



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 7 November 22nd 2019

### *Reflection - Feast of Christ the King*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are a King who cares deeply for his people.  
May we search out those in need,  
so that Love and Justice will reign  
as the Kingdom of God is brought forth within us.  
We ask our prayer in your name  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Amen



Dear Parents and Guardians

A warm welcome to all of our 2020 Preps who have had their first two orientation sessions; many have also attended our Thursday afternoon Sibling Story Time which we have held over the past weeks for pre Preps and siblings. They have come in eager and excited to be at school and have settled quickly on these visits to the school. The last orientation session for 2020 Preps will be next Tuesday, 26th November.

The class structure each year is greatly influenced by the enrolment numbers for each year level as well as the level of funding we receive. Although our enrolment numbers for 2020 are not final, with applications across all year levels still being received, we have been able to finalise a structure for 2020 which still allows for this growth. Next year we will have:

4 x Year Prep classes	3 x Year 1 classes	3 x Year 2 classes	
3 x Year 3 classes	3 x Year 4 classes	3 x Year 5 classes	3 x Year 6 classes

Children will find out which class they are in and the teacher they have on our transition day at the end of the year. Specialist classes for 2020 will still be Performing Arts, Visual Art, Physical Education and LoTE (Italian), with all classes receiving 1 hour of each specialist class per week.

It is surprising how quickly we have come to the end of the year, so that accounts can be finalised. I ask all families to ensure that they are up to date with the payment of fees. The Finance Committee will be following up on all outstanding accounts in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Carmel Marantelli

**PRINCIPAL**

### **PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES**

**Tuesday 26th November - Prep Orientation**

**Friday, 6th December - School Closure Day**

**Friday 13th December - Whole School Picnic**



## Building Trust With Your Child's Teacher

As the end of the year is quickly approaching, we begin to think about the coming year. I thought I would share some insights from an article I read about *positive relationships between parents and staff which contributes to student's success*. Throughout the year, teachers work on building relationships with students and getting to know them, academically as well as socially and emotionally. This allows teachers to select the appropriate curriculum, correct approach to learning, the wellbeing of your child and even work together with other staff to place in the most appropriate class for the following school year. It is when families work in partnership and trust that the children have better experiences at school.

Experts have investigated and the results state: a positive parent-teacher relationship contributes to your child's school success. "A positive parent-teacher relationship helps your child feel good about school and be successful in school," advises Diane Levin, Ph.D., professor of education at Wheelock College. "It demonstrates to your child that he/she can trust his teacher, because you do. This positive relationship makes a child feel like the important people in his/her life are working together."

But how do you build a trusting relationship between parent and teacher?

**Here are 5 tips to help:**

### 1. Introduce yourself.

If you've never really met your child's teacher, held a conversation with him or her, or are new to the school, go introduce yourself. Teachers are just as eager to meet you as you are to meet us. Let us know what your hopes and dreams are for your child.

### 2. Communication.

Communicating well is a key factor for making this relationship work. "Communication on both sides is extremely important," notes teacher Susan Becker, M. Ed. "The parents need information about what and how their child is learning, and the teacher needs important feedback from the parent about the child's academic and social development."

We, as teachers, send home a lot of information in a variety of different ways: emails, newsletters, websites, and social media. It is important as parents to read this information. Stay informed as to what is going on in your child's classroom and school. As teachers, we want you to know what we are doing and what we expect. As parents, communicate with your child's teacher any questions or concerns you may have — be it an academic, social, or behavioural concern or simply just something you didn't quite understand in the last newsletter or last night's homework. Communicate changes in your child's normal routine or major events. These things are big pieces to the puzzle that makes up your child's education. We want to know about them and it will help us understand your child better. Communicate effectively and respectfully. Find what works best for your teacher — is it email, a phone call, or handwritten note? Respect the teacher's busy times of the day such as drop-off and pick-up. These times are fine to communicate very quick details, but are not the best time to launch into a parent conference. Most likely, your child's teacher has the same concerns you do and would love to chat with you about them so set up a time to talk that is convenient for both of you. Plus, we can't give you our full, undivided attention when we're supervising children or beginning the day.





