Dear families,

Recently I have had several conversations with children and families relating to Cyber Safety and the appropriate use of social forums and technology. This area can be a difficult one for parents to navigate as the technology is constantly evolving. Children seem to adjust to it quicker than us and are much more aware of what is available. Trying to keep up with their knowledge can be difficult. In sourcing information for some parents on Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, Facebook and the like it is interesting to note that the recommended age for these forums is 13 years although some of them allow younger children with parental approval. A article in The Age last October titled “What age is appropriate to join social media outlines some of the points for parents to consider when thinking about signing your child up for these apps. This link (http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/) is for “Connect Safely”, a site by parents, for parents with a collection of short, clearly written guidebooks that explain apps, services and platforms popular with kids and teens. These can be downloaded for free and contain useful information. In all instances of internet use it is important that children understand that if they are on social media they should only be friends with people they know in real life and should only be posting appropriate comments that do not harm or hurt other people. Social media is about staying connected, it was never intended to hurt, harm or bully others. The following tips are from Stay Smart Online, the Australian Government’s online safety and security website. This site has many useful tips for all users

- Protect your accounts with strong passwords.
- Think before you post—people other than your friends and family may see what you post online.
- Think before you click—remember that it can be difficult or impossible to remove posted photos or information after the event.
- Be careful posting information that could compromise your or others security, such as: date of birth, address, information about your daily routine, holiday plans, your school.
- Consider turning off geolocation features in social networking apps.
- Don’t post inappropriate photos of you or your family and friends, and always seek permission before posting a picture of someone else.
- Never click on suspicious links, even if they are from your friends, as their social media account may have been hacked.
- Be wary of strangers as people are not always who they say they are.
- Never access social networking by clicking a link in an email or other website.
- Don’t use social networking sites that do not offer any privacy settings or that enable users to contact each other anonymously.

Best wishes for a great weekend, enjoy the extra holiday on Monday!!

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees statements have been mailed to each family.

Family fees for 2016 are **$1200** per family plus Curriculum Fee of **$300** per child. All other fees are highlighted on your statement. The Curriculum Fee and Term 1 Family Fee instalment is now due. We ask that you finalise these as soon as possible.
Parish Of Melton Office
10 Unit 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

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.

Canteen News
Tuesday 22nd March will be the last day for lunch orders and over the counter sales in the canteen for term 1. There will be no lunch orders or over the counter sales on Thursday 24th March as this is the last day of term.

Sacrament of Penance
Congratulations to all the children in years 3 and 4 who participated in the Sacrament of Penance this week. This is a special time that the children have been preparing for throughout the term. Please keep the remainder of the children in years 3 and 4 in your thoughts and prayers who will receive the Sacrament of Penance next week.

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

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

Random Acts of Kindness
This term the Yr 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.
Breakfast Club

Thank you to all the families who returned their expression of interest for the Breakfast Club.
There has been an overwhelming response to this.
More details will follow shortly as to when the Club will begin.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

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 - Dayne Rose
Prep C - Lily Franksen
Prep D - Max Squire
1E - Raunak Lamba
1F - Cooper Smith
1H - Kristen Saroe
2I - Hannah Dalumpines
2K - Lui Westerlund
2/3M - Tiahna McLelland
3J - Gracie O’Neil
3L - Naomi Vassallo-Grant
4N - Amelia Vannuccini
4O - Tahlia Swan
4P - Gabriel Bautista
5Q - Harrison Wood
5S - Awien Kuel
6R - Hollie Wilson
6T - Angelina Maker
6U - Hayden Vernon
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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 online and in person for any player interested in joining the Melton Junior Football Netball Club.

Information Sources

Team App - download the app from your smartphone 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"

Website - www.meltonjuniors.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

CUSTOM MADE PROFESSIONALLY FITTED SPORTS MOUTHGUARDS

Mouthguard fittings will be available for the Melton Junior Football Club on Tuesday 8th March 5.00pm - 8.00pm at Blackwood Drive Reserve.

Single Colour Mouthguard $50
Double Colour Mouthguard $100
Triple Colour Mouthguard $150

Please make sure to bring in your prints. More information can be found on www.sportsafe.com.au

sportsafeaustralia.com.au

TEAMS
- U10R & S
- U12R & S
- U14R & S
- U16.5R & S
- U11 Netball
- U13 Netball
- U15 Netball
- U17 Netball

2015 RDFNL UNDER 14 TURNER DIVISION PREMIERS