Dear Families

This coming weekend the children in Years 3 & 4 will receive Communion for the first time. Shortly before Jesus died, He had a farewell meal with His friends. He told stories that gave them new life by helping them to understand and care more about themselves and others. He broke bread that gave them new life, by sharing Himself along with the bread. He asked them to remember Him in this way. When we come to Mass we remember with thanks who Jesus was and we believe He is still with us. At Mass, we recognise Jesus’ presence in the community of people, in the Priest, in the Word of God (readings) and, above all, in the bread and wine which, when consecrated, are the Body and Blood of Jesus. We come to Mass to be nourished by Jesus who is the “Bread of Life”. We are the Body of Christ and therefore ‘bread’ for one another whenever we give new life to another. When someone is hurt and we give healing, when someone is sad and we give kindness, when someone is lonely and we give friendship, when someone is sorry and we give forgiveness, we show that we are ‘bread’ for one another. When we come to Mass we are saying thanks for all those who have been ‘bread’ for us and that we will be ‘bread’ for everyone we meet especially those who hurt the most. This weekend we welcome the following children who will come fully to the table of the Lord as they celebrate their First Communion:

Tahlia Agius  Noah Anear  Thomas Attard  Robert Barnett  Charlotte Barnett-Tonna  Brylee Battye
Erin Bavage  Taylor Bell  Mateo Bonic  Rodrigo Castro  Alexandra Cauchi  Kathren Cauchi
Badia Chol  Jeal Chol  Danielle Cimarelli  Aaron Cimera  Nathan Cimera  Harrison Coombs
Abbey Cox  Melany Degiorgio  Ethan Dias  Chloe Downer  Tayah Drew  Joel Evans
Chloe Farley  Joshua Galea  Anthony Gigliotti  Benae Gill  Luke Haines  Lily Hall
Molly Harvey  Brandon Hickey  Emily Hickey  Shaynikah Hickey  Cheree Johnston  Lillian Kean-Ong
William Kean-Ong  Ayva Knights  Adut Kuel-Akot  Connor Laurilla  Christina Le  Bridie Lewis
Layla Lopez  Victoria Makin  Mary Makir  Brayden Metters  Victoria Michaels  Ashlee Millington
Caleb Mitchell  Kristian Mitchell  Alanna Mizzi  Megan Mizzi  Angela Molnar  Adrian Monitto
Michael Morgan  Ryan Morrison  Jeremiah Muller  Samuel Muller  Billie O’Brien  Ruby O’Brien
Donato Ottone  Lianna Pace  Damien Pendleton  Joshua Peters  Ebony Phipps  Tijana Pirro
Abet Presincula  Britney Richmond  Shantay Santa Maria  Isabella Scheicher  Olivia Scrivens  Shanara Smith
Shaun Somers  Nathaniel Straka  Isaac Strinovic  Jacob Strinavic  Jake Sygids  Luke Syme
Lachlan Sygidus  Jack Tat  Tong Tong  Rinaldo Van Der Pas  Liam Vannuccini  Jackson Vella
Patrick Verdura  Matthew Vernon  Lauchlan Villari  Sarah Warr  Dakota Warren  Tyler Williams
Tiana Wilson  Travis Woods  Mikayla Wroblewski  Achai Yel

Later this month Will Breich, Zane Breich and Daniel Breich will also receive First Eucharist for the first time.

Mrs Cathie Hellard is currently on sick leave and this week announced that she will not be returning to St Catherine of Siena in 2012. Cathie will be on sick leave and long service leave for the remainder of the year to convalesce and return to good health. I know that you will all join with me in wishing Cathie all the very best.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
Budget Updates

Recently the Victorian and Federal Governments have made their budget announcements. Outlined below are some of the items from these budgets which may affect you. For more clarification refer to the budget announcements.

Education Maintenance Allowance
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will be restructured from 2013 and result in an increase in the payment provided directly to families. EMA payments to parents will increase from:
- $117.50 to $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- $235 to $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- $235 to $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

School Start Bonus
The School Start Bonus will be discontinued.

Education Tax Refund
The Education Tax Refund (ETR) will be replaced by the Schoolkids Bonus, which provides a guaranteed upfront payment to support eligible families with the costs of their children’s education. To be eligible for the ETR, parents must be eligible for the Family Tax Benefit Part A. Each year, eligible families will receive:
- $410 for each child in primary school
- $820 for each child in secondary school.
Parents will no longer be required to keep records of purchases in the twice a year payment, made before the start of Term 1 and Term 3. Legislation has been passed to enable a June payment for the commencement of the program for Term 3, 2012.

