



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 5

August 16th 2019

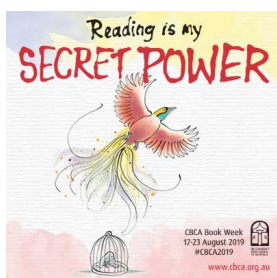
### Refugee Week Reflection

God of our Wandering Ancestors,  
Long have we known that your heart is with the refugee:  
That you were born into time in a family of refugees  
Fleeing violence in their homeland,  
Who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into alien country.  
Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?"  
Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry.  
Then surely all these things will follow:  
Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.  
Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.  
Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.  
And hands will reach out— working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.  
Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you. Amen



**Matthew 25:35-36** "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Dear Families,



Each year, the Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates Book Week; this year this will be from the 17th - 23rd August. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the enjoyment that reading a much loved book can bring us. Children's books are full of wonderful characters, life lessons wrapped up in an enjoyable story and provide that opportunity to escape into a world of fantasy and imagination. The theme this year is Reading is my Secret Power. The children will become familiar with the books nominated in the various categories and have the opportunity to vote on their favourite. On Wednesday 21st August we will have authors visiting to talk to the

children about their process in producing a book and share some of their stories with them. Our Book Week Parade will take place on Friday morning immediately after the morning bell - weather permitting. This is an opportunity for the children to come dressed as their favourite book character, in a costume showing where their secret power, or as a character from one of the nominated books. This is always a fun morning and a celebration of the enjoyment of literature; you are all warmly invited to join us for this parade.

In Victoria any adult who is engaged in either paid or voluntary work in a school, is in direct contact with children and is not otherwise exempt from holding a Working With Children Check (WWCC), must hold a current WWCC to work in a school or other organisation where children are present. If you wish to assist on an excursion or help in the classroom you will need to obtain a WWCC. To find out if you need one and how to apply you can go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> Any parent or guardian who has a WWCC and who wishes to assist in the school is asked to provide a current copy of your card so that we can keep this on file.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Carmel Marantelli  
**PRINCIPAL**

# PETITION TO FIX BULMANS ROAD

Population growth in the Melton West/Harkness area continues to increase and we wish to express our concern regarding the current situation with Bulmans Road to the Melton City Council. The Parish of Melton believe Bulmans Road poses a great risk to safety within the area and there are grave safety concerns for our school and Church communities, residents within the area and road users that utilise the road. As a community, we believe that the current situation is unsustainable and requires immediate acknowledgement and rectification before a serious accident occurs. The increased traffic in the area has seen it become extremely dangerous during school pick up and drop off times, Mass times or during events held at either St Catherine of Siena Primary School, St Catherine of Siena Church or Catholic Regional College as well as the park situated near the Primary school. Rectification is required to enable the efficient movement of people in the area at all times of the day and night. We are extremely concerned of the risk posed to young children and their families in the area. They are at risk of being hurt by the continued neglect of this essential thoroughfare. Increased lighting in the area as well as appropriate planning needs to be established to ensure the safety of residents, rate payers and road users alike.

We are asking the School community to sign the petition to Melton City Council to undertake a Design and Construction works programme in the Council's 2020-2021 Budget for the widening of Bulmans road including but not limited to a service lane and Indented car parking from Lake View Terrace to Sovereign Boulevard. **We need 5000 signatures for this to be presented to the council.** Please take the time to show your support by signing the petition. Copies of the petition can be found at:

- **CRC MELTON**
- **MELTON PARISH OFFICE – 10 UNITT ST, MELTON**
- **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST**
- **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL RECEPTION**
- **ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL RECEPTION**

Thank you advance for your assistance in making our community safer.

Regards,  
Fr Michael Moody  
Parish Priest  
Melton Parish





parenting \* ideas  
**insights**



# Staying relevant in your child's digital world

by Martine Oglethorpe

As technology continues to advance at breakneck speed and our lives become more deeply immersed in the digital world, the challenges faced by parents in this uncharted territory can often feel overwhelming.

As a parent, worrying comes naturally. We hear so much about the dangers of the digital age: the predators, the pornography, the pedophiles, the gaming obsessions, the screen addictions and the cyber bullying.

We hear so much about the pitfalls and dangers of the connected world, we often overlook the vast possibilities digital technology can offer. Through digital devices, we now have countless amazing ways to connect and collaborate, raise awareness, create, learn and share. For young minds, this is a tremendous opportunity, and making full use of these tools can give them a big lead in today's competitive world.

So how can we ensure that our kids can reap the very best of what technology has to offer, while at the same time protecting them from those negative elements?

