Dear Families,

On Friday night we held our Buddy Picnic with our Prep and Year 6 families. This was a wonderful family occasion and it was great to see the buddies introducing each other to their families and having a fun night together. Our new playground area was a perfect place for this event.

The Christian Service Team have visited all classes to talk about the meaning of Lent and the ways we can be of service to others. One way of doing this during Lent is to collect money for Project Compassion. For every $10 raised in each class the Christian Service Team will display a picture of a chook as a tally of the money we are collecting. Pictures of eggs represent a $1 raised, these will be kept in classes and changed for a chook once $10 is raised. The display will be on the wall outside Mrs Iacovino office and is already a talking point with the children.

A reminder also that **Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March will be school closure days**. On these days staff will work with Catholic Education office staff to prepare for our school review in June.

Friday March 13th is National Ride2School Day. This is a great way to encourage activity and exercise and a fun way for children to get to school. To encourage more children to ride a bike or scooter or walk to school we will be having a lap of honour which all who ride a bike or scooter or who walk to school can participate in. Of course all children who ride a bike or scooter 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.

Have a great week everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

**SCHOOL FEES**

In 2015 families who have paid their school fees in full, or who are up to date with their direct debit by the end of Term 3 will go in to a draw for a Terms Fees deduction. This is well worth winning at the end of the year so put a plan in place now so we can include you in this draw.
Parish Of Melton Office
10 Unitt Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603
Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au
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

Sports News
Some of our senior students will be involved in Interschool Sports this Friday, March 6th. Games will be held at St Dominic’s between 11.30am-1.15pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch the games.
Mr Sage
PE Coordinator

Congratulations to all the children from the swimming team.
Well done St Catherine of Siena we are very proud if you all.

St Catherine of Siena Easter Raffle

There has been an upgrade to the Skoolbag App which many parents have on their phone or iPad. This will be an update in your app store that you can install.
If you have not installed this it is a good way of keeping in touch with what is happening at school.

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

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are $1 each, these were sent to all families yesterday.
We also ask all families to donate either an Easter egg/bunny.
Raffle money and donations are due back at the school no later than 20th March 2015.
Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 25th March 2015.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS Tomorrow Wednesday, March 4th & This Thursday, March 5th
Congratulations to the following students who will be our Student Leaders in 2015.

Congratulations to Isabella Scheicher and Taylor Bell who have been elected School Captains for 2015 and Molly Harvey and Anthony Gigliotti who are our School Vice Captains. We wish you well as you commence the year and know that you will always endeavour to be an excellent role model for others.

Congratulations to Sebastian Dingli, Shaun Somers, Thomas Attard and Brittney Richmond who are members of the Christian Service Team for 2015. These children will work with Mrs Iacovino to promote Prayer, Liturgy and Social Justice within the school.

Our Sports Captains for 2015 are
Green = Brylee Battye & Tong Tong;
Blue = Tijiana Pirro & Tyler Williams;
Gold = Megan Mizzi & Tim Makucac;
Red = Hayley Smith & Jack Tat

Mr Sage and I look forward to your contributions throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following children who were voted, by their class mates, to represent their class on the SRC for 2015. We look forward to working with them to develop projects and initiatives to engage students and develop our school.

Prep A= Gabriella Valentine
Prep B= Lexie Bugeja
Prep D= Tyrese Young

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1E= Lauren Linton
1F= Keirah Heaviside
1H= Oliver Dreaver

2I= Dante Vassallo
2J= Maddison Edwards
2L= Georgia Primerano

3K= Olivia D’Angelo
3N = Ben Tongpao
3P= Jackson Wright

4M= Ashlee Caruana
4O= Olivia Macklin
5S= Ethan Davis

5U= Emily Attard
5V= Hayden Vernon
6R= Taylor Bell

Congratulations to Erin Bavage, Sunday Malual, Jozela Nil Wau Kang, Christine Le and Achai Yel who will be our Discovery Centre Monitors in 2015; to William Kean-Ong, Alex Cauchi, Chloe Downer and Lilly Hall who will be our Art Room Monitors and Abet Presincula and Liam Vannuccini who will be our IT Monitors. I know that you will be of great assistance to Mrs. Maskell, Mrs. Drew and Ms. Connolly throughout the year.
Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic book club have been sent home recently. All orders are due back by **Friday, March 13th**

**NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

Classroom Helpers

Last week we held 2 sessions for those parents wishing to assist in classrooms this year. If you are interested in being a classroom helper but were unable to attend one of these sessions please contact me and we can make the necessary arrangements.

