Term 1, Week 5  February 28th  2012

2012 Motto  “Be all that you can be and you will set the world on fire”

St Catherine of Siena

Reflection
Your entire life is here, inscribed whole upon your heart’s walls
Every path taken or left behind, every face you turned toward or turned away
Every word spoken in love or in rage, every line of your life you would prefer to
leave in shadow
Every story that shimmers with treasures known and those you have yet to find
And so let this be a season for wandering, for trusting the breaking
for tracing the tear that will return you to the One who waits and watches, who
works within the rending to make your heart whole.

Dear families

The school car park is a very congested place especially in the afternoons. It is important that we all consider others when using this space and are aware that there are young children moving through this space and that we must have their safety as our first priority. With this in mind I ask that all parents using the car park reverse park so that they can drive out and only park in designated bays. There is to be no parking in front of the bins, adjacent to the gathering space or on the drive way near the old flag pole. Not only does parking in these areas disrupt the flow of traffic but is also dangerous as these are the areas children walk through to reach the pedestrian gate.

On Friday 2nd March Bishop Vincent Long will bless and officially open our new Learning and Art Facility. Also on this day we will turn the sod for the commencement of the Church building program. Parents and families are invited to join us for this special event. If you are able to attend the ceremony please return the reply slip in this newsletter by Wednesday 29th February.

Family Summary Reports have been sent out. Please check these to ensure that the information we have for you is the most current. It is important that you check all of the information and make changes to items that are incorrect so that we can update our system and are able to contact you immediately in event of your child becoming ill. Please pay particular attention to the Parent Employment Section as funding is based on this and it must be as accurate as possible. Please refrain from using Other if at all possible.

Thank you to all who were able to come along to the Parents and Friends meeting last week. It was great to meet so many dedicated parents eager to organise events and raise money for the school. The Parents and Friends Association performs a vital role both in raising money for school and providing opportunities for the students to engage in a range of activities. Last Thursday they organised a sausage sizzle for the children which everyone enjoyed. Thank you to all of the parents who came and assisted in the day. Other events this term will be the Easter Raffle, Hot Cross Bun drive and a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. I encourage all families to support the work of The PFA as all money raised goes back to the school to support the children and their learning.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Blessing of the new school building Friday 2nd March at 11:00am All welcome
As you are aware a new-tiered fee structure will be introduced in 2012. However, in 2011 all families were asked to contribute to the Parish Stewardship Program. To those families who have already made the effort to establish their contribution to this program we are very grateful for your support. I would like to remind families who are yet to contribute to ensure this has been addressed as soon as possible. We aim to have everyone on the lower tiered fee option in 2012.

As always any family who is experiencing genuine financial difficulties can discuss suitable arrangements with the Parish at any time. Of course, these payment arrangements and conversations remain confidential at all times.

Father Michael Moody
Parish Priest
Blessing and Opening of New Learning and Art Facility

I will □ be attending the Blessing and Opening on March 2nd at 11:00am.
I will □ be attending the Light Refreshments after the ceremony.
Name: ____________________________________________

Swimming Carnival

This year the swimming carnival will be held at Melton Waves pool on Monday March 5.
Please remember all children need to pay $7.00 to participate in this event.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8.30am–9.00am.

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Once again, the Canteen is asking for Volunteers to help out in the Canteen during the year. If you are able to assist, please return this slip by this coming Friday. Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP

I can assist in the Canteen on the following days: (Please tick)
MONDAY [ ]   TUESDAY [ ]   FRIDAY [ ]

Name: ________________________________ Telephone No: ____________________

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 service. The service is FREE for children who are eligible for concession, or a co-payment fee of $29 is payable for those who are not eligible.

Bookings– 9747 7609

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**Community News**

**St Dominic's Parish Ball**
Any young lady wishing to be presented at the St Dominic’s Parish Ball on Friday the 29th June. Please contact Sue Mc Guinness 9743 2941 or Robyn Laffin 9743 3174.

The Ball will be at Luxor and we will also practise there on the 9 Thursdays before the Ball, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Costs are $270.00 per Debutante and $270.00 per partner. Tickets for guests is $80.00 per adult and children 12 years and under are $55.00

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre**
The Mary MacKillop Museum, 362 Albert St East Melbourne, will be open Saturday March 24th between 10am-4pm, to enable visitors to view the special exhibition on loan from Sydney titled; “Mary MacKillop and the Irish sisters”- the story of Mary’s travels in Ireland and her return journey to Australia. Entry by donation and light refreshments available.
For more information telephone: 9926 9300 or visit: www.mmhc.org.au

**March 2012 Calendar**

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**Foster carers required**
The Salvation Army West care provides safe and secure foster care placements for young people aged 0–18 years who are unable to live with their own families for a period of time.

New carers in the western and north-western metropolitan regions are urgently needed, particularly for adolescents. Applicants can be male or female, singles or couples, with or without children, working or non-working and of any ethnicity, sexuality or religion.

Caregiver training commences soon at our Sunshine office at 34 Devonshire Rd (Melways Ref – Map 26 J12) on 23rd February 2012. It runs for six consecutive Thursday evenings from 6.30-9.00p.m and one full Saturday on 31st March 2012. Modules include Bonding and Attachment, Impact of Trauma, Grief and Loss, and Responding to Challenging Behaviours. All materials and Participant Workbooks are provided along with tea, coffee and light snacks.

For further information please ring Robyn or Bruce at West care on 9312 3544 or email Robyn.Hosking@aus.salvationarmy.org or Bruce.Cameron@aus.salvationarmy.org.

All inquiries welcome!