St Catherine of Siena

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Term 1, Week 8  March 20  2012

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

St Catherine of Siena

Reflection—Prayer of St Patrick

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen

Dear families

Last week was Catholic Education Week and to celebrate this the School Captains and Liturgy Team attended the Mass for Schools at St Patricks Cathedral. The children enjoyed the richness of the ceremony and were quite taken with the cathedral itself. Some of them managed to find a statue of St Catherine in the cathedral and after the ceremony meet the archbishop and had a photo taken with him. Thank you to Mrs Iacovino and Mrs Minihan for attending this event with the children. Thank you also to the children who represented us all so well on this occasion.

In recent weeks there have been a number of children arriving at school quite early. The yard is unsupervised prior to 8:30am and therefore, for their own safety and security, children should not be arriving prior to this time. For parents who work and need to leave children prior to this time please note that Out of School Hours care operates each morning from 7am. Information regarding OSH Club is available from the office.

Statements of fees and levies have been sent home to all families. First term fees and the curriculum levy are now due and should be finalised by the end of term, Friday, 30th March. Please note that while many of you have made arrangements to contribute to the Parish Stewardship program and will therefore be on the lower school fee, this will not show up on your Term 1 statement as we are awaiting for a list of contributors from the parish. This rebate will show up on your Term 2 statement. Anyone experiencing difficulty with the payment of their fees should make an appointment to see Fr Michael Moody or myself to discuss their individual situation.

It is wonderful to see so many parents contributing to and supporting the school in a number of ways, whether it is helping in the canteen, joining committees, organising activities through the Parents and Friends Association or attending school masses and events. Thank you to everyone for the many ways you assist the students and staff. If you are interested in being a parent helper in classrooms an information session will be held on Thursday March 22 at 9am and 2pm. This session will cover the areas of confidentiality, types of situations you may be asked to assist with, management issues and also include a tour of classrooms. It is only necessary to attend one of these sessions. Please complete the form and return it to the school.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Dates to Note

Friday 30th March  Last Day of Term, children finish at 1:30pm
Tuesday 24th April  School Closure Day,
Last week some of the students represented the school at the Mass for Schools at St Patrick’s Cathedral while others attended the Grand Prix at Albert Park.

St Dominic’s Church
10 Unitt Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603
Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Mass Times
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am

Weekday Liturgies
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
Wednesday: 9.15am at St Catherine of Siena
Thursday & Friday: 9.15 at St Dominic’s

Fees
Fees for 2012 will be $1050 or $1850 per family plus a Curriculum and Excursion Fee of $220 per child. The Curriculum and Excursion Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible.

Statements have been mailed recently.

Term 1 Fee
The Term 1 fee of $250 is now due, please make arrangements to pay this fee. We have a number of ways in which you can pay, Eftpos, cash, cheque, direct debit, Bpay or Centre Pay

Parish Stewardship Please note
All Families will be billed at the higher rate of $1850.00 in Term One. In Term Two the Parish will issue the school with a list of all families who have paid their contribution to St Dominic’s Stewardship Program. Those who have paid will then be given their parish exemption of $800.00 off the family School Fee for 2012 (the lower fee will be $1050.00). This will show up on your Term 2 statement.

Easter Raffle
Empty baskets are desperately needed for our Easter raffle. If any families can help could you please send them in as soon as possible
Thank you
St Catherine Of Siena Parents and Friends Association

Hot Cross Buns
Any Parents who have requested to pick up their hot Cross buns can do so on Wednesday March 21 from the staff room between 2.30pm and 3.00pm

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CDF STUDENT BANKING**
Thursday is 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 Student Banking Account.
Application forms are available from the Office.

**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 this 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
HOURS: Mon ~ Fri (9am to 5pm)
PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

As you are aware a new-tiered fee structure will be introduced in 2012. However, in 2011 all families were asked 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
On behalf of St. Dominic’s Parish Finance Committee

EASTER MASS TIME TABLE

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| Holy Thursday April 5     | Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7.30 pm
|                           | Adoration – 8.30 pm to 11.00 pm |
| Good Friday April 6       | Stations of the Cross – 10.30 am (commencing in the hall)
|                           | Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3.00 pm |
| Holy Saturday             | Blessing of the Easter Food – 10.30 am
|                           | Please note: No Evening Mass |
| Easter Sunday April 8     | Mass: 6.30 am Easter Vigil
|                           | 9.00 am and 11.00 am |

RECONCILIATION

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Parent Helper Information Session

☐ I am interested and I can attend the morning training session at 9.00am on Thursday March 22
☐ I am interested and I can attend the afternoon training session at 2pm on Thursday March 22

Name: ____________________________ [Please Print] Tel: ______________________

Uniforms For Sale

The following uniform items are available for sale, all items are in good condition. If interested please contact Elizabeth on 0415 052 380

- 1 x size L - full brim hat
- 1 x size 8 - jumper
- 6 x size 6 - shorts

All items for $100

Uniforms For Sale

- 2x jumpers size 8 $10.00
- 1x winter jacket $30.00

All very good condition
Contact colleen 0408 507 866

Uniform Shop News

There will be a slight delay with the supply of Winter tunics as we are awaiting a delivery. We will notify you through the newsletter when they arrive.

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**March 2012 Calendar**

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- **Uniform Shop 8.30 - 9am**
- **4th Sunday Lent**
- **5th Sunday Lent**
- **Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.30pm**
- **Daylight Saving Ends**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

We all do things to enhance our lives; Fitness programs and diets to improve our health; Professional Development programs to improve our job skills. We offer you an opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enhancing your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. Good marriages need some attention occasionally. Please join us in 2012. Take a look at our website on [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Our weekends in 2012 are: 20-22 April, 15-17 June, 10-12 August and 12-14 October.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03)9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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**Karate**

“Come and try Karate here in West Melton. 2 free sessions, beginners very welcome. Learn self defence, increase your personal confidence and have fun all at the same time! Free uniform on joining. Specialised kids classes Tuesdays 4pm. Call Amelia on 0407320333 or visit [www.artofdefence.com.au](http://www.artofdefence.com.au)

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND SEE HOW St Vincent de Paul Society operates in the local region. Come and see what opportunities and programs are available to assist those seeking our support. E.G. soup vans, Home Visitation, Kids Camps, Kids Days Out, emergency recovery, recreational programs, op shops and supporting the aged

COME AND SEE Tuesday March 27 7.30 St Dominic’s worship centre Church Street Melton

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**Bollywood Night at St. Dominic's**

The Indian community will be holding a Bollywood night on the 28th of April after the 6.00pm Mass. The night will commence with Indian dinner followed by an Indian movie, music, dance and games. The movie will have sub titles and so will be easy to follow.

Please put your name down on the clip board available in the foyer of the Church. This will assist us with numbers for catering purposes.