [ ]

Name: __________________________ Telephone No: ________________
FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS

Family Summary Reports were sent home to each family. Just a reminder that all forms are now overdue.

Please return these forms as soon as possible.

It is important that all your contact details are up to date.

We appreciate your prompt return of these forms.

FOUND

A teddy bear was handed in to school office yesterday, it was found outside the school.

Interschool Sorts

Our next Interschool sports day will be on March 22nd. Payment of $4.00 is required on each day your child competes. Please send this in a labelled envelope on the day of competition.

Welcome back to school for 2013, and hello to our returning and brand new families at the service.

We have some exciting activities planned for Term 1 including a Footy Tipping Competition, St Patrick’s Day, Easter activities and much more!

If anyone has any questions about the program, feel free to come in and speak to one of the staff. Program hours are Before School Care: 6.50am - 8.50am and After School Care: 3.15pm - 6.30pm.

Thank you, and we will strive to ensure that your child has a great time at our OSHClub.

OSH program phone: 0402 669 652.

Coordinator: Prue Baker.
Assistants: Renae Chapman and Chris Thomas.

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

School Closure Day This Friday March 8th
**CDF STUDENT BANKING**

Thursday is our banking day Deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day. Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Banking account.

*Application forms are available from the Office*

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

Djerriwarrh Health Services operates a public school dental service, which is currently located at Melton Health, 195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.

Children from pre-school age to Grade 6 are eligible for the service. The service is **FREE** for children who are eligible for concession, or a **CO-payment fee of $30** is payable for those who are not eligible.

Bookings can be made on the Referral and Appointment Hotline number - 9747 7609

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**MARCH CALDENDAR**

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**Uniform News**

New stock has arrived at the uniform shop

Now Available:
- Size 6, 8 & 10 polo shirts
- Medium Bucket hats

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday & Wednesday from 8.30am—9.00 am

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE**

Windcheaters, Polo Tops, Shorts, School Jacket all available. If interested please call Susan on 0421 372 246