Dear Families

Next year we welcome several new staff to St Catherine of Siena. Ms Amanda Magro will be joining our Year 1 team, Ms Menica Scarpaci will be working in Year 2, Ms Danielle Stephenson and Ms Effie Malamatinas will both be joining our Year 3/4 team and Mr. Anthony Dimkopoulos and Mr. Christopher Kennedy will be joining out Year 5/6 team. These new staff members bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm with them to St Catherine of Siena. We welcome all of our new staff to St Catherine of Siena and wish them all the very best as they begin their work here with us in 2013. The children will find out which class they are in for 2013 and who their teacher will be on Tuesday 18th December when we have our 2013 Orientation. As many of our new staff as possible will be with us on this day.

Goodbye and farewell to our Year 6 children. In 2013 they continue their learning journey in a new setting and they will encounter many new and exciting changes and challenges. Each year throughout their time with us the staff, together with their families, have developed and reinforced life skills, such as team work, problem solving, negotiation, respect and many others, to equip them for the journey. May you always remember your time at St Catherine of Siena and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you throughout your life journey.

At the end of this year we say goodbye to many of our families as their youngest child graduates or they move schools. Over many years all of these families have made valuable contributions to the school and I thank them all very much for all they have done to support the staff and students of St Catherine of Siena. In whatever you do and wherever you are, the following families have our very best wishes-

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

The Ahmed Family
The Bament Family
The Bowen-Moller Family
The Braybrook Family
The Brewer Family
The Charles Family
The Chetcutti Family
The Devlin Family
The Dao Family
The Delaney Family
The Deng Family
The Farrugia Family
The Fitzgerald Family
The Gilson Family
The Guardabascio Family
The Henaghan Family
The Hobbs Family

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Thursday, December 13th**: Year 6 Big Day Out
- **Friday, December 14th**: Reports go home
- **Monday, December 17th**: Christmas Paraliturgy 8:50am
- **Monday, December 17th**: Christmas Concert, 7pm
- **Tuesday, December 18th**: 2013 Orientation
- **Wednesday, December 19th**: Year 6 Graduation 7pm
- **Thursday, December 20th**: End of year Mass, 9:15am
- **Thursday, December 20th**: Students Last Day, 1.00pm

**Library News**

The library has now closed and will not be available for borrowing. All students are requested to return all library books. Please check at home and in your class tubs.

Thank you

Mrs Maskell

**CANTENE NEWS**

The last day for lunch orders and canteen will be this Friday December 14. Please note that after this date the canteen will be closed for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to volunteer in the canteen this year. Your support has been truly appreciated. A special thanks to Mrs. Anne Norman for all of her work in organizing rosters, ordering and ensuring our canteen has remained open all year and run smoothly.

The canteen will reopen on Monday 4th February for sales at recess and lunch only. Lunch orders will commence on Tuesday 5th February 2012.

**Christmas Paraliturgy**

On Monday December 17 we will have a Christmas Liturgy at 8:50am in the hall. This liturgy will be hosted by the whole school. You are all invited to be with us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a number of school jumpers in lost property with no names on them. If anyone is missing a school jumper could you please check lost property at the school Library, otherwise if not claimed they will go to the second hand uniform shelf in uniform shop at the end of term.

**CANTENE VOLUNTEERS –2013**

Once again, the Canteen is asking for Volunteers to help out in the Canteen during the year. As the school becomes larger in size, so too does the need for extra volunteers. Where one persons 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 by Friday, December 14th. Thank you.

**CANTENE VOLUNTEER SLIP**

I can assist in the Canteen during Term One on the following days: (Please tick)

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Name: _____________________ Telephone No: _____________________
Student Scholarships 2012-13

- Applications for student scholarships are now open at: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships.
- Some scholarships require applicants to be in financial need. Parents/guardians receiving Education Maintenance Allowance, the Family Tax Benefit or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this requirement.
- The closing date for applications is 30 January 2013.
- The principal must verify the student’s 2012 end-of-year results for the application to be valid.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Knights of the Southern Cross & St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas appeal for non-perishable goods is now open. Please consider making Christmas a little more enjoyable for those less fortunate. Donations of goods may be placed in the collection box in the office.

School Fees

2012 School Fees should now have been paid in full. Your outstanding Fees are now overdue and need to be paid ASAP.

Re-enrolment letters will be sent home to families with outstanding fees within the next few days. Families will be asked to pay their outstanding School Fees prior to your child or children returning to St. Catherine of Siena in 2013.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be open on the following days:
- Wednesday 5th December 8:30 - 9:00am
- Monday 10th December 8:30 - 9:00am
- Wednesday 12th December 8:30 - 9:00am
- Monday 17th December 8:30 - 9:00am

2013 Dates
- Wednesday 30th January 9:00 - 11:00am
- Thursday 31st January 9:00 - 11:00am
- Friday 1st February 9:00 - 11:00am

Christmas Raffle Tickets are Now due back. Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday December 17 at St Catherine of Sienna Christmas concert

This Thursday December 13th will be the last of student banking or 2012

Parent Helpers - Morning Tea Reply Slip

I will be attending the Morning Tea on Thursday 20th December after the 9:15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass.

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________
Child’s Name: _________________________________________________
Class: ___________________________
ST DOMINIC’S, MELTON
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2012

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December,
6.00pm Mass & 8.00pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena
School Hall

Midnight Mass at St. Dominic’s Worship Centre
Carols will precede all Masses

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December,
9.00am & 11.00am Mass at St. Dominic’s Worship
Centre

Anointing of the Sick
Saturday 15th December at 6pm
Sunday 16th December 9am & 11am

Communal Reconciliation
Wednesday 12th December at 8.00pm

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday 22nd December 5.00pm - 5.45pm

There will not be Reconciliation on Monday 24th
December (Christmas Eve)

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21st
December 2012 until Tuesday 29th January 2013