**Take an interest in current tech trends. Talk to your kids, make them feel secure enough to discuss difficult topics with you, and put yourself in the best position to remain relevant to your child's world. Be the one they come to should things go wrong. Be the one they come to share the positive experiences they have online.**

## Make time to talk

One of the best ways we can help kids make the most of these opportunities is to stay relevant. But how do we do that in a world that seems to move faster every day? How do we keep up when our kids already seem to know so much?

We start by taking the time to get to know the kind of world they are growing up in. We try to understand the challenges they face. Because even if it seems they know a lot, kids do face challenges, and they will make mistakes. As parents, we need to ensure that those mistakes are ones they can recover from, and learn from.





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### Be their guide

Kids may well have a lot of knowledge when it comes to all things digital. But they are not necessarily as wise as their parents. Generally speaking, parents have a much deeper understanding of the world, the intricacies of different interactions, relationships and the complexities of human behaviour than kids do. Our kids are interacting and connecting with others in a world that is often beyond what they are developmentally and emotionally ready for. We need to help them cope with that.

### Play and interact more

Sure, we all love the babysitting power of an iPad to ensure we can finish our coffee while its hot, or get dinner cooked without any interruptions. But if we also take the time to play with our kids and their devices, and take an interest in their digital playground, we can get a whole new perspective about what they enjoy. We get the bonus of staying current with interactive technology, as well as time to bond with them and enjoy some family time together. We also put ourselves in a much better position to set relevant boundaries and help kids understand those boundaries.

### Listen to others, and listen to your child

If your friend's child is playing a certain game, has a social media account or enjoys certain websites, then there is a good chance your child does too. Just as we would play at the park or hang out at the milk bar where our friends were when we were young, so too our kids will hang out where their mates are playing. So listen to those parents in the playground. Listen in to which popular apps and games are being talked about in the media. Listen to your child. Ask them what they like to do. Ask them about their concerns and their challenges. You may never keep up with every single app or site that your child visits, but if you have a good understanding of the ways kids are using technology and the sorts of things technology is capable of, then you are in a much better position to help them use it safely and smartly.

### Be open and honest about what's out there

While there are times we get nostalgic about the good old days when screens and social media were not such an integral part of our lives, we can't afford to live in denial about the role technology is playing and will continue to play in the lives of our children. So rather than ignoring it completely or trying to avoid it, we need to be ready to have conversations that we may prefer not to have. We need to face the fact that the average age a child first sees pornography is about 11, and understand that this is a very real possibility for our children. So how do we prepare them for that? What conversations would we need to have if we suspect this has happened? Because we want to make sure that the education they are getting comes from us, and not from some random online source that we have no way of checking.

So seek out knowledge. Take an interest in current tech trends. Talk to your kids, make them feel secure enough to discuss difficult topics with you, and put yourself in the best position to remain relevant to your child's world. Be the one they come to should things go wrong. Be the one they come to share the positive experiences they have online.

Our role as parents is not to shut down the internet accounts and take away the screens, but rather to ensure we are giving them the skills, the support, the understanding and the critical thinking skills to make the very best decisions every time they go online.

Have a great week .

*Kristie Browning*

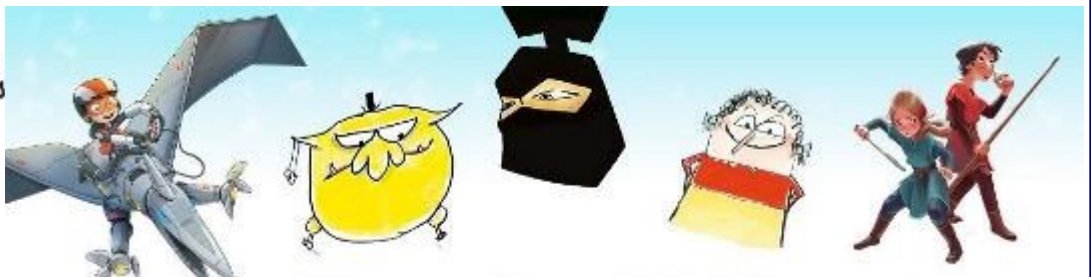
*(Wellbeing and Learning Diversity Leader)*



# Children's Book Week at St Catherine of Siena

This year our Annual Book Week celebration will run from Monday, 19th August to Friday, 23rd August. The theme for Book Week is 'Reading is my Secret Power'.

Please join us in celebrating Book Week on Friday, 23rd August for our Dress Up Parade. The parade will begin at 9:15am and children are encouraged to come dressed up ready to showcase their secret power or they can come dressed as their favourite book character.



