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## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8

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One of the reasons why schools have been kept open by governments across Australia, on the basis of the advice from the health and medical experts, is that people remaining in their routine daily activities, whilst decreasing non-essential social and mass gathering activities, will decrease the opportunities for spread in our community, including those to teachers.

There is evidence that children in households may be infected by adults within the households, which is why all household contacts of confirmed cases are placed into home isolation when a case is confirmed. This will continue throughout the COVID-19 response.

Thus far, approximately 2% of total cases in China have been in children, and there have been no deaths in children under 10 years with very few hospitalisations. There is emerging evidence indicates that the people who are most unwell, and most symptomatic are more infectious than those with very mild or minimal symptoms.

There is not widespread community transmission at this point, and levels of COVID-19 illness are likely to be very low. Children who are at all unwell are advised to be at home, and schools and teachers should exclude any unwell children who present to school. Any children with undetected symptoms are likely to be minimally infectious.

At this point there is no evidence of any school clusters where infections were driven by the student population or student introductions. The evidence is reviewed daily and advice will continue to be tailored to the evidence. Any change in policy advice will consider the risk to teachers as well as the broader community.

**Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton**  
Victorian Chief Health Officer  
Health Protection Branch

19/03/2020

## Harmony Day Reflection

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.

Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.

And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories. Amen.



Dear Families,

We have had a very unusual start to the year with many events to attend to from bushfires, severe storms and now COVID 19 or Coronavirus. The Prime Minister has banned large gatherings of people which has meant the cancellation of many events including the Catholic Education Week mass for schools we were to attend on Tuesday. This ban does not extend to individual schools and universities so at this stage and until notified otherwise we remain open. I have included on the front of this newsletter a letter from Professor Brent Sutton, Victorian Chief Health Medical Officer which explains some of the reasoning's for schools remaining open. In all decisions made we are guided by the advice from both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Catholic Education Office. Their latest advice is -

- \*unless a confirmed case of COVID 19 is identified in the school community there is no need to close
- \*students or staff should self-isolate from the school if they are a confirmed case of novel coronavirus OR if they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.
- \*all students should be attending school unless directed not to by the CECV, Victoria's Chief Health Officer or Australia's Chief Medical Officer.
- \*activities such as camps and excursions have been cancelled with only required personnel allowed access to the school
- \*unwell students and staff should remain at home until symptoms resolve, children who come to school sick will be sent home as is our usual practice
- \*practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence.
  - ◆cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing (or cough into your elbow).
  - ◆dispose of the tissue into a bin and wash your hands afterwards.
  - ◆wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet and before eating.

These are very difficult times for everyone and I understand the angst and anxiety felt by all in the community. I have elderly parents myself and am equally concerned for them as everyone is for their own families. It is essential that we all try as best we can to remain calm and be kind to ourselves and each other in what we do and especially in what we say. At all times in our past when we have faced adversity Australians have pulled together and supported each other, we need to do that again and remain as one.

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.

# Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



Stay germ free and healthy

# Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



Stay germ free and healthy



Dear parents, guardians and carers

## **Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the

[Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

**Carmel Marantelli**

**Principal**

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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

As of 19th March 2020 **ALL MASSES** (including Sunday services) have been **SUSPENDED** until further notice due to the COVID-19 direction issued by The Bishops of the Province of Victoria. We will continue to provide updates via the Parish website and Parish Facebook page as they become available.

W: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>

 [catholicparishmelton](https://www.facebook.com/catholicparishmelton)



## The Sacrament of Penance

Please note the Sacrament of Penance has been postponed until further notice. We will communicate arrangements to you as they become available.



## **Easter Raffle**

**Raffle tickets are \$1 each**

All raffle money and tickets are now due back at school

**The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 25th March.**



## **Canteen News**

The last day for lunch orders and over the counter sales this term will be Thursday, 26th March.

The canteen will be **closed** on Friday, 27th March.



## **WRITE 4 FUN**

Entry in NOW OPEN in the 2020 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their Poems or Short Stories and battle it out for great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from all grades are welcome to enter.

Enter online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)



## **Uniform Update**

Winter uniform stock is now available in the **uniform shop**. Wearing the winter uniform is compulsory during term 2 and 3. The uniform shop is open every, **Monday and Wednesday from 8:30am - 9:00am**

\*\*\*Please note EFTPOS facilities **are not available** in the uniform shop\*\*\*



## **Stations of the Cross - The Movie**

Please note that due to the gathering restrictions currently in place the Stations of the Cross Movie will not be viewed by the whole school community. Students will still have the opportunity to watch the movie created by the Year 6's during their regular class time on Friday, 27th March.



