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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 5

February 28th 2020

Lenten Reflection

The greatest privilege God gives to you is the freedom to approach Him at any time.

You are not only authorised to speak to Him; you are invited.

You are not only permitted; you are expected.

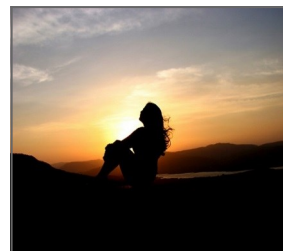
God awaits for you to communicate with Him.

You have instant, direct access to God.

God loves mankind so much, and in a very special sense His children,

that He has made himself available to you at all times.

Wesley L. Duewel



Dear Families

The start of the year is a great time to revisit our emergency procedures. Recently all staff had a refresher course in our Emergency Management plan procedures and today students practised an emergency drill situation so that, if needed in a real situation, they would be familiar with what was asked of them. These practises occur regularly throughout the year with different scenarios each time. They are necessary for children to feel confident that if a real situation occurred they would know that there would be many people there to ensure their safety. We are mindful not to overly alarm the children and stress that these drills are a practise.

With all of the events over summer it is also a good time for families to consider their own emergency arrangements in the event that a situation at home required these. Since the students participated in a drill today you may wish to consider your home emergency plan and discuss this with your children. If there is no such plan already in place you may like to visit the following SES link which has information on Home Emergency Plans as well as an Emergency Toolkit which may assist you in putting an emergency plan together. www.ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/at-home



Next week the Year 5 & 6 children will be on camp at Healesville. So that we can send the staff needed whilst still maintaining our specialist programs, we will operate on a different timetable for **next week only**. For some classes this will mean that specialist classes are on a different day so please take note of the revised timetable enclosed in this newsletter. We will return to the normal roster the following week.



Last weekend I was fortunate to be present at the official opening of the Dinka school at CRC. This was opened on the same weekend as International Mother Language Day. This day has been celebrated since 2000 as a way of highlighting the importance of maintaining mother languages. As the principal of the Dinka school said, "if we don't know our mother language we can't know ourselves"

Have a great weekend everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee for 2020 is \$350 per child. This covers booklists, all incursions and excursions (apart from sports events) art materials, physical education equipment, mathematics equipment, readers and literacy games as well as all other curriculum materials. We ask all parents to pay this fee as soon as possible. Statements will be sent out in the coming weeks.

St Catherine of Siena

This week we have received a statue of St Catherine of Siena by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. Timothy has created many beautiful statues and we are fortunate to have not only the Homeless Jesus, which sits outside the church, but miniatures of many of his statues on every prayer table in the school.

We asked Timothy to create a statue of St Catherine for the community that would capture the essence of who she was and why she is such an important figure in the Church. The statue will be permanently placed in the roundabout outside the church and thus represent the very strong and very real connection between Church and school.

The statue has many little scenes which represent significant moments in St Catherine's life and teachings. Over the coming weeks and months we will be able to explore these more fully and thus come to know St Catherine and her works much better.

I invite you all, when visiting the church or school, to take some time in visiting the statue and

MPSSA District Swimming

On Tuesday, 25th February 24 students represented St Catherine's at the district MPSSA Swimming Carnival at Melton Waves. It was a brilliant day out for everyone. All of our freestyle relay teams trying their utmost and some placed: boys 9/10yr came third, girls 9/10yr came third, girls 11yr came third and our boys 12yr came second after a very close race.

The open age Medley saw success with both our boys and girls teams placing third! Well done to the following students who placed 1st or 2nd in their individual events and will go through to Divisional level. Mia James, Oliver Dreaver, Max Barton, Hayley Wright, Riley Webster and Dayne Rose. Thank you to all the students who participated and represented our school beautifully.



Scholastic Book Club

Welcome back to another school year.