**\*\* We would love to see family and friends there to celebrate and have fun with us \*\***

*Any questions about this day please speak to your child's teacher.*



## Reading is my SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week  
17-23 August 2019  
#CBCA2019



### Parish Of Melton Office

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Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603

Email: melton@cam.org.au

Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

### Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

**Wednesday:** 9.15am

**Tuesday Evening:** 7.00pm

**Saturday Evening:** 6.00pm

**Sunday Morning:** 9.00am & 11.00am

**Sunday Evening:** 5pm

### Reconciliation

**Saturday :** 5.30pm- 5.45pm

### Mass Times - St Dominic's

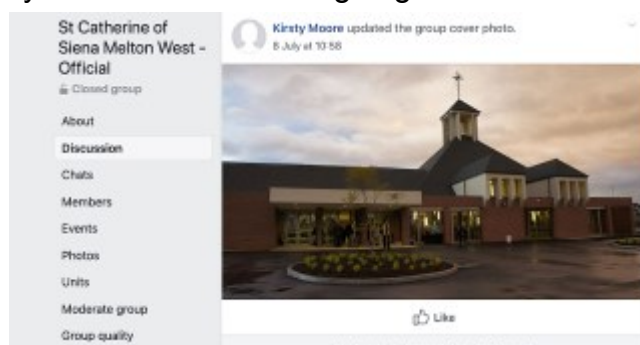
**Thursday - Friday :** 9.15am



### Our Facebook Group is LIVE!

Search for 'St Catherine of Siena Melton West - Official'

Join today, answer some simple questions and stay in touch with what's going on at school.



All families have received information regarding the St Catherine of Siena Facebook Group via Care Monkey. Please ensure you have read these forms and they are responded to ASAP.

### MPSSA District Athletics

On Monday, 12th and Tuesday 13th August some students were selected to represent our school at the Melton District Athletics Carnival. These students displayed excellent sportsmanship and encouraged others on the day! Well done to all who attended. You should be proud of your efforts. Good luck at the next level of competition.



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*Emerson - 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Relay, 1st Long jump and 2nd Triple Jump*

*Gracie - 1st Relay, 3rd 200m and 3rd 1500m*

*Damian - 1st 800m and 1st 1500m*

*Oziya - 1st High Jump*

*Nyandeng - 1st 1500m*

*Rhianna - 2nd 800m*

*Autumn - 1st Relay*

*Naomi - 1st Relay*

*Lucas - 3rd Long Jump and 2nd 800m*

*Oliver - 1st 800m and 1st 1500m*

### **APPLICATIONS FOR CRC MELTON YEAR 7, 2021 CLOSE 23 AUGUST 2019**

Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2021 close on *Friday, 23rd August 2019*. All families will be required to attend an interview with their Parish Priest. We ask that all interviews with Father Michael be completed by Friday, 6 September so that applications can be considered for a letter of offer. Applicants will be notified by mail of the result of their application by Friday, 18th October.

**REMEMBER – All applications received after *Friday, 23rd August 2019* or those that have not seen Father Michael may result in a student being placed on the waiting list.**



### Book Club

Scholastic book club has been sent home recently. All orders must be submitted online by

***Friday, 30th August.***



**\*\*No late orders can be accepted\*\***



St Catherine of Siena  
Parents and Friends Association

# Father's Day Raffle



Tickets \$1.00 each (10 per book)

Tickets due back Friday, 23rd August 2019

\*Raffle will be drawn Friday, 30th August 2019

## Father's Day Stall

**FRIDAY, 30th August 2019**

Gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$4.00

Please bring along a plastic bag to put your gifts in

*\*Children will have the opportunity to purchase 1 - 2 gifts*



## Fathers Day Breakfast

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## Sports Colours Day

All Dads, Grandfathers or Special Persons are invited to attend our Annual Father's Day Breakfast on **Friday, 30th August at 7.30am.**

Come along and enjoy a BBQ breakfast with your children before school starts! ***(Please bring a gold coin donation for breakfast)***



This will also be our **Annual Sports Colours Day**. This is a day to celebrate your favourite sports team. Children are invited to wear their team colours or clothing **over** their school uniform.



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this and last week.