**End of Term 1 - Friday, 27th March**

**Students Dismissed at 1:30pm**



# WINNERS!



*Freaky*  
Friday 13 March 2020

**NATIONAL  
RIDE2SCHOOL  
DAY**





# CONGRATULATIONS

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

Prep A - Noah King

3L - Vee Schwartz

Prep B - Moses Chol

3M - Christian Taleski

Prep D - Piath Ngong

4Q - Sinon Fernando

1E - Nandana Davis

4S - Wel Anyar

1F - Mason Gillespie

4U - Kareena Allen

1H - Emma McIntyre

5R - Mary Chol

2G - Diyar Matti

5V - Mou Deng

2I - Julia Tat

6N - Lucia Mwaka

2K - Jack Tidore-Stone

6O - Georgia Galileos

3J - Paige Farrugia

6P - Jessica Monteagle

## Term 1 & 2 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 Week 9	24	25	26	27 *Last day of Term 1 - Students dismissed @1:30pm	28	29 5th Sunday of Lent
30	31	1 April	2	3	4	5 Palm Sunday
6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11	12 Easter Sunday
13 Easter Monday	14 Week 1 *Term 2 Begins	15	16	17	18	19
20 Week 2	21	22 2021 Enrolment Information Night 7pm	23 *Prep 2021 School Tours	24 *SCHOOL CLOSURE	25	26
27 Week 3	28	29 *St Catherine of Siena Feast Day	30	1 May	2	3
4 Week 4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## A message from the Coordinator

Hello Families,

This week has quietened down a bit due to the Corona Virus. At this stage OSHClub will be running unless the school shuts down, we have been putting information up around the room about the Covid-19 about good hygiene and ways of preventing yourself and families from catching it. This week the children have been getting involved in all the activities which is good. Next week being the last week of term we will be doing more art and craft and fun activities that the children are interested in.

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**Program Coordinator**

**Jamie Sobotnicki**

## OSHClub News

This week has been a good week, with the weather being a bit warmer, giving us the opportunity to go outside a few days. This week we have been celebrating St Patrick's day and Harmony day trying to get involved in some community activities. The children have been enjoying the activities we have planned and that they have suggested. The highlights of this week has been the Ball cup game, using a balloon, plastic cup and a pom pom, Animaes colouring in for the QIP display, and our Harmony day and St Patrick's day display having the handprints, joint people and 4 leaf clovers.

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



Balloon, cup and  
pompom



Harmony day display



Colouring in Animaes

## 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 cakes with assorted spreads Fruit Bowl.	Veggie pasta, Assorted Fruit Platter.	Pizza's Fruit Salad.	Chicken noodle soup Fruit Bowl.	Salada's with assorted spreads Assorted Fruit Platter.

Fruit and Water are always on offer for the children during attendance at the program.





**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**- WINTER UNIFORM ORDER FORM -**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOYS - Daily, except sports day**

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
TROUSERS								\$32.00	

**BOYS SPORTS DAY ONLY**

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
TRACKPANTS								\$25.00	

**GIRLS - Daily, except sports day**

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
TUNIC - CHECK								\$50.00	
TROUSERS - CHECK								\$40.00	

**GIRLS SPORTS DAY ONLY**

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
TRACKPANTS								\$27.00	

**Miscellaneous for both boys and girls**

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
POLO SHIRT - Short Sleeve								\$25.00	
POLO SHIRT - Long Sleeve								\$27.00	
WINDCHEATER								\$35.00	
SCHOOL JACKET <i>[Optional]</i>								\$65.00	
ART SMOCK	S		M		L			\$17.00	
SCHOOL BAG								\$40.00	

**TOTAL ORDER**

**Presentation of Uniform:**

All students are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform, at all times.

Black shoes are to be worn daily, except on sports days - runners are to be worn.

Socks - navy.

Jewellery: a watch can be worn. Earrings are to be plain studs/small sleepers only.

Hair - long hair to be tied up in black/brown hair-tie, with or without a blue/yellow ribbon.

No Nail polish.

**UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 8.30AM - 9.00AM**  
**PAYMENT BY CASH & PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF ORDER**