Book Club has gone out to all children this week with an attached note explaining the due date, Friday, 13th March and procedures for ordering should you wish to do so. *No late orders can be accepted.*

BookClub Co-ordinator



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: 5.00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday : 5.30pm- 5.45pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's



CRC Melton Year 7, 2022

Enrolment Applications

CRC Melton Year 7, 2022 enrolment applications are now open. All current Year 5 students have received an enrolment pack with details of the application process. Applications close on Friday, 21st August 2020. Families who do not have a child attending the College are required to attend a College Tour and have an interview with a senior staff member. **All** families will be required to attend an interview with their Parish Priest. New families to CRC Melton are required to attend a College Tour.

Register your attendance for a tour on the College

Year 5 and 6 Camp

On Monday the 2nd March our Year 5 children head off to camp in Healesville and return on Wednesday 4th March. Also on Wednesday the Year 6 children head off and will return on Friday 6th March. So that the children can be adequately supervised while on camp and participate in a range of activities additional school staff are required to attend. So that we can make these arrangements there will be changes to the specialist timetable for CAMP WEEK only. The day your child has PE, Art, Performing Arts or LoTE may change and they will not necessarily have all of these 4 subjects in this week. Please check the timetable below so that you are aware of what extra curricular specialist classes your child will have in this week and on which day. The normal specialist timetable will resume again the following week. We thank you for your co-operation in this so that camp can be a positive experience for the Year 5 & 6 children.

I will be away on camp for the whole week with the Year 5 & 6 students and staff.

Carmel Marantelli

Principal

2020 Specialist Timetable **CAMP WEEK ONLY 2nd - 6th March**

	Sport	Performing Arts	Art	LoTE
Tuesday	6P, 6N, 4U, 4Q, 3J	6O, 6P, 4Q, 4S, 3M		6N, 6O, 4S, 4U, 3L
Wednesday	1F, 3M, 4S, 3L	3J		1H, 2G, 3J, 3M
Thursday	1E, 1H, Prep A, Prep B	1H, 1F, Prep C, Prep D		1F, 1E, Prep B, Prep C
Friday	2G, 2I, 5R, 5T, 2H	2K, 2G, 5V, 5R, 3L	Prep C, Prep D, Prep B, Prep A	2I, 2K, 5T, 5V,

For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.

say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Wednesday 11th March 2020**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct SUMMER UNIFORM.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography

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e : ballarat@msp.com.au

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Freaky
Friday 13 March 2020

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



Ride2School day is back! It's Australia's biggest celebration of active travel where the community discovers the joy of riding and kick-starts healthy habits for their future. This year students are encouraged to decorate their bikes with a spooky Friday the 13th theme, take a picture and email it to Mrs Moore at kmoore@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

There are some awesome prizes up for grabs for the best dressed



Easter Raffle



Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday, 3rd March 2020.

Raffle Tickets will be \$1.00 each

We ask students to come dressed in **Casual Clothes** on Friday, 13th March and to donate either an Easter egg or bunny so we can make up our Easter hampers.

All raffle money and tickets are due back to school no later than **Friday, 20th March 2020.**

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 25th March 2020

Casual Clothes Day

Friday, 13th March 2020

Come dressed in your casual clothes and bring either an Easter egg or bunny to put towards the Easter



DO YOU HOLD A VALID HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CSE [CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS] PAYMENT

- ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL PROCESSES THE APPLICATION, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARD HOLDER TO APPLY AND SUBMIT THE FORM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CARD BY **MONDAY, JUNE 25 2018**



Health Care Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

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Expires **21 JAN 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 1
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 2
CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME
DEPENDENT 1
DEPENDENT 2
DEPENDENT 3
DEPENDENT 4
DEPENDENT 5
CARD START 22 JUL 201X LI

Signature of cardholder

This card is NOT transferable humanservices.gov.au/healthcarecard

Issued by the Australian Government Department of Human Services on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



Keep this card with you

This card should be used when claiming concessions provided by Australian Government and state and territory governments and accounts from some private providers.

Eligibility for state, territory and private provider concessions is determined by the concession provider.

