**Lenten Reflection**

As we journey through Lent let us keep Christ at the heart of all our words and actions. Let us focus our lives more clearly on walking in the way of Christ and living the Christian life. This blessing prayer is prayed over those who are preparing for baptism at Easter.

- Receive the cross on your forehead. Learn to know Christ and follow him.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.
- Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

Dear Families

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week. Mrs Iacovino took our school leaders and Christian Service Team to the Mass for schools at St Patrick's Cathedral. The theme this year was *Entrust Yourself to God and Dare to Dream*. The Mass was a rich celebration of the diversity found in Catholic schools and the richness of skills and experiences we can share with each other. After Mass the children attended a concert in which various schools showcased bands, singers and performances; here they managed to catch up with staff and students from St Dominic’s. The children had a terrific day and as you can see by the photos and also spent some time discovering the various facets of St Patrick’s Cathedral.

A reminder to all families that School Photos will be taken on Thursday 3rd April. All children, even those who normally have P.E. on this day, are to wear their full summer uniform, including the appropriate footwear. Children with long hair are required to have this tied up appropriately with plain hair ties or yellow or blue hair ties or ribbons. Jewellery is not permitted unless this is plain studs or ear rings. Photo order forms have been sent home and are due back at school prior to, or on the morning of, Thursday, 3rd April. Parents wishing to order a family photo can collect an order form from the office.

Last week we held our Buddy Picnic and it was a great night. Most families were able to attend and the weather was certainly very kind to us. It was terrific to see the buddies and their families engaging and participating in a range of activities. We know how hard it can be for busy families to attend these events, especially when it means a disruption to the family routines and bed times, so we certainly appreciate the effort of all those who attended to be with us for this event. Thanks also to Ms McAulay and the Year Prep and 6 teachers for organising this event.

The last two weeks of this term are very important for our Year 3/4 children. Over the coming weeks they will make their First Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. This is a very special time for the children and their families and I ask that you all keep these children in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
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Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au
Office Hours: 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

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**SCHOOL FEES**
Fees For 2014 will be $1150 per family plus the Curriculum Fee of $275 per child. The Curriculum Fee is now overdue so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible. The First Installment for School fees are also now over due.

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**Easter Raffle**
Easter raffle tickets are now due back to school.
The Easter Raffle will be drawn next Tuesday, April 1st.

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**IS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CURRENT WITH OUR SCHOOL RECORDS?**
Please make sure your email address is up to date with as from next term our school newsletter will be emailed to all our families.

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**PARISH OF MELTON**

**Easter Timetable 2014**

**Palm Sunday**
Saturday, April 12 & Sunday, April 13

**Holy Thursday April 17**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7.30pm
Adoration - 8.30pm– 11.00pm

**Good Friday April 18**
Stations of the Cross—10.30am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion— 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday April 19th**
Blessing of the Easter Food - 10.30am

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Easter Sunday April 20th**
Easter Vigil - 6.00am, 9.00am & 11.00am
St Dominic’s Church - 5.00pm

**Communal Reconciliation**
Tuesday, April 15th -7.30pm

**Individual Reconciliation**
Friday, April 18 -11.30am– 12.00pm
Saturday, April 19th -11.00 am– 12.00pm

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
Winter uniform stock has arrived and is available for purchase.

Uniform shop is open every Monday and Wednesday 8.30am– 9.00am
No Eftpos - Cash Only

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**End Of Term Friday, April 4th – School Finishes -1.30pm**
Parish Of Melton Office
Would you like to advertise in Veritas?
For $150 plus GST it could be yours for four issues
and of course there are larger size advertisements available.

CONTACT: the Parish Office on
9743 6515
or stdoms@bigpond.net.au

You would be supporting our Parish magazine and adding to your bottom line.

Program Update

We hope you all had a lovely weekend. Firstly we would like to welcome Nathan our new assistant to St Catherine’s OSHClub. This week we are beginning our extension of learning about animals due to the children’s interest during our morning quizzes. We are also engaging in more cooking activities recently as the children become very engaged and this also furthers their self-help skills.

We would also like to welcome our new families to OSHClub, it is wonderful to see our enrolments growing.

We hope you all have a wonderful week ahead and we look forward to seeing you all at OSHClub.

Thank you Jardie and Nathan

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0402 669 652
Coordinator: Jardie-Ann Brigham
Assistant: Nathan Belcher
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 PHOTOS
Thursday, April 3rd

*All children are to wear their full SUMMER uniform on this day. Long hair is to be tied up appropriately.
*Student’s need to bring their own separate envelope with them.
*Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.
*Envelopes brought in after photo day cannot be accepted.
*Additional envelopes for Individual photos are available from the office.

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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**Bubbles Playgroup Open Day**

Bubbles Playgroup is having an open day for families of children with additional needs, and their support teams.

An opportunity to explore a facilitated playgroup focused on creating better outcomes for children with additional needs.

Bring your children have a look at what we offer, ask questions and meet some other families.

**WHEN:** Thursday 27 March

**TIME:** 1pm – 2pm

**WHERE:** DJ Cunningham Centre

29-41 Exford Road, Melton South

**RSVP:** Supported Playgroup and Parent Group Initiative Officer

E: playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au

P: 9747 7200

W: melton.vic.gov.au

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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