Awards for this week will be presented on Monday at our morning assembly.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Awut Ngong

3N - Nyanrup Poundak

Prep B - Abby Walsh

4Q - Tyrese Young

Prep C - Rose Molnar

4S - Mia James

Prep D - Miron Fernando

4U - Aaron Dao

1E - Avah McGrath

5R - Deng Tong

1F - Jakob Ball-Walters

5T - Tim Mayar

1H - Antonio Knezevic-Tabakovic

5V - Deng Dhal

2G - Whole Class

6M - Benjamin Fry

2I - Anica Klasic

6O - Trinity Coates

2J - Melissa Ishak

6P - Jacob-John Cauvhi

3K - Mackenzie Davis

LoTe - Class 5V

3L - Telar Telar

## Term 3, 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
19 Week 6 *Book Week	20 Yr 3 Sensory Gardens Excursion	21 *Class Mass Yr 3 & Yr 6 @ 9:15am	22	23 *Book Week Parade @ 9:15am	24 *Confirmation Presentation Mass	25 *Confirmation Presentation Masses
26 Week 7	27	28 *Class Mass Yr 6 @ 9:15am	29	30 *Father's Day Breakfast *Sports Colours Day *Father's Day Stall	31	1 September
2 Week 8	3	4 *Class Mass Yr 3 & Yr 6 @ 9:15am	5 *MPSSA Yr 5/6 Basketball *Confirmation Reflection Night @ 7pm	6	7	8
9 Week 9 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:00am - 8:30am	10 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:00am - 8:30am	11 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8:00am - 8:30am *Class Mass Yr 6 @ 9:15am	12 *Divisional Athletics *Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm - 8:00pm	13	14	15
16 Week 10	17 *AFL 9's Yr 3/4 Girls *Yr Prep Excursion to Animal Land	18 *Class Mass Yr 6 @ 9:15am	19 *School Disco	20 *Last Day Term 3 - Students Dismissed @1:30pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



# St. Catherine of Siena OSHClub

**OUTCOME 4: LEARNING** – Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity

\*\*\*Please remember to use our website, [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to book your child in and update your bookings for each session\*\*\*

Throughout this week, we have explored all things Dinosaur related. The children have had a blast drawing dinosaurs, making a dinosaurs habitat and being a palaeontologist in our sandpit! We have played lots of games of Chinese Walls, Down Town Tiggy, Silent Ball and Night at the Museum. We have also enjoyed playing in our play spaces!

Children can ONLY ATTEND when and if they have an ENROLMENT for completed by the parents! Please don't forget our Vacation Care Programs. To book, visit [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) Have a great Holidays!

Just a friendly reminder of the importance of signing your child in to OSHClub. Knowing that your child is safe and looked after is on the forefront of every parents' mind, and, having them booked in to OSHClub so that our program staff are aware they need to be here is very important in this process. Please use our website or give the program a call if you require care on the day or even visit our friendly staff!

Please note our Before School Care program begins each morning at 6.50am. Please ensure, if you haven't already, that you create a FREE OSHClub account by visiting our website [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au).

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Please ensure you or any of your emergency contacts bring in your I.D and mobile phone if you are new to the service. We need to verify who you are, if you are new to the service, for the safety of your children.

## OSHClub St. Catherine's Melton Team

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:** If you need to cancel ASC please do on the internet by 3:15pm on the day before, send us a text on: 0408 477 328 or pop in to let staff know you are collecting your child so that we know where the children are. **There is a \$1/minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:30pm.**

### Week 5 Term 3 Activities

DAY	BSC	ASC
<b>MONDAY</b> 19.08	Book Mark Making and Alphabet Pacman	Book Mark Making and Chinese Wall
<b>TUESDAY</b> 20.08	Play Dough Book Characters and Silent Ball	Play Dough Book Characters and Hospital Tag
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 21.08	Design a Book Cover and Night at the Museum	Design a Book Cover and OSHClub Clubs
<b>THURSDAY</b> 22.08	Design a Reading Area and Minute Mime	Design a Reading Book and Simpsons
<b>FRIDAY</b> 23.08	Fairy Tale Mural and Red Light Green Light	Fairy Tale Mural and Down Town Tiggy

### Week 5 Term 3 Menu

BSC	ASC
<b>Children have a self-serve breakfast consisting of wholemeal bread, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice puffs and weet bix), fresh milk, soy milk etc.</b>	<b>Salada's with Spreads</b>
	<b>Pancakes</b>
	<b>Chicken Two Minute Noodles</b>
	<b>Tuna Pasta</b>
<b>NOTE: All after care meals are served with a range of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables.</b>	<b>Salad Sandwiches</b>

**The memories we've made at  
St. Catherine's Melton  
OSHClub 😊**



We have had lots of fun creating our very own dinosaur eggs out of Play Dough we made ourselves!



We have so much fun exploring outside and playing in the sand pit with nature



Last Friday we made Play Dough from scratch and we have enjoyed making things with it this week!