



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5

May 15th 2020

### Reflection

I have recently started reading a book called "Phosphorescence: on Awe, Wonder and Things That Sustain You When the World Goes Dark ". While I have only read a few chapters to date, I am finding it a particularly engaging text and thought I'd share part of it with you as this weeks reflection.

*"In Australia, the dawn is an arsonist who pours petrol along the horizon, throws a match on it and watches it burn. The sun's rise and the sun's retreat bookend our days with awe. We often take awe for granted, and yet it's something both modern scientists and ancient philosophers have told us to hunt....Being awestruck dwarfs us, humbles us, makes us aware that we are part of a universe unfathomably larger than ourselves. ...Wonder is a similar sensation and the two feelings are often entwined. Wonder makes us stop and ask questions about the world, while marvelling over something we have not seen before, whether spectacular or mundane.....In my own quest to become phosphorescent - in which I lost myself many times in dark holes and swamps - it was awe and wonder that I kept returning to, and the quiet healing properties of nature: the forest, the sea and the creatures the contain"* Julia Baird



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The last few weeks of flexible and remote learning have been challenging for everyone in education. It has been a difficult period for teachers, students and families as we have all adjusted to new ways of learning and teaching.

The transition has not been an easy one at times for families or teachers, but where we have been successful, it is because, as parents and carers, we are partners in achieving the best learning outcomes and have worked together.

So, I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of the school and our staff, to offer my thanks for the support you have provided during this transition. To the many families who have responded so promptly to the emails and requests for permissions and survey responses; this has assisted us in best meeting the needs of the students and their families in a timely manner.

I have been inspired by the commitment and energy shown by parents and teachers in educating our students, and this is reflected in the innovative and creative ways we have come together to ensure continuity of education. Seesaw and Google have been a useful tool for the majority of students in accessing not only the curriculum and activities posted, but also timely feedback from staff on their posts as well as the facility for conversations between families and staff for clarification.

Video chats have been terrific, not least because it has given children a real connection with their teacher and classmates and has provided the opportunity for more effective and real time support for students in completing their learning tasks. Staff have become very creative in what they post, initiatives such as Mastermind in Year 3 to inspire maths problem solving; different staff reading to our juniors and sharing their favourite stories, parents and children setting up fitness circuits in their backyards with resources available to them and sharing what's growing in their garden as part of the Kitchen Garden program. Examples like this show how our school community is supporting each other through this period.

Meeting this challenge and working through the associated issues together has strengthened the partnership between St Catherine of Siena and our community, which can only sustain us through the learning and teaching of the weeks and months to come. That partnership is, and will continue to be, the foundation of a high-quality Catholic education.

We wish you all to know that we are here for you and, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us as we are available to help during this challenging period.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and God bless

Carmel Marantelli  
PRINCIPAL

## Returning to School

On Tuesday, Daniel Andrews announced a staggered return to school this term, the details of this announcement are:

\*Monday, 25th May - staff return to school for a PUPIL FREE DAY

\*Tuesday, 26th May - Prep - Year 2 return to school along with children who have been at school for the past weeks doing Remote Learning at school and other children whose parents are now returning to work. If you believe you fit into this category and wish your Year 3-6 children to return to school prior to June 9th please send me an email at [principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) with the details of your situation.

- Any children in Prep - Year 2 whose parents chose not to send them back to school will NOT have the opportunity for Remote Learning from the 25th May. This was only ever for the time children could not be at school so once they return teachers will be teaching face to face. Children still at home will now be classed as absent from school.

\*Monday, 8th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

\*Tuesday, 9th June - Year 3 - Year 6 return to school

- Any children in Year 3 - Year 6 whose parents chose not to send them back to school will NOT have the opportunity for Remote Learning from the Friday, 5th June. This was only ever for the time children could not be at school so once they return teachers will be teaching face to face. Children still at home will now be classed as absent from school.

\*Children will be dropped off at the front of the school where staff will be on duty. Arrangements for this will be sent out shortly.

\*Sanitiser is available in all classrooms and offices so every child/staff member entering a space throughout the day, returning from the bathroom will need to use this.

\*Children in Year 3-6 who are at school prior to 9th June will still be participating in Remote Learning on Seesaw/Google so will be completing the same activities as those children still at home. These children will be in their classroom **supervised** by their teacher.