Marita Martin
Learning and Teaching Leader

School Assembly

During the past two weeks the children have been trying very hard to remember to consistently use their manners with each other, teachers and parents. Many of the children were ‘caught’ using the words “please” and “thank you” and received a yellow card for their effort. Last Friday at our school assembly these children were acknowledged by the school community for their great effort. We hope they keep up the good work.

Throughout the next two weeks staff will be working with the children to assist them to become more aware of the school expectations and how these help us all to learn, work and play in a safe and happy environment. The teachers will be looking out for children to give cards to who are demonstrating the expectations listed below and once again these children will be acknowledged at our assembly for the positive choices they are making.

We encourage all parents to discuss the expectations with their children and ask them to identify positive actions they could take to demonstrate the expectations at school and home. **For example:** I can be a respectful listener by looking at the person who is speaking. I can be a respectful speaker by using an ‘inside voice’ and not shouting.

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Canteen News

I just wanted to touch base with everyone and clarify a few things that seem to be a little confusing on the menu.

*When ordering hotdogs cheese cost an extra 30c and sauce also costs an extra 30c.*

*If children require a spoon or fork for items other than shepherd’s pie, please include an extra 20c.*

*If ordering in envelopes or just on paper, please include an extra 10c for the paper bag the lunch will come in.*

I have added a new item to the menu which is 350ml flavoured Focus water it will be selling for $2.20 each.

I am really pleased with the way everything has been going and I have taken on board a few suggestions from parents. If anyone has any concerns or suggestions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

We don’t have a lot of change at the canteen so I would appreciate it if parents could please keep notes as small as possible.

Once again if you have any concerns or issues please contact me.

Karen Honey
Canteen Manager
**March 2015**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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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**Parish Raffle**

**WOW…..LOOK AT THE FANTASTIC PRIZES**

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2015**

Tickets—$2 each - Drawn 22/5/2015

Raffle profit is for the cost of the New Stations of the Cross Garden

**Support your Parish**

1st Prize: Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport

2nd Prize: Toyota Yaris YR

3rd Prize: Toyota Yaris YR

4th & 5th Prize: $1,000 Coles/Myer Gift Card

6th-14th Prizes: $500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

**Raffle Tickets are available from the school office**
Dear St Catherine of Siena Parents/Guardians,

The scheduled Pupil Free Day for St Catherine of Siena on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March will NOT be running due to low numbers.

Any bookings already made have been removed and will not be charged.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and the delay in notification.

Kind Regards,

OSHClub Team

Here are some activities that children enjoy and having great fun with their friends.

If you would like to join the fun, enrolment is easy. All you need to do is complete the enrolment form online at www.oshclub.com.au where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. I believe this to be beneficial for all families as once your child is enrolled you then have the comfort of knowing the program is available to you anytime should any unforeseen circumstances arise. It also gives you the assurance of knowing that your child or children will be cared for in a safe, warm friendly environment.

Kurunjang Auskick:
Kurunjang Reserve, Centenary Ave, Kurunjang
Wednesday Afternoon, 4.30pm to 6.00pm
1st Session Wednesday 15th April 2015
Cost: $85

Coordinator: Lauren Connelly  0409 865 037

Melton Friday Auskick:
Melton Recreation Reserve, Reserve Road, Melton
Friday Night, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
1st Session Friday 17th April 2015
Cost: $86

Coordinator: Jacqueline Kubeckis  0413 238 264

Melton Saturday Auskick:
Blackwood Drive Reserve, Reynolds Place, Melton South
Saturday Mornings, 9.00am to 10.30am
1st Session Saturday 18th April
Cost: $86

Coordinator: Michelle Whitehand  0411 410 812

Registration Day, Tuesday 24th March
McDonalds, Barries Road Melton, 5.00pm to 7.30pm
Important Information

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How to Book

1. Enrolment forms can be collected in person from Customer Service at the Melton Civic Centre or Melton Library. Forms can be emailed upon request.
2. Completed forms can be returned to Customer Service at the Melton Civic Centre, by mail or by email at melton.vic.gov.au
3. Successful bookings will be informed by mail with an initial statement. The statement will advise the total cost of the program and the date the fees must be paid in full. If fees are not paid by this date, your allocated place will be offered to an existing waiting list.
4. Bookings are allocated in accordance with the Commonwealth Government Priority of Access guidelines. The booking procedure is designed to provide safe and equitable access to the Vacation Care Program for families who work, live or send their children to school within the municipality. Families residing outside of the City of Melton may also apply.
5. Ensure that you have registered for Child Care Benefit (CCB) if you wish to claim reduced fees. For further information, contact the Department of Human Services. On Line 1301, open Monday to Friday from 8am.

