Dear Families,

**Anaphylaxis** - Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening allergic reaction which occurs after a person comes into contact or ingests something they are allergic to. We have several children at St Catherine of Siena who are allergic to a range of items. Many of these are food products, in particular various types of nuts. Due to the potential for risk I ask all parents to consider the food products you send to school for your children and ask you to avoid sending nut products such as Peanut Butter and Nutella where possible. The wellbeing and safety of all children is our prime concern so I appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Taylor Bell, one of our school captains, will be shaving his head for The World’s Greatest Shave on Wednesday 18th March. This initiative raises money to support the Leukaemia Foundation and is a way of showing solidarity and support for those affected by cancer. To assist Taylor with raising money we ask that children wear something green on Tuesday 17th March - St Patricks Day and bring a gold coin donation. On Wednesday 18th March Taylor will have his head shaved at school. If you would like to support Taylor in this any additional donations can be left at [http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/TaylorBell](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/TaylorBell).

This Friday 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/ scoot/ skate/ 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.

Our Parents and Friends currently have recently sent out Easter Raffle tickets. This is our first fund raising event for the year and I encourage all families to support this raffle by buying tickets or selling them to families and friends. Children are asked to bring an Easter egg, Easter bunny etc. as a donation for this raffle.

Have a great week everyone

Carmel Marantelli

**Reflection - Trust in the Lord**

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!

Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?

Who could ever be his counsellor?

Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything?

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

To him be glory forever. (Romans 11: 33–36).

**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.
Sports News
Some of our senior students will be involved in a Lightning Premiership this Friday, March 13th. Games will be between 9am-3pm and held at various venues. Parents are welcome to come and watch the games.

Bat tennis– Wedge Park
Volleyball– Melton Primary
Cricket– Blackwood Reserve
Mr Sage
PE Coordinator

St. Catherine of Siena PS Outside School Hours Care

Program Contact Number: 0402 669 652
HEAD OFFICE CONTACT NUMBER: 03 8564 9000

Enrol for CCB and ensure you receive your entitlements for fee discounts. Almost all families who register for CCB receive the 50% discount and this is not means tested. These benefits make our programs incredible value.

Child Care Benefit
All families claiming CCB for approved child care must have their income assessed by the DHS, as CCB is a discount based on family income. Families on the lowest incomes receive the highest rate of assistance.

50% Child Care Rebate
CCR is not means tested. Most families are eligible for the tax rebate and will receive a 50% discount on their fees. Make sure you nominate the CCR to be paid as an immediate discount which eliminates the need to wait for a refund.

Contact the Federal Department of Human Services (Formerly FAO) on 13 61 50 for details on how to register.

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

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

UNIFORM NEWS
Winter Uniform stock is now available for purchase. Winter uniforms are compulsory in Term 2 and Term 3. The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am-9.00am

St. Catherine of Siena Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets are $1 each, these were sent to all families.

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 Friday, 20th March 2015.

Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 25th March 2015.
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

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

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
Important Information

Program Dates
Monday, 30 March 2015 to Friday, 10 April 2015

Program Hours
6.30am to 6.30pm daily

Location
New Location
Bridge Rd Children’s and Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Melton South

Enrollments Open
8.30am - Wednesday, 25 February 2015

Enrollments Close
5pm - Wednesday, 18 March 2015

Enrollments and Payments Due
5pm - Wednesday, 18 March 2015
Enrollments submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor’s discretion if places are available.

Cost
$20.67 per day prior to Child Care Benefit being applied
Discounts and Incursions will incur an additional cost
For further information about program costs, refer below.

Enquiries
Vacation Care Program on 9747 7000

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 VacationCare@melton.vic.gov.au
3. Successful bookings will be informed by email with an initial statement. The statement will advise the estimated 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 a family on the waiting list.
4. Bookings are allocated in accordance with the Commonwealth Government Priority of Access guidelines. The booking procedure is designed to provide fair 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 136 150, open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Activities listed may be subject to change.

Melton City Council
Vacation Care Program
Rated Exceeding in all seven quality areas by the Department of Education and Training
April 2015

F: 9747 7000
W: melton.vic.gov.au
P: PO Box 21, Melton VIC 3337

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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.

Tuesday 31 March
Hop Hop Hooray
This morning we will have some hop hop dancing lessons. In the afternoon to show off our new moves we will have a disco and maybe even some karaoke.
INCLUSION COST: $14
Begin: 10am

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 A game.
PLACES ARE LIMITED
SO GET IN QUICK
EXCURSION COST: $22
Departure: 9.30am
Return: 2.30pm

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 juggling, ribbon play, carnival games and an Easter twist and much, much more.

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.

Tuesday 7 April
Melbourne Zoo
Everyone’s favourite place to see animals from around the world. For a bit of fun let’s see which group can fit the most animals.
PLACES ARE LIMITED
SO GET IN QUICK
EXCURSION COST: $22
Departure: 9am
Return: 3pm

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.
INCLUSION COST: $14
Begin: 11am

Thursday 9 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.

Friday 10 April
Program Closed
BACKYARD LEAGUE CENTRE
MELTON

NRL BACKYARD LEAGUE CENTRE

Session 1—Thursday 23rd March
(4:15pm—5:15pm)
Session 2—Thursday 2nd April
(4:15pm—5:15pm)
Session 3—Thursday 9th April
(10:00am—11:15am)

Venue: Mt Carambula Reserve, Extord
Road, Melton South

Open to children aged 5-12
Cost FREE
All students completing the program receive a football

To secure a place, register online at
bycentre melton.league.net.com.au

Backyard League is an exciting initiative introducing students to Rugby League