Reflection

By the light of this wreath, we wait in patience for Jesus the Christ who comforts our fears and brings hope to the world. Jesus open our hearts, forgive us for those times that we haven’t followed You. Help us stay on Your path. Come into our hearts Lord Jesus. Come, long-awaited Lord and Saviour, Jesus. Bring to us a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes, peace in ourselves. Amen

Dear families,

This coming Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday two purple candles are lit. The light glows brighter as Christmas draws closer. The second candle is called the Bethlehem candle and reminds us of the time when Jesus came to us as a baby and was born in the small town of Bethlehem. This candle also reminds us that Jesus promised to come again.

Last week we were visited by champion racehorse Subzero. Subzero won the Melbourne Cup in 1992 and is now the face of Racing Victoria. All of the children had the chance to get close to Subzero and pat him if they wished to. Thank you to Ms. O’Leary for organising this activity for the children after seeing Subzero in the city when the Year 2 children were on an excursion earlier this term.

Next Monday we have the Parent Cyber Safety session, this will be held at school at 6pm. An invitation to this session went out last week and I urge you all to strongly consider attending this session. Earlier this year the Year 3-6 children attended a session on ways they can keep themselves safe when online. The session on Tuesday evening is for parents only with specific information and strategies you can employ to help keep your child safe when on the internet. This session will be run by a trained facilitator from the Australian Communication and Media Authority.

This year the children’s booklists will all be ordered online. You will receive a list with details for how to order online. We expect these to arrive at school this week. To ensure delivery prior to the start of the school year booklists need to be ordered online and paid for by 5th January.

Have a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday December 5th - Cyber Safety Presentation 6pm School Hall
Monday December 12th - School Closure Day
Thursday December 15th - Christmas Concert, 6pm
Friday December 16th - End of Year Mass, 11:30am
Monday December 19th - Orientation for 2012 and school picnic
- Grade 6 Graduation, 7pm
Tuesday December 20th - Students Last Day students will be dismissed at 1pm
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**SCHOOL FEES**

There are only four weeks remaining before the end of the school year. Thank you to all of those families who have made arrangements to finalise their fees prior to the 20th December.

However there are still several accounts with balances that are now well overdue. Arrangements must be made to finalise these as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty doing this please contact the Principal, Ms Carmel Marantelli to discuss your situation.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

- Friday December 2 – Christmas Dress up Day
- Monday December 5 — Cyber Safety Session 6pm
- Monday December 12 — School Closure Day
- Thursday December 15 — School Concert, 6pm
- Friday December 16 — End of year Mass, 11.30am
- Monday December 19 — Grade 6 Graduation, 7pm
- Tuesday December 20 — Students Last Day

**CANTEEN HELPERS ~ 2012**

The Canteen is seeking volunteers to be rostered on 2012. If you would like to assist in the Canteen, please complete the slip below and return to the School Office by Friday 9th December. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thanks!
Our Parents and Friends Association has done a wonderful job this year of fundraising to support the students and programs at the school. Their final event for the year is fast approaching. Families have been asked to donate items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle with each Year level contributing specific items. If you are able to help in this please send your items to school by Friday 2nd December.

On the 2nd December students are able to wear Christmas decorations to accessorise their school uniform. The hampers will be wrapped on week starting Monday December 5. If you are able to assist with this please let the office know so they can pass this on to PFA members. The raffle will be drawn at the School Concert on December 15th

- **Prep** – Non Perishable festive food
- **Grade 1** – Stationary & Christmas decorations
- **Grade 2** – Arts 'n' craft
- **Grade 3** – Car Care products and accessories
- **Grade 4** – Garden supplies
- **Grade 5 & 6** – Books / Toys

On the 5th December at 6pm staff from the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) will present a Parent Session on Cyber Safety at St Catherine of Siena school. This session is an important opportunity to find out the latest information and tools for keeping your children safe when using the internet and social media sites. Further information will be available closer to the evening, however we encourage you to keep this night free so you are able to attend. The following is the address of the ACMA parents page which has a range of videos, brochures and resources you can access and use when talking to your children about cyber safety.


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**Parent Helpers - Morning Tea Reply Slip**

I will be attending the Morning Tea on Friday 16th December after the 11:30 Thanksgiving Mass.

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________
Child’s Name: ___________________________
Class: ___________________________

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UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2 2012 AND FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3 2012. TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED SOON.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of school jumpers in lost property with no names on them. If any-one is missing a school jumper could you please check lost property at the office, otherwise if not claimed they will go to second hand at the end of term.
December Calendar

- **1 December**: Christmas dress up day
- **8 December**: School Christmas concert
- **16 December**: End of year Mass
- **19 December**: Grade 6 graduation 7pm
- **20 December**: Students Last day
- **21 December**: Last Day of term 4.
- **23 December**: 2 Two hour hands on workshop
  - Topics include:
    - Green entertaining and parties
    - Sustainable drinks
    - Decorations
    - Gift giving the green way
    - How to cook an environmentally friendly Christmas lunch

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Knights of the Southern Cross are taking orders for 6 foot shaped Christmas Trees from now until 28th November. Trees will be available between 11am and midday Saturday 3 December. Orders are to be pre-paid. $40 Picked up or $50 delivered.

Contact Bill McGuiness (9743 2941) or Peter Drew (0400 135 100)

**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 St Catherine School reception area.

**How to have a GREEN CHRISTMAS**

Two hour hands on workshop

Topics include:
- Green entertaining and parties
- Sustainable drinks
- Decorations
- Gift giving the green way
- How to cook an environmentally friendly Christmas lunch

- **Melton Library**: Thursday 8 December 2011
  10am to 12 noon
- **Caroline Springs Library**: Thursday 8 December 2011
  2-4pm

**Bookings essential:**
9747 5300 or libraryevents@melton.vic.gov.au

FREE EVENT!