Important

- This card cannot be used after its expiry date or if you have been told by us to destroy it.
- This card is not transferable.
- You must advise us within 14 days of any changes to your circumstances that are likely to affect your entitlement to this card.

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Pensioner Concession Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Signature of cardholder

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VICTORIA

Expires **31 AUG 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS

CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME
CHILD ONE 111-111-111A
CHILD TWO 111-111-111A
CHILD THREE 111-111-111A
Card start 01 Jan 201X DSP

111-111-111A

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award for the beginning of the school year. These awards will be presented at our Monday morning assembly. Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Jayden Delos Santos

2K - Brody Cooney

Prep B - Indiana Calleja

3J - Leighton Timmis

Prep C - Cyrus Robins

3L - AJ Leota-Seiuli Seufatu

Prep D - Dau Dau

3M - Liko Westerlund

1E - Nolan D'Silva

4Q - Ella Evans

1F - Gabrienna Dominic-Lea'Ana

4S - Monique Kalutha

1H - Sage Thompson

4U - Alannah Raic

2G - Deng Akot

6N - Ava Sliwa

2I - Akot Are

6O - Hayley Wright

Term 1 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Week 6 *Monday Morning Assembly *Preps at school 5 days	3 *Year 5/6 Camp	4 *Year 5/6 Camp	5 *Year 5/6 Camp	6 *Year 5/6 Camp	7	8 2nd Sunday of Lent
9 Week 7 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 *MPSSA Divisional Swimming	11 *School Photos	12 *Reconciliation Reflection Evening	13 *Ride to School Day	14	15 3rd Sunday of Lent
16 Week 8 *Monday Morning Assembly *Catholic Education Week & Art Exhibition this week *Parent/Teacher Interviews	17 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	18 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	19 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm - 8pm	20 *Yr 6 Summer Lightening Premiership *National Day of Action against Bullying	21	22 4th Sunday of Lent
23 Week 9 *Monday Morning Assembly	24 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	25 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	26 *Reconciliation @ 7pm	27 *Stations of the Cross *Last day of Term 1 - Students dismissed @1:30pm	28	29 5th Sunday of Lent
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 Palm Sunday
6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11	12 Easter Sunday



Is your Lollipop person the sweetest? School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Award

As part of our commitment to the ongoing safety of your students, School Crossing's Victoria, together with your local council, is looking for the 'Supervisor of the Year' 2019/2020.

There are seven regions across the state. A winner will be selected in each region, and the overall winner, will be selected from the regional winners. The winner of the 2017/2018 Supervisor of the Year is Margaret Coulson from the City of Greater Geelong and School Crossing's Victoria would like to enlist your help to boost this year's nominations.

It is our goal to reach as many parents, residents and school staff as possible and by involving them in the nomination process encourage all road users to think about, and reward, the active role the Supervisors play in the safety of their children.

Your support of this program will help ensure your Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve.

Nominations are open now, and close on Friday, 8th May 2020 go to the School Crossings Victoria website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au and complete an online nomination.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will be able to support this initiative.

NEWSLETTER

A message from the Coordinator

Hello Families,

This week was a fantastic week as we had an increase in bookings. It was great to have more children in the program getting involved in the activities and experiences planned and being able to work with larger groups of children. Enrolling with OSHClub is easy and completely free, just head to our website oshclub.com.au and click register. Once enrolled, you can manage your bookings and cancellations with ease online or via the Kidsoft app. As of this week, some of you may have noticed I have begun to train Jamie who will be covering my maternity leave position as of Tuesday 10th March. Jamie has worked for OSHClub for over a year now. She is currently studying her Diploma in School Aged Care through a traineeship with OSHClub. Jamie has worked with myself and Zoe since starting with OSHClub and is looking forward to becoming part of the school community. Please feel free to come into the service, meet the educators and have a look at the service at any stage to see if OSHClub may be beneficial for you and your family moving forward.

We look forward to meeting you ? ?

