Reflection - The Feast of Christ the King

May Christ our King pour upon us His abundant gifts and bring us to reign with Him in glory.

May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish and strengthen us. To Him be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen!

Dear Families

This season of Advent begins on Sunday 2nd December. This is the time we begin to prepare ourselves for Christmas. A common symbol throughout this period is the Advent wreath. This is used to help us count the weeks before Christmas and also to focus our reflections on the meaning of Christmas. The wreath is made of various evergreen leaves, these signify eternal life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God and everlasting life to be found in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent as well as a different aspect of our rich faith. The first candle is purple and is called the Prophets Candle in remembrance of the prophets who foretold of the birth of Christ. This candle represents our hope and expectation in the coming of the Messiah. The growing light of the Advent wreath as the candles are lit each week is a symbol of Christ who came to save us from the darkness of sin and death. Each week as more candles are lit and the light grows stronger; we too grow stronger in our reverence for and commitment to Christ. The growing light helps us recognize Christ, not only in the historical event we celebrate at Christmas, but in our lives today. Each Monday morning we will hold an Advent Paraliturgie at 8:50am in the hall, you are all most welcome to join us in this Advent liturgy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The Department of Early Childhood and Development has a range of scholarships available to both Primary Secondary students. Further details regarding these scholarships are enclosed in this newsletter.

Last week our PEP program ended with a fashion parade of the items made from both the sewing and costume making groups. The interior design group re - arranged the staffroom for us with a much more efficient use of space. A very special thank you to all of the family members who assisted with this program, we certainly could not run it without your support.

Best wishes for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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St Dominic’s Parish Office
10 Unit Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 8515, Fax: 9747 8603
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
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.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Knights of the Southern Cross & St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas appeal for non perishable goods in 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 foyer.

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 Banking account.

Library News

All Scholastic Book club orders are due by November 23. This will be the last Book Club for the year. Due to the approaching end of year we are not able to accept any orders received after this date.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, November 27th: Prep Orientation 9.30am – 10.45am

DECEMBER

- Tuesday, December 4th: Prep Orientation 9.30am – 10.45am
- Friday, December 7th: Christmas Dress up Day for raffle donations
- Monday, December 17th: Christmas Concert, 7pm
- Thursday, December 13th: Year 6 Big Day Out
- Wednesday, December 19th: Year 6 Graduation 7pm
- Thursday, December 20th: End of year Mass, 9:15am
- Thursday, December 20th: Students Last Day, 1.00pm

Canteen Roster

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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 the 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.

Advent Paraliturgies
These will be held at 8:50 in the hall.
You are all most welcome to join us.

Monday November 26th,
Hosted by 4IK
Jesse Tree decorated by Grade 1

Monday December 3rd,
Hosted by 5/6MNP
Jesse Tree decorated by 2QS

Monday December 10,
Hosted by 3UV
Jesse Tree decorated by 2/3RT

Advent Paraliturgies
Throughout the year, the staff and I have been very appreciative of the support you have given us. You have assisted us throughout the year on excursions, in classrooms, through PEP, student banking, canteen, by being involved in fundraising and on the Parents and Friends committee and supporting school events such as the art show, grandparents day and student expos. To show our appreciation we invite you to join us on December 20th for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and then join us for light refreshments afterwards. To assist us with catering for this event please complete the invitation below and return this to the office by Thursday 13th December.

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:_________________
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be selling ‘shaped’ 6 feet tall [1.8metres] Christmas trees again this year.

Orders and enquires to Mick Laffin on 0417 522 864 or Lawrence Camenzuli on 0425 744 767.

The cost will be $50.00 delivered or $40.00 picked up from St Dominic’s between 11am - midday on December 1.

Payment is required on ordering.

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Melton Visitor Information Centre celebrates ‘150 Years of Government in Melton’

Melton City Council Primary School Students display drawings at Melton Visitor Information Centre alongside selected historical imagery to celebrate ‘150 Years of Government in Melton’.

Students were asked to draw a picture relating to the eras 1862 – 2012 and the exhibition links with Djerriwarrh Festival 2012 parade.

Exhibition Dates: 1 - 25 November 2012
Where: Melton Visitor Information Centre, 323 High Street, Melton, VIC, 3337
Entry: free

Please feel free to contact the Melton Visitor Information Centre on 9747 7300 or email visitor@melton.vic.gov.au for details.