Dear families

Last week our Liturgy Team represented the school at the Catholic Education Week Mass for Schools. After Mass they had lunch in the park and participated in a concert showcasing the many talents of students across Melbourne, the concert ended with the Police band, which is always a crowd pleaser.

Our student leaders participated in a Student Leader conference last week and discovered many things about the qualities of leaders, they also reflected on the type of leader they wish to be throughout this year and beyond. We look forward to working with them this year as they further develop these skills.

Last week two of our students represented the school at a tennis tournament at Kurunjang. Both played several singles matches over the course of the day. Congratulations to both Matthew and Jason for their efforts on the day as well as the spirit in which they competed. Matthew will be going on to compete in the next level of competition early next term and we wish him all the very best.

Many children have access to social networking sites, however not all are aware of safe ways to use this communication tool. Publishing photos without permission on unsecured sites and not protecting personal information are just two of the unsafe practices we have encountered recently. To assist parents in talking to their children about these issues we are sending home some information from the cybersmart website. This is a government website with information for children, parents and schools with resources, both interactive and downloadable, to assist with developing safe online practices. The website can be accessed via the following address http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources. I encourage all parents to make use of this resource and check that their children are developing good cybersafe practices.

When we come back in Term 2 we will celebrate Easter and the Risen Christ with a whole school Mass on Wednesday 17th April at 9:15am in the hall. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this Liturgy. The St Dominic’s Parish Easter Timetable is included in this newsletter, this lists the days and times for all liturgies throughout Holy Week.

Have a great week everyone

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**Mass Times**
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
Wednesday: 9.15am at CRC Chapel
Thurs - Friday: 9.15am at St Dominic’s

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**Easter Raffle**
Raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle have been sent home. Please return these to school by Friday, 22nd March for a chance to win one of the Easter baskets. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, March 27th.
Good Luck!!!

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**School Fees**
The first instalment of School Fees $500 (without discount) / $300 (with discount) is now overdue. If this is still outstanding on your account please finalise this amount prior to the end of term.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**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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**Uniform News**
Winter uniform stock has arrived and is available for purchase.
Long sleeved polo’s in size 8 & 10 are on back order, but all other stock is available
Uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday 8.30am- 9.00am
No Eftpos - Cash Only

FOR SALE
Girls Winter skirt size 12- $20.00
Girls Pants size 10— $20.00
Call Sharryn- 9747 3122

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**Hot Cross Bun Drive**
Orders that chose to be picked up, can be picked up from school foyer next Tuesday March 26th After School.

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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
Class News

In 2L, we love our new learning space

This year, the Grade 2's have had the opportunity to help create some fantastic learning spaces in their open classrooms. As a way to engage our students and allow them to enjoy learning in different ways, various spaces have been developed. These spaces include a kids kitchen, construction site, arts and crafts space, library tent, ICT hub, performance stage and a share and reflection space. This is what the Grade 2's had to say about their new classroom:

We get to choose our activities and how we learn and we have fun doing it. (Alex)

We can make models, use laptops and work in different areas for our P.I. (Steph)

There is lots of room for writing and reading. (Seth)

I love learning maths in our space because we have different types of activities to help us learn. (Kavindu)

I love our performance area because we get to make plays for our reading response. (Mollie)

Wellbeing News

St Catherine of Siena is very pleased to announce that we are on a journey to becoming a Kids Matter school.

What is Kids Matter?

Kids Matter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. It provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

Children who are mentally healthy: learn better, are motivated and committed, have positive relationships, are better able to meet life’s challenges, can contribute to their families, friends, and society in a positive way and can more successfully manage the transition to adolescence and adulthood.

St Catherine’s have a Kids Matter Action Team in place to support and guide our school through the implementation of the program. The team is made up of school leadership, classroom teachers and parents. The team attended training sessions held over 2 days last week and look forward to beginning the journey in Term 2.

To learn more visit: www.kidsmatter.edu.au  Mrs Fiona Maelasi—Wellbeing Coordinator
MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

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ST. DOMINIC’S PARISH EASTER TIMETABLE 2013

Palm Sunday  Saturday 23rd / Sunday 24th March, 2013
Holy Thursday 28th March, 2013 Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm
Adoration 8.30pm to 11.00pm
Good Friday 29th March, 2013 10.30am Stations of the Cross (commencing in the hall)
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Holy Saturday 30th March, 2013 10.30am Blessing of the Easter Food
Please Note: NO EVENING MASS
Easter Sunday 31st March, 2013 Mass: 7.00am Easter Vigil
9.00am and 11.00am
Communal Reconciliation Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm (After 7.00pm Mass)
Individual Reconciliation Friday 29th March, 2013 - 11.30am till Noon
Saturday 30th March, 2013 - 11.00am till Noon

Event: Ajays Family Fun Day
Date: Sunday 24th March, 2013
Time: 10am - 2pm
Location: Courthouse Plaza and Amphitheatre (323 High Street, Melton, VIC, 3337)
The event is a fundraiser for the Royal Children’s Hospital.
It will be a fun filled day with a jumping castle, photo-booth, Pete the Magician, CFA, exhibition of police car, sausage sizzle, live music, raffles, spinning wheels, live auction, Melton Idols, face painting, balloon twisting, handball competition, food drinks and so much more.
Layla Lopez, a student at St Catherine of Siena, will be singing from 1.45pm– 2pm

Auskick Registration
Kurunjang Resrve, Centenary Ave
March 27th 5.00pm-7.00pm
Melton Friday Auskick
Melton Recreation Reserve
Reserve Rd, Melton
March 22nd 5.30pm-7.30pm
Melton Saturday Auskick
Blackwood Drive Reserve
Reynolds Place
Melton South
March 23rd 9.00am-11.00am

White = Office letters and notices
Buff = Office letters to be returned
Yellow = Classroom and Curriculum notices
Blue = Classroom and curriculum notices to be returned
Red = Urgent office letters
Pink = Parents and Friends letters and notices