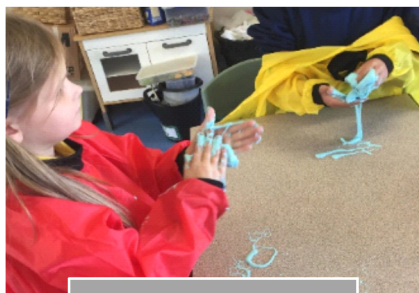
Program Coordinator

Allison Parr

OSHClub News

This week has been a great week as our bookings have increased and therefore given us the opportunity to engage in larger group activities. Highlights of this week included finger painting, making slime, the coke and mentos science experiment, skittle run and we learnt the process of making paper. Moving into next week, we plan to bring in some cooking activities and explore how we can use food in a colourful, fun way. We hoping to have some more outdoor experiences next week, depending on the weather. We look forward to exploring and engaging in loads more fun ? ?

Please see below some photos of the experiences had this week.



Making Slime



Making Paper



Finger Painting

Next Week Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Care	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Pancakes. Yogurt and Oats.	Rice bubbles, Wheat Bix, Cheerio's and Cornflakes. Toast with assorted spreads. Yogurt and Oats.
After School Care	Rice Crackers with Assorted Dips. Fruit Bowl.	Penne Bolognese. Assorted Fruit Platter.	Saladas with Assorted Spreads. Fruit Salad.	Tuna or Vegetarian Sushi. Fruit Bowl.	Yogurt and Oats. Assorted Fruit Platter.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child.



DATES AND LOCATIONS

All sessions will run between 6pm and 8pm

KINDERGARTEN

ADDRESS

MONDAY 23 MARCH

Brookside Kindergarten	17-20 Federation Way, Caroline Springs
Springside Kindergarten	22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs
Timbertop Kindergarten	1 Timbertop Parade, Aintree
Melton Uniting Kindergarten	15-19 Yuille Street, Melton
Bellevue Hill Kindergarten	14 Royal Crescent, Hillside
Burnside Kindergarten	23 Lexington Drive, Burnside

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

Botanica Springs Kindergarten	246 Clarke Road, Brookfield West
Kororoit Creek Kindergarten	130 Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights
Kingsway Kindergarten	1 Kingsway, Melton
Parkwood Green Kindergarten	88-94 Catherine Drive, Hillside

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Arnolds Creek Kindergarten	19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness
Cambrian Kindergarten	58-66 Cambrian Way, Melton West
Bridge Road Kindergarten	260-266 Bridge Road, Strathulloh
Taylor's Hill Kindergarten	58-60 Jacaranda Drive, Taylor's Hill
Creekside Kindergarten	3-37 The Crossing, Caroline Springs
Mt Carberry Kindergarten	31-41 Exford Road, Melton South
Fraser Rise Kindergarten	46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Melton Central Kindergarten	237-239 Station Road, Melton
Brookfield Kindergarten	14-16 Black Dog Drive, Brookfield
Melton West Kindergarten	2 West Melton Drive, Melton West
Rockbank Kindergarten	26 Old Leakes Road, Rockbank
Diggers Rest Kindergarten	48-66 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest

For more information please email:
earlyyearsworkshops@melton.vic.gov.au

2021 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 18 March 2020.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS MONTH

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child.



KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

When Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2020

Time 6pm to 8pm. Dates and locations are listed overleaf. Bookings for open week not required.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn everything you need to know about the 4 year old Kindergarten enrolment process for 2021.

A Location: Melton Library and Learning Hub

Date Wednesday 11 March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinderA.eventbrite.com.au

B Location: Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub

Date Wednesday 18 March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinderB.eventbrite.com.au





MELTON HOCKEY CLUB

The Melton Hockey Club aims to provide a family friendly atmosphere for children and adults to enjoy their hockey- whether it be as a player, spectator or both.

Hockey is for all ages!

The Melton Hockey Club has teams to suit players, new or returning, for all ages over 5 yrs old.

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