Dear Families,

This year we say goodbye to several staff. Mr. Michael Higgins has been at St Catherine of Siena for a number of years and in that time has had many roles within the school. This year he has worked with children and staff throughout the school who have benefited from his additional support in numeracy. Michael has always developed wonderful working relationships with the children in his care and their families and as such he is a much respected member of our community. He is a very supportive member of staff who shares his knowledge within the team as well as collaboratively with others. Michael is always ready to be of assistance to others and although we will miss him and his dedication to the students, staff and families of St Catherine of Siena we wish him all the very best as he takes up a new role at St Anne’s in Sunbury.

Ms Tegan Lawless began at St Catherine of Siena several years ago and in her time with us she has always had the children’s best interests at heart. She has a gentle way of working with each student so she can get to know their strengths and challenges in order to best assist them in becoming independent learners. Tegan is an extremely dedicated staff member who readily supports others and is a constant contributor to school events and initiatives. She has been a valued staff member, we will miss her friendship and sense of fun however, we wish her all the very best as she leaves us to join the staff of St Francis of Assisi in Tarneit.

Mrs Genevieve McMillan has been with us for a few years and had both support and class teacher roles. Genevieve takes the time to get to know her children so she can best support their learning. She has high expectations for all students and works with them so that their learning goals can be achieved. She has been of tremendous support to others in the senior team this year and is a much respected member of staff. Genevieve leaves us to take up a classroom position at St Bernard’s in Bacchus Marsh, we will miss her friendship and the care she has for her students and we wish her all the very best.

Ms Natalie Bruzese has been with us this year and in that short time has shared her energy and enthusiasm with us all. She has been an engaging staff member who has enthusiastically assisted with a number of school events. Natalie has taken on new learning in our year 5/6 space and we wish her well for 2013 and beyond.

Ms Robyn Murray started with us this year in our Prep team. We thank Robyn for guiding her Prep class through many new and wonderful experiences this year and for her contribution to school life. We wish her all the very best.

I know that many of you have worked closely with Michael, Tegan and Genevieve over a number of years, and Robyn and Natalie more recently, and will join with me in wishing them all the very best. We will miss them all but know that they will always be remembered as important members of the St Catherine of Siena community.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
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

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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

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, Dec 7
Mandi Millington
Carly Tong

Monday, December 10
HELP NEEDED

Tuesday, December 11
Julie Gruis
Stacey Wetzler

Thursday, December 6th Basketball Tournament
Friday, December 7th Christmas Dress up Day for raffle donations
Monday, December 17th Advent Paraliturgy 8:50am
Tuesday, December 11th Year 7 Orientation for current Yr 6
Tuesday, December 11th Year Prep and 1 incursion
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

CANTEEN 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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP

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

MONDAY [ ]  TUESDAY [ ]  FRIDAY [ ]

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.

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 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

Advent Paraliturgy

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

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.

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:________________________

Thank you!
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

$1 each / $10 per book

As part of our Christmas raffle fundraiser students are invited to participate in our end of year CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY on Friday 7th December (Students are required to wear their full school uniform accompanied by Christmas accessories eg: Christmas t-shirts, socks, hats, headbands, ribbons – tinsel, earrings)

We would like to ask all families to help contribute by donating to our Christmas raffle with the following categories

PREP: Non Perishable Festive Foods

YEAR 1: Stationary & Christmas Decorations

YEAR 2: Art and Craft

YEAR 3: Car Care Products and Accessories

YEAR 4: Garden Supplies

YEAR 5 & 6: Books / Toys

Items can be brought to school up until the Christ- mas Dress Up Day (Friday 7th December) All raffle tickets and money are to be returned to school (in a clearly marked envelope) by Thursday 13th December. The raffle will be drawn at St Catherine of Siena End Of Year School Concert on Monday 17th December.

Raffle tickets went home last week
THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ST DOMINIC’S, MELTON
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2012

Monday 24th December, Christmas Eve
6.00pm, 8.00pm
at St. Catherine’s School Hall

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

Tuesday 25th December, Christmas Day,
9.00am & 11.00am
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

NO RECONCILIATION
MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 2012 [Christmas Eve]

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

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