\*At this stage children are not able to bring their own sport/play equipment to school. We will have a supply of equipment they can use at break times and we have a process for cleaning this after use.

\*Access to the school for parents and visitors will be limited to essential visits only and all visitors will need to complete safety measures prior to entering. At this stage there will be **NO school canteen** until further notice.

\*Once **all children** return to school there may need to be a staggered start and finish time, we will notify you of this if it becomes necessary.

## Reports

We hope to get Semester 1 school reports out to parents and carers by the end of this term. However with the staggered return to school we will only have all children back from the 9th June, which is only a few weeks prior to the end of term, so reports may need to be pushed out to the beginning of Term 3. These reports will not be as comprehensive as they have been in the past due to the transition to Remote Learning in Term 2. Our focus will be on giving you a report which comments on your child's achievements in Religious Education, English and Mathematics in Term 1, a summary of the content covered in these 3 areas throughout Term 2 and a comment on your child's mindset and engagement in Remote Learning throughout Term 2. A more detailed explanation of the report and the reasons for these changes will come out with the report.

## Wellbeing News

Next Monday Ms Lorraine MacDonald joins the staff of St Catherine of Siena as our Wellbeing Leader. Lorraine has worked in schools in this capacity before and comes to us from Catholic Education Melbourne where she was a Wellbeing Leader and advisor to schools. Lorraine has extensive experience in both the Wellbeing area and also with the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) process of gathering evidence and maintaining student support programs used by CEM Melbourne. She will have an opportunity to meet with Kristie Browning so that an effective handover from last year to now can take place. Once settled in we will organise a process for Lorraine to touch base with families - hopefully this will be able to be face to face but that will depend on what restrictions are still in place.

During this time of restriction and isolation one of the most challenging things is how to cope with the isolation and not being able to see, play with, touch, hug loved ones and friends. For some of us this is easier to cope with than others; having said that even those who may be coping could have days that are more of a challenge than others. The following link and web address are to a presentation by Dr Michael Carr Gregg, a child and adolescent psychologist. I encourage you to watch the presentation if you are concerned about how your child is coping during this time or to call the school to talk to school staff so we can direct you to support services. [Special Report 1: \( https://schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary \)](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary) **Wellbeing Checklist for Primary: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments are conducted in early May each year in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9. This year due to the COVID 19 restrictions and Remote Schooling these assessments have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled for another time in 2020. At this stage they will be reinstated in 2021. For parents of children in Year 5 in 2020 the NAPLAN assessment would normally be asked for when enrolling your child into secondary school so you will be unable to provide this this year.

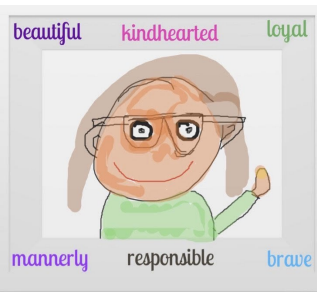
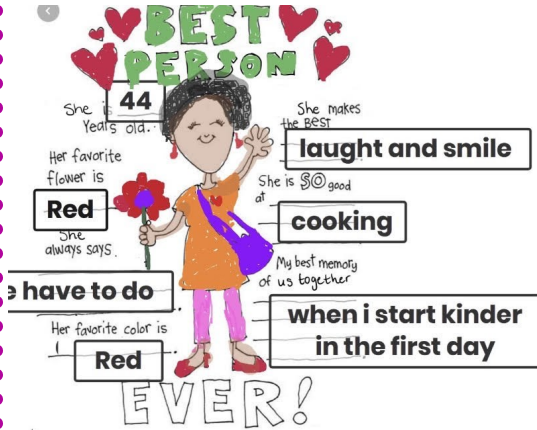
## Uniforms

As we head into the colder months and return to school, children will be wearing WINTER UNIFORMS. Throughout Term 2 the school has been effectively closed and the Uniform Shop has been unavailable. To assist you in obtaining uniform items we have created a Uniform Shop email address so that you can email your orders through, they will be filled and you will be contacted to arrange payment and pickup. As the Uniform Shop does not have EFTPOS capability, payment will still need to be made with cash. Orders can be emailed to Annette at [uniform@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniform@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au)



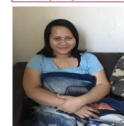
No matter how you all celebrated on Sunday, we hope it was **AMAZING!**

Check out how our families celebrated in 2020



I love my mum so much because her and my dad sacrifices everything for us to make sure that we have a better future.

