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NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 10 December 13th 2019

Reflection

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel" Matthew 1:23



Dear Parents and Guardians

As this is the last newsletter of 2019 let me take this opportunity to wish all of you, all the peace and joy of the Christmas season; may this be a time for you all to gather with family and friends to remember that night over 2,000 years ago when Jesus was born, a saviour for us.

Our Year 6 students will be leaving us next week as will several children in other levels who will leave us for new school settings. On behalf of the school community I wish all of you all the very best. Next year you will begin the next phase of your school journey at new schools. Our wish for you all is that you settle into your new schools quickly and adjust to the differences you will encounter with grace and humour. There will be new friends to meet and get to know, exciting new experiences to encounter and even a few challenges. May you face these challenges with a positive spirit and the knowledge that you have the capacity to deal with them. You have worked to develop a growth mindset and the life skills needed to equip you for these challenges and overcome them. I hope you have fond memories of your time at St Catherine of Siena and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sustain you.

At the end of the year we say goodbye to many of our families as their youngest child finishes Year 6 or they move on to other school settings. Over the years all of these families have made valuable contributions to the school and I thank them all very much for all they have done to support the staff and students of St Catherine of Siena. In whatever you do and where ever you are the following families are in our thought's and have our very best wishes.

The Ayoob Family	The Carl Family	The Cassar Family	The Cauchi Family
The Clark Family	The Crooks Family	The Davis Family	The Downer Family
The Edwards Family	The Farley Family	The Fleming Family	The Fry Family
The Garunovic Family	The Giir Family	The Hani Family	The Huerto Family
The Janetzki Family	The Le Family	The Lewis Family	The Lugg Family
The Massaquoi Family	The Nduwimana Family	The Nesbitt Family	The O'Connor Family
The O'Neil Family	The Peramuna Family	The Phipps Family	The Romanos Family
The Santos Family	The Searle-Borg Family	The Sega Family	The Thai Family
The Tong Family	The Turnbull Family	The Vanguargia Family	The Yacoub Family

Wishing you all Joy and Peace this Christmas.

Stay safe and best wishes

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

Friday, 13th December	- Semester 2 Reports available online
Tuesday, 17th December	- Yr 1 - 6 2020 Transition Morning
Wednesday, 18th December	- Yr 6 Graduation @ 7:00pm
Thursday, 19th December	- Students last day, dismissed @ 1:30pm
Thursday, 30th January 2020	- Prep - Yr 6 First day of School

Memorable Moments from 2019





Parish Of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton

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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



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now closed.

The uniform shop will re-open in 2020 on Wednesday, 29th January from 8:30am to 12.00pm. From Monday, 3rd February the uniform shop will be open each Monday and Wednesday morning between 8:30am - 9:00am.

Canteen

The last day for canteen lunch orders and over the counter sales will be **Tuesday, 17th December**. The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 19th December.

The canteen will reopen in 2020 from Monday,

Semester 2 Reports

Student reports will be released today, Friday 13th December through the nReports Parent Portal. Parents will receive an email notifying that student reports are ready to read. Parents can use the same Username and Password as Semester 1. If you have forgotten your password, you can

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.

Special Award - Jai Singh & Ethan Braszell

Prep A - Whole Class

Prep B - Whole Class

Prep C - Dhieu Yel & Jamie Nobin

Prep D - Whole Class

1E - Whole Class

1F - Whole Class

1H - Whole Class

2G - Whole Class

2I - Whole Class

2J - Adam Dreaver & Whole Class

3K - Natasha Puccio

3L - Ruby Jones

3N - Whole Class

4Q - Nayanik Nagur

4S - Whole Class

4U - Whole Class

5R - Erin Johnstone, Bellah Higgins & Victoria Solomon

5T - Whole Class

5V - Whole Class

6M - Manwel Ayoob



Christmas Mass Timetable 2019

St Catherine of Siena, Bulmans Rd, Melton West

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December

- ▶ **6pm Mass** [Children's Mass with Carols 30 mins beforehand]
- ▶ **8pm Mass** [Congolesse Choir]
- ▶ **10pm Mass**

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December

- ▶ **9am Mass** [9am Choir]
- ▶ **11am Mass**

**** No Mass — Thursday 26th Dec & Friday 27th Dec. ****

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. ****

Communal Sacrament of Penance

- ▶ **Saturday 7th December** 5.00pm
- ▶ **Saturday 14th December** 5.00pm

The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December – Tuesday 14 January 2020



*Please support this year's
appeal to help the Melton
branch*

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL IS NOW ON

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA OF
THE CHURCH & THE PARISH OFFICE

CATHOLICCARE TOY DRIVE 2019

CatholicCare have asked us to join their annual Christmas Toy Drive. They are asking for your help to provide joy to children within our area during the Christmas Season. We

have placed gift tags on the wall at the back of the Church—Please select a tag and purchase a suitable gift & return the wrapped gift to the Parish Office at 10 Unitt St, Melton by Friday 6 December 2019. Remember to place the tag you select on the gift!