Family Tax Benefit Part A – change to age of eligibility
Eligibility will change from 1 January 2013, with the benefit focusing on families with children who are at school. The definition of a dependant will be limited to young people under 18 years of age or, where a young person remains in secondary school, the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19.
**Canteen Roster**

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**School Fees**

Term 1 and Term 2 school fees are now overdue, please make arrangements to pay these fees as soon as possible.

We have many convenient ways in which you can pay ~ Eftpos, cash, cheque, direct debit, direct credit, Bpay or Centrepay.

If you have any queries about your account please contact Lisa in the Office.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying school fees please make an appointment to see Fr Michael or Carmel Marantelli to discuss your situation.

**Interschool Sports**

~ Round 2, Friday, June 1

St Catherine’s v Mowbray
at Blackwood Drive 12.00pm - 2.00pm

**Uniform News**

Long sleeved polo tops are now available for purchase at the uniform shop.

Opening Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 8.30am - 9.00am

*Eftpos facility is not available*

**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 $30 is payable for those who are not eligible.

Bookings can be made on the Referral and Appointment Hotline number - 9747 7609

**Family Challenge**

Name: ____________ Grade: ____________

Congratulations to Ryan Dreaver, Caleb & Deykan Quigley, Talia Devlin, Mason Hobbs and Kirsty Caruana who all worked out the answers to last week’s puzzles. Here are last week’s answers:

**Prep**—**Year 2** = 5 Yellow, 4 Red, 3 Blue, 2 Green

Get together as a family and have a go at solving these puzzles, all correct entries will go into a draw at the end of term. Good Luck!!

**Prep - Year 2**

My Cat

Trace and cut out the shapes to make a cat.

**Year 3-6** Move just 2 matchsticks to make squares? Draw your design in the space
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
Wednesday, May 30  PEP Program 11:30am - 1:00pm

JUNE
Saturday, 2nd  Sacrament of Eucharist - 1:00pm & 3:00pm at St Catherine of Siena in the School Hall
Monday, 4  Assembly hosted by 5/6P - 9:00am in school Hall
Wednesday, 6  PEP Program 11:30am - 1:00pm
Monday, 11  Queens Birthday– Public Holiday

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bollywood Hype with Next Generation

The Melton Bollywood Knight Riders Community Group Inc. is delighted to present ‘Bollywood Hype with Next Generation’.

We welcome you to a fun-filled evening with rocking hits from Next Generation live band and Bollywood DJ.

Also headlining the event are performances from the V Punjabi Bangra Group of Victoria from Melton.

When: Saturday, 23 June 2012 from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Where: St. Catherine of Siena Hall, Bulmans Road, Melton West
Tickets: Adult: $30 and Children aged 4 - 12: $15 (Tickets to be purchased in advance)

Event Type: BYO, Non-smoking event.

Note: Tickets include food and entertainment

For ticket sales contact: Ashwin Bindu: 0401 820 771
Lia Dias: 0420 382 077
Veena Menezes: 0449 162 382
Melwyn D’Souza: 0420292965

MPSSA BASKETBALL CLINIC!

The MPSSA Basketball Clinic is back for 2012! With a new format, structure and experience for boys and girls wanting to learn how to play basketball!

We have begun sessions for this year, however you are welcome to join at any time. The clinic is continuous so you may come along and sign up on any Friday. Then once you have mastered the basic skills, we can help you join a club and move into our Saturday junior domestic competition!

The aim of our clinic is to teach the basic rules and fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and safe environment.

Children can then progress into a team competing in our Saturday domestic competition!

The clinic will run each Friday, except for school and public holidays.

Melton Indoor Rec Centre- 159 Coburns Rd, Melton
4:00pm- Preps  4:40pm- Grade 1 & 2  5:20pm- Grade 3 & 4

$4 per session

All equipment and coaching provided. Wear non-marking runners and comfortable clothing.

Registrations can be completed at your first session.

For more information please contact Melton Basketball on 9747 0980 or email admin@meltonbasketball.com.au or www.meltonbasketball.com.au or www.facebook.com/MeltonBasketball or www.twitter.com/MBA_Basketball

FAMILY CARE SISTERS

69 Alto Ave. Croydon. 3136
Phone: 03 9723 6797
Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers holistic care to all women (aged 20-69 yrs.) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our weekly (residential) program offers time for rest and relaxation, as well as group sessions on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, self-awareness’, ‘coming home’. Special weeks, called “Focus” weeks are also offered through the year.

Suggested cost: $30 per day.

For further information or to book in: contact us on 9723 6797.