NEWSLETTER  Term 3, Week 10  September 18th 2012
2012 Motto  “Be all that you can be and you will set the world on fire”
St Catherine of Siena

Reflection - Who Do You Say I Am?
Lord Jesus, for those in darkness, You are the light shining brightly.
For those in confusion, You are the way, the truth and the life.
For the lost, You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to life.
For the disconnected, You are the true vine, the source of life for the branches.
For all who are searching, You are the bread of life, filling the hungers of our hearts.
You are the Messiah. The chosen one of God. Amen.

Dear Families

Last week many of the children in Years 3-6 participated in the zone Athletics Carnival at Melton South Athletics Track. Events such as this are an opportunity for children to participate and enjoy events which they are not often exposed to such as long jump and shot put, and as such are a vital and enriching part if the curriculum. The children showed wonderful spirit and sportsmanship cheering on all competitors, although the loudest cheers were saved for class and school mates. Congratulations to everyone who competed, some of you in multiple events, you should all be proud of your achievements and the way in which you competed. Thanks also to the parents who were able to attend on the day and support the children as well. A special thanks to Mr Sage for organising this event.

Thank you to all of the families who completed the School Improvement Surveys for us over the past two weeks. Surveys have now been completed by staff, students and parents and will be collated to give feedback over a range of criteria. This information will then inform forward planning for 2013.

Tuesday 23rd October will be a school closure day. On this day staff from the Catholic Education Office will be onsite to facilitate this day and work with us. Both the school and Out of School Hours Care will be closed on this day.

It is hard to believe that another term has come and gone already. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the school and supported students, staff and programs over this time. If your team is still in the finals - best of luck to you. Go Storm!!

Best Wishes for a great week and a happy and safe holiday.
We look forward to catching up with you all in Term 4.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS
20th September  Mathematics Incursion Year Prep Yr. 3
20th September  School Disco - Prep-Yr2  5:00pm
   - Yrs. 3 - Yr6  6:45pm
21st September  Last Day of Term - 1:30pm dismissal
23rd October  School Closure Day
7th October  Term 4 Begins

St Dominic’s Parish Office
10 Unitt Street, Melton
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Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday between 10am - 4pm

Mass Times
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
Wednesday - Friday : 9.15am at St Dominic’s
Getting a fair funding deal for Catholic schools

Catholic school families are similar to those in government schools. Catholic schools play an important part in some of Victoria’s most disadvantaged communities. Like government schools, Catholic schools also cater for families with middle and high incomes. Catholic school students, on average, receive 20 per cent less government funding than government school students. There is also a significant gap in funding for students with special needs.

To make up the difference, you pay fees. Even then, most Catholic schools like ours still operate at around 90 per cent of the cost of education in government schools.

As it stands, paying fees is not easy for many Catholic families. If Catholic parents are forced to pay more in fees, it will put a lot of pressure on many families. They may have no option but to move their children to government schools which are already under pressure.

School Fees

The 3rd instalment of school fees is 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 at the Office to see Carmel Marantelli or Fr Michael on 9743 6515 to discuss your situation.

Footy Colours Day

Gold Coin Donation

Come and join us this Friday, September 21 wearing your footy colours to participate in our Footy Colours Parade. Show your support to those with cancer and also those involved with the Fight Cancer Foundation by donating a gold coin.

Organised by the SRC Fundraising Group

An Evening For Grade 5&6 Parents in preparing for a successful move to Secondary school

WHEN: Thursday September 20
TIME: 6.30pm-8.30pm
WHERE: Melton Community Hall
High Street, Melton
COST: Free
Contact: lea.lucas@bmllen.com.au
Or call 9361 9306

This Friday September 21 is End of Term 3
Children will be dismissed at 1.30
St Catherine of Siena School Disco

WHEN: This Thursday, September 20
WHERE: School Hall
TIME: Session 1  Preps – Yr. 3 between 5.00pm - 6.30pm
     Session 2 Yrs.' 3 - 6  between 6.45pm - 8.15pm
Note: Yr. 3 students can choose either session but not both
Children will be supplied with a drink & packet of chips
Glow sticks, $1 each will be available to buy on night
Pre– Payment is essential - tickets will be issued for entry

Djerriwarrh Festival

The Djerriwarrh Festival will take place on Saturday 10th November 2012, the theme will be Rock and Rollers, Punks and Hippies. Thank you to the Magri Family who have offered a truck for the day. More details about the festival will be sent home in Term 4, so you may like to think about if your children are interested in participating in this event.  

Sharni O'Leary

CANTEEN NEWS

End of Term this Friday September 21
No Canteen on this Day

WE NEED CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS - CAN YOU ASSIST?

Once again, the Canteen is asking for volunteers to help out in the Canteen during term 4.

As the school becomes larger in size, so too does the need for extra volunteers. Where one person's help was enough, we now need two. Also, for any new families wanting to help out, it's a great way to meet other parents, as well as assisting the school. If you are able to assist on either a Monday, Tuesday or Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated. Rosters are being prepared shortly, so if you are able to assist, please return this slip to the Office. Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP

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

Name: _________________________  Telephone No: _________________
TRIVIA NIGHT
Hosted by Knights of the Southern Cross & St Dominic’s Primary School
Will be held on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Worship Centre.
Cost is $15 per person or $25 per couple.
All enquiries to Michael Laffin on 0417 522 864 or the Parish Office 9743 6515.

CARBOOT SALE
Saturday 13th October from 8am to 12 Noon in the grounds of St Dominic’s Primary School, Church Street, Melton
Stall Holders wanted, $15 a Stall. Set up from 7.30am
“Remember your trash may be someone’s treasure”
Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments available.
All enquiries to Trevor Tully on 9743 6541 or the Parish Office 9743 6515.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS
TOPIC: Positive Parenting – Understanding Mental Health
Presenter: Terese Sheedy
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Date: Thursday, September 20, 7pm - 9pm
Venue: Salesian College, Sunbury
Mel Ref: 382 E4
This workshop focuses understanding child developmental stages, building optimistic thinking and using strengths to build self-efficiency and self-worth. Early experiences and modelling can highly influence a child’s development and sense of self. Good mental health is essential in preventing the onset of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
For more information contact Ms Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225

Free School Holiday concert presented by Western Water’s club for kids, Sammy’s Water Wise Club
Tap Star Saves Water
A free 1 hour concert on Thursday 4 October 2012
Melton Community Hall – 10am and Memorial Hall Sunbury – 2pm
Numbers are limited.
To book phone 03 9218 5522 or email education@westernwater.com.au.
Bookings are essential and parental supervision is required.

CDF STUDENT BANKING
Thursdays are student 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 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