End of Term 4

Thursday, 19th December - Students Dismissed at 1:30pm

Term 4, 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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 January 2020	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Term 1, 2020

27	28	29 *Uniform Shop open 8:30am - 12:00pm	30 *All students return to school Prep Half Day Year 1 - 6 Full Day	31 *Prep Half Day *Year 1-6 Full Day	1 February *Commitment mass for staff & new families	2 *Commitment masses for staff & new families
3 Week 2 *Preps here 9:00am - 1:30pm this week	4	5 *Beginning of year mass @ 9:15am *Preps not at	6	7	8	9
10 Week 3 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	11	12 *Preps not at school	13	14	15 *Presentation Mass for Reconciliation	16 *Presentation Masses for Reconciliation
17 Week 4 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	18	19 *Preps not at school	20	21	22	23
24 Week 5 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	25	26 *Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15am *Preps not at	27	28	29	1 March

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 to book your child in and update your bookings for each session On the day bookings will incur additional fees per session per child.

Across the last week we have enjoyed beginning our Christmas celebrations. We have enjoyed working on our Christmas Booklets, Making Pin Hole Christmas Trees and making our own Santa and Reindeers. Making our own Christmas Cookies was lots of fun and enjoyable too! We have loved playing Simpsons, Chinese Walls and Silent Ball.

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.

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. Do not forget our Vacation Care Services in Melton and Bacchus Marsh or any others that may be convenient for you and your families.

****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 11 Term 4 Activities

DAY	BSC	ASC
MONDAY 16.12	Pin Hole Christmas Tree and Silent Ball	Pin Hole Christmas Tree and Moovosity
TUESDAY 17.12	Make Santa and Red Light Green Light	Make Santa and Simpsons
WEDNESDAY 18.12	Christmas Booklets and Ickle Pickle	Christmas Booklets and Chinese Wall
THURSDAY 19.12	Reindeer Craft and Night at the Museum	Reindeer Craft and Moovosity
FRIDAY 20.12	Christmas Cookies and Musical Statues	Christmas Cookies and Hospital Tag

Week 11 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
	Yoghurt and Muesli
NOTE: All after care meals are served with a range of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables.	Salad Sandwiches
	Crackers and Dip

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



Pin Hole Christmas Trees are hard work – but the reward is something spectacular!



We love to make things and play using our imaginations!



We enjoy working hard on tasks!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2020

STAY ACTIVE, GET CREATIVE, DANCE AND MORE WITH US THESE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Melton City Council's Community Activity & Learning Centres are celebrating summer with a variety of free and low cost activities across the municipality throughout the January 2020 school holidays.

BOOK YOUR SPACE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US FOR ASSISTANCE.

meltonlearning.com.au | 03 9747 7200

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME & COST
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THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020

School Holiday Scavenger Hunt	Explore Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre while searching for clues, tackling challenges and solving riddles.	Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill	Free 11am – 3pm (drop in any time)
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TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020

Hip Hop Workshop for Kids	Learn hip hop dance moves and put it all together to family friendly catchy beats. Suitable for children aged 8-12 years.	Banchory Community Centre 17 Banchory Ave, Hillside	Free 11am – 12pm
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JANUARY 2020

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME & COST
WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020			
Dance Grooves	Keep your pre-teen kids active in this fun workshop where they will learn some funky dance moves! Suitable for children aged 8-12 years.	Hillside Community Centre Royal Crescent, Hillside	Free 10:30am – 11:30am
FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2020			
Loving Summer Family Picnic	Bring along your picnic blanket, snacks and celebrate summer with your family on the beautiful grounds of Botanica Springs.	Botanica Springs Children's & Community Centre 249 Clarkes Road, Brookfield	\$10 per family 5pm – 8pm
Shell Mosaic Workshop for Kids	Create a beach themed mosaic masterpiece to take home inspired by the summer holidays! Suitable for children aged 5-12 years.	Brookside Community Centre 17 Federation Way, Caroline Springs	\$8 per child 10:30am – 11:30am
Kids Disco	Dance the evening away to the kids' favourite tunes. Games and prizes to be won. Suitable for children aged 6-13 years.	Eynesbury Discovery Centre 479 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury	\$4 per child 6pm – 7:30pm
SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2020			
The Willows Summer of Fun Day	Join us on the stunning grounds of The Willows Historical Park for a day full of fun outdoor family activities and sports for all ages.	The Willows Historical Park Reserve Road, Melton	Free 10am – 12pm