### **3. Support.**

Show your teacher that you support them. Attend meetings, return calls, respond to CareMonkey, look at the diary and when your teacher asks for help, help in whatever way you can. When your child's teacher reaches out to you about a concern, we do so because we want you to know and we want your help. Show your support by helping us learn more about your child by giving us suggestions, or what you might experience at home. It is our role as a school to help students develop and to help ease parent anxiety when children are not developing a particular desired skill or behaviour.



### **4. Be involved.**

Whether it is helping out in the lunchroom or the latest PTO function, if your schedule allows. Or, simply just sitting and doing homework or reading with your child. You will stay informed and feel like you aren't missing out on anything.



### **5. Respect and the Golden Rule.**

Your child's teacher is human. Sometimes we like to think that we might be superhuman, but we're not. We make mistakes. We have bad days. We spend all day with your child and many others trying so hard to educate them in fun-filled, meaningful ways while meeting the expectations and demands of curriculum, goals, standards, and other parents.

We are here for the same reason.... YOUR CHILD. Like you we want your child to feel happy and safe at school. When your child sees that we are both on the same team, they do better in school. When we work together and trust each other, big problems don't go unsolved, kids aren't pitting one of us against the other, and your child ultimately trusts us too because you do. We love your child too and want to see them do well.

We thank you for trusting us with your children.

Have a happy week.

Kristie Browning

Wellbeing and Learning Diversity Leader



## Parish Of Melton Office

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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



## School Concert

\*\*\***Save The Date**\*\*\*

This year the end of year school concert will be held on

**Tuesday, 10th December and will begin at 6:30pm.**

The concert will be held at Catholic Regional College Melton in the Sports Stadium.



**School Closure Day - Friday, 6th December**

## Whole School Picnic

**Date:** Friday, 13th December 2019

**Venue:** Maddingley Park, Maddingley, VIC 3340

**Time:** 8:50am - 3:15pm for students going on the bus.

For students coming with their parents, the picnic will begin at approximately 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:00pm.

**Snack and Lunch Arrangements:** Children need to bring their own food for the day (a healthy snack and lunch) as well as a drink bottle of water.

**Clothing:** Students will need to wear their full sports uniform and bring their school hat and sunscreen. A jacket or coat is advisable in case of cold or windy weather.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend the picnic and will need to provide their own food and it is advised that you bring along a picnic rug, chairs, table etc.

**\*\*\*Permission forms have been sent to all families via the CareMonkey app. All students MUST have a completed response by Friday, 6th December to attend this excursion\*\*\***



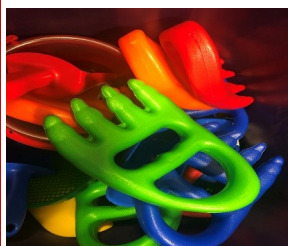
Our Woolworths Earn and Learn delivery came this week!

I had fun unpacking lots of new equipment for our school such as:

- Sandpit Toys
- Books
- STEM Resources
- Indoor Play Games
- Art Supplies
- Indigenous Resources
- New Sports Equipment

**A big thanks to everyone that collected stickers!**

Mrs Moore



# PARISH OF MELTON

*"Come Home for Christmas"*

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2019

*St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Rd Melton West*

### *Christmas Eve*

*Tuesday 24th December,*

*6.00pm, 8.00pm & 10.00pm*

### *Christmas Day*

*Wednesday 25th December*

*9.00am & 11.00am*

*No Mass - Thursday 26th Dec, Friday 27th Dec*

### *Communal Sacrament of Penance*

*Saturday 7th December at 5.00pm and*

*Saturday 14th December at 5.00pm*

### *Individual Sacrament of Penance*

*Saturday 21st December 5.15pm - 5.45pm*

*Sunday 22nd December 4.15pm - 4.45pm*

*PLEASE NOTE - There will be no Sacrament of Penance on  
Christmas Eve.*

*THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY  
24TH DECEMBER 2019 - TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020*