Full fees are listed above. To find out if you are entitled to a reduction in charges, go to https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enable/online_submissions

Exceeding Rating

Our program holds an Exceeding rating in all seven quality areas, Ratings and assessment are conducted by the Quality Assessment and Regulation Division of the Department of Education and Training.

PLEASE NOTE: Activities listed may be subject to change.

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**Melton City Council Vacation Care Program**

**April 2015**

**Rated Exceeding in all seven quality areas by the Department of Education and Training**

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**Monday 30 March**

New Beginnings

Join us for our first day of our autumn program at our beautiful new centre, the Bridge Rd Children’s and Community Centre. The indoor space is incredible and the outdoor yard will amaze you.

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**Tuesday 31 March**

Hip Hop Hooray

This morning we will have some hip hop dancing lessons. In the afternoon to show off our new moves we will have a disco and maybe even some karaoke.

**INCURSION COST:** $14

**Beginns:** 10am

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**Wednesday 1 April**

Roller Skating

Ready, set, skate. We are off for a full day of skating at our favourite roller skating rink. Bring your skates!

**PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**SO GET IN QUICK**

**EXCURSION COST:** $22

**Departure:** 9.30am

**Return:** 2.30pm

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**Thursday 2 April**

Easter Circus

Roll up. Roll up!

Before the long weekend let’s have some fun with an Easter circus. There will be juggles, ribbon play, carnival games with an Easter twist and much, much more.

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**Friday 3 April**

Program Closed

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**Monday 6 April**

Space Exploration

It’s all things space today at Bridge Rd. We will attempt to make rockets from house hold materials, design and make a space suit out of recyclable materials, and compete in a space walking competition.

Melbourne Zoo

Everyone’s favourite place to see animals from around the world. For a bit of fun let’s see which group can list the most animals.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**SO GET IN QUICK**

**EXCURSION COST:** $22

**Departure:** 9am

**Return:** 3pm

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**Tuesday 7 April**

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**Wednesday 8 April**

Fresh Food Cookoff

To follow on from our wonderful summer orchard fruit picking and the beautiful fruit trees in our new yard, today we cook with all fresh ingredients. The children will even get a cook book.

**INCURSION COST:** $14

**Beginns:** 11am

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**Thursday 9 April**

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**Friday 10 April**

Chillax to the Max

The children requested a cool relaxed day to finish off the holidays. We will visit the library and hang out in the kids zone. Then back to Bridge Rd for a movie on the big screen in the community room and chill out.
2016 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

Kindergarten applications for the 2016 Kindergarten year will be available from 9.00am on Wednesday 25 March.

Apply online at melton.vic.gov.au

Applications will be available at Kindergartens and all Melton City Council Customer Service venues. Applications should be lodged with Council as soon as possible to increase the likelihood of securing a place at the Kindergarten of your choice.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Parent and Educator Information Session

When is the right time to enrol your child in Kindergarten? How do you know if they are really ready? Come along to this informative session presented by Early Life Foundations.

Date: Tuesday 3 March 2015
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: Melton Library Auditorium

For more information visit melton.vic.gov.au or contact the Kindergarten Central Enrolment Officer on 9747 7200

KINDERGARTEN OPEN SESSIONS

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and get information to help inform your decision on which kindergarten to enrol your child.

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015
Time: 3pm to 8pm
Location: For participating kindergartens visit melton.vic.gov.au or call 9747 7200

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Supporting Healthy and Active Kindergarten Children. This exciting session will provide parents/carers with the tools needed to support their child in their kindergarten year, including healthy & tasty lunchbox ideas, interactive activities, take home resources and more!

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015
Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm
Location: Caroline Springs Library

CITY OF MELTON

Best Start