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MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020			
Mad Science for Kids	Learn to launch your own water rocket 30 meters high into the air! Suitable for children aged 4-13 years.	Eynesbury Discovery Centre 479 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury	\$15 per child 10:30am – 11:30am
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020			
Bird's Nest Making for Kids	Learn about bird behaviours whilst making your own bird's nest to take home! Suitable for children aged 4-9 years.	Diggers Rest Community Hall 48 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest	\$5 per child 11:30am – 12:15pm
Japanese Cartooning Workshop for Kids	Learn to create Japanese cartoon or 'Manga' sea creatures using pencils and shading. Suitable for children aged 8-14 years.	Springside Children's & Community Centre 25 Becca Way, Caroline Springs	\$10 per child 11am – 12pm
Fluid Art Workshop for Kids	Create an abstract masterpiece by letting coloured acrylic paint run amok. Suitable for children aged 10-16 years.	Springside Children's & Community Centre 25 Becca Way, Caroline Springs	\$10 per child 1pm – 2pm
Bird Dance for Kids	Children will learn a variety of dance moves mimicking a range of different birds. Suitable for children aged 5-12 years.	Timbertop Community Centre Timbertop Parade, Aintree	\$7 per child 10:15am – 11am



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JANUARY 2020

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME & COST
WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020			
Multi Sports Day Fun	Children will get involved in a variety of indoor and outdoor games delivered by Reclink Australia. Suitable for children aged 3-12 years.	Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre 260 Bridge Road, Melton South	Free 10:30am – 12pm
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2020			
Mini Maestros	An active and educational music class that enhances children's development through beats, rhythms and more. Suitable for children aged 0-5 years. Bookings not required.	Eynesbury Discovery Centre 479 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury	Free 0-2 years 10am – 10:45am 3-5 years 11am – 11:45am
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020			
Mini Maestros	An active and educational music class that enhances children's development through beats, rhythms and more. Suitable for children aged 0-5 years. Bookings not required.	Springside Children's & Community Centre 25 Becca Way, Caroline Springs	Free 0-2 years 10am – 10:45am 3-5 years 11am – 11:45am



Melton Learning

MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



Monday 06 January

IN + \$17.00

SUMMERTIME FUN

INCURSION - SPLASHTASTIC FUN

Cool down with super fun Water Games this summer. It's the perfect program for kids that want to beat the heat.



Don't forget a towel and change of clothes

Tuesday 07 January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN-SERVICE

It's time to celebrate the beginning of a new year, join us for a day filled with new year fun.

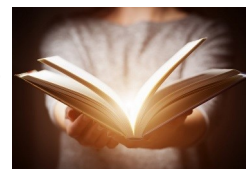


Monday 13 January

FANTASTIC FAIRYTALES

IN-SERVICE

Are you a princess or a dragon? Come with us as we explore the magical kingdom of fairytales and fantasy.

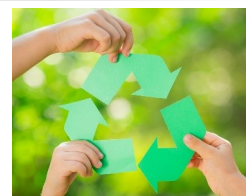


Tuesday 14 January

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

IN-SERVICE

Today we'll be transforming trash into treasures, as we design and create the most amazing things from recycled materials!



Wednesday 08 January

LET'S VISIT ITALY!

IN-SERVICE

Get your passports ready as we explore the Leaning Tower of Pisa, eat delicious pizza and learn all the wonders of Italy!



Wednesday 15 January

EX + \$37.00

WILDLIFE WARRIORS

EXCURSION - BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK

Today we will tour the Ballarat Wildlife Park



Please arrive by 8.30am

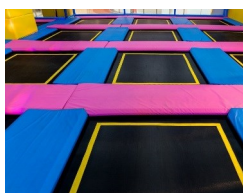
Thursday 09 January

EX + \$30.00

JUMPING JOLLY JOY

EXCURSION - LATITUDE HEIDELBERG

Bounce, Climb and Fly as you challenge yourself on the trampolines, rock walls and ropes course at Latitude Heidelberg.



Thursday 16 January

IN + \$17.00

BOOGIE WONDERLAND

INCURSION - SILENT DISCO 4 KIDS HIP HOP

Slip on the light up head phones and join us as we learn crazy hip hop dance moves for a silent disco hip hop party.



Arrive by 8.30am

Friday 10 January

MASTER ARTIST

IN-SERVICE

Paint, draw or sketch your day away as you become a master artist for the day. Will you be the next Picasso?



Friday 17 January

AMAZING ASIA

IN-SERVICE

Jump on board our flight around Asia today!



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
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- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

Passionate -



The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our build brighter futures together

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.