# CONGRATULATIONS

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

**These awards will be given out on Monday at our morning assembly.**

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Logan Webster

3N - Lily Franksen

Prep B - Anna Kakinda

4Q - Mou Deng

Prep C - Nandana Davis

4S - Nermeen Eskander

Prep D - Amelie Baglieri

4U - Faith Dominic

1E - Taylor Steyn

5R - Oliver Dreaver

1F - Whole Class

5T - Nyandeng Mayan-Tong

1H - Whole Class

5V - Tupu Tuloto Tuputala

2G - Nadine D'Silva

6M - Whole Class

2I - Paige Farrugia

6O - Avalon Philpin

2J - AJ Leota-Seiuli Seufatu & Will James







6P - Krystal Lugg

3K - Aleech Makuac

LoTE - Deng Nagur

3L - Angelo Dau

## Term 4, 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25 Week 8 *Morning awards	26 *Prep 2020 Orientation - Session 3	27	28 *Yr 2 Excursion to CERES	29 *MPSSA Yr 3/4 Cricket *Advent Liturgy Wk 2 @ 10:30am	30	1 December 
2 Week 9 *Morning awards	3 *Yr 6 Big Day Out	4	5 *Advent Liturgy Week 3 @ 2:45pm	6 *School Closure Day	7	8 
9 Week 10 *Morning awards	10 *Yr 7, 2020 Orientation Day @ CRC *School Concert @ 6:30PM	11 *End of Year Mass @ 9:15am	12 *Advent Liturgy Week 4 @ 2:45pm	13 *Whole School End of Year Picnic 	14	15 
16 Week 11 *Morning awards	17 *Yr 1 - 6 2020 Transition Morning	18 *Christmas Liturgy @ 9:00am *Yr 6 Graduation Mass @ 7:00pm	19 *Last day Term 4 Students dismissed @ 1:30pm	20	21	22 
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



# St. Catherine of Siena OSHClub

**OUTCOME 4: LEARNING** – Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

\*\*\*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\*\*\* On the day bookings will incur additional fees per session per child.

This week we have explored Healthy Eating and the children's interest in Teddy Bears. We made our very own Fruit or Veggie Gardens, we made our own Teddy Bears, have been doctors at our Teddy Bear Hospital and even made homes for our Teddies. We started Moovosity, a free program exclusive to OSHClub – ask to find out more!!

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

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 8 Term 4 Activities

DAY	BSC	ASC
MONDAY 25.11	Let It Go and Pacman	Let It Go and Moovosity
TUESDAY 26.11	Mistakes Help Me Grow and Tap Tap Ball	Mistakes Help Me Grow and Hospital Tag
WEDNESDAY 27.11	Things We Can't Do Yet and Red Light Green Light	Things We Can't Do Yet and Chinese Wall
THURSDAY 28.11	Growth Mindset Colouring Pages and Silent Ball	Growth Mindset Colouring Pages and Ship, Shark, Shore
FRIDAY 29.11	Bucket of Kindness and Night at the Museum	Bucket of Kindness and Moovosity

### Week 8 Term 4 Menu

BSC	ASC
Children have a self-serve breakfast consisting of wholemeal bread, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice puffs and weet bix), fresh milk, soy milk etc.	Salada's with Spreads
	Mac and Cheese
	Two Minute Noodles
	Sandwiches with Spreads
	Crackers and Dip

**NOTE:** All after care meals are served with a range of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables.



**Moovosity** – allows the children to play games and earn points to get exciting rewards – The children have fun and develop leadership and gross motor skills, amongst other things!



**Who doesn't love a good challenge?**  
**Let's have fun making cup towers**



**We love board games and practising our thinking skills!**