Add your photo here:



My mum is such a beautiful, brave, and kindhearted mother.

She always clean the house and do our laundry.

My mother taught us how to pray, be kind and love one another.

She works and cook delicious food for us.

Sometimes she feels sick but she never give up and she has to be strong for us.

I'm so blessed and grateful to have a loveable and humble mother like my mum!





## For the love of Reading... National Simultaneous Storytime 2020

Snuggle in and listen to the Australian Award Winning text Chicken Divas by Lucinda Glifflord.

Students at school will be listening live on Wednesday, 27th of May and those at home, including younger siblings and families can listen on SeeSaw or on our FaceBook page.



### 2021 Prep Enrolments

#### 2021 Enrolments are now OPEN!!

Email [office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) to request an enrolment pack. All siblings of current students as well as all new applicants are required to have an enrolment application lodged.

### Caremonkey eForms

All families have been sent an eform permission for students to participate in video conferencing with their teacher. This is an important way of connecting and enhancing learning at home. Eforms must be signed before students can join video conference calls. Please ensure you are checking your emails regularly and respond to all Caremonkey notices and permissions before the closing date.



### Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

#### 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>

 Parish Facebook Page

 Parish Instagram Page



## Term 2, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
18 Week 6	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Week 7 *Student Free Day	26 *Prep / Yr 1 / Yr 2 students Return to School	27 *National Simultaneous	28	29	30	31
1 June Week 8	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Week 9 Queens Birthday	9 *Yr 3 - Yr 6 Students Return to school	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 10	16	17	18	19	20	21

# OSHC AT HOME

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- Activity Sheet
- Video Activity
- Reading Corner
- Challenge
- Live Stream
- STEM
- Art & Craft
- Mindfulness
- Physical Activity
- Cooking

- Hands On
- Hands Off
- All Ages
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-12

## WEEKLY PLANNER

### MONDAY

#### NAUGHTS & CROSSES MOOVOSITY

Challenge your family to a larger than life game of naughts and crosses, let the race begin.



#### MAKE YOUR OWN CLOUD DOUGH

Dip your hands in for some guaranteed sensory fun with some silky touch dough.



#### GLITTER TORNADOES IN A JAR

How does a tornado move? Join Dave and make your own glitter tornado in a jar.



### TUESDAY

#### BALLOON CAR SUPREME INCURSIONS

Create a balloon car and watch the car move forward as you release the air from the balloon.



#### LOOSE PARTS PLAY

Gather up household objects for some loose parts play with Chantelle - bring your creativity and imagination!



#### ALL OF US DANCE CLASS BY CDI

Join Creative Dance Industries as we learn all the moves to the song "All of Us".



### WEDNESDAY

#### PEG TIGGY MOOVOSITY

Collect the most pegs to win! Try this active game with your family for some movement fun.



#### KID'S KITCHEN: NICE CREAM

Mmmm who doesn't love "Nice Cream". Join Christine in the kitchen to make yum Banana Choc Nice Cream.



#### WILDLIFE SCIENTISTS LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY

Join Wildlife educator Kayla as we explore all the different body coverings that animals have.



### THURSDAY

#### MOVEMENT MEDITATION

Christine will take you through a short meditation to ground yourself and allow stillness back into your body.



#### BOTTLE FLIP CHALLENGE MOOVOSITY

Can you complete the challenge? Flip the bottle and land it on your target.



#### LEAF ANIMALS

Let's head out into nature and collect some natural materials to create some realistic animals.



### FRIDAY

#### AFRICAN DANCING

Join Fil and Ty as we Safari through Africa and learn some energetic new dance moves.



#### LAVA LAMP CREATION

Bring out your curiosity today as you make your own lava lamp. What do you think makes the bubbles?



#### ZULA PATROL STARR'S PLANETARIUM

Hop on board the time machine for an outer space adventure brought to you by Starr's Planetarium.



# OSHC AT HOME

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## INTRODUCING OSHC AT HOME POWERED BY OSHCLUB!

We are so excited to be able to share our free, new OSHC at Home program with your school community. Whether you're an OSHClub regular or you've never attended our service, we know that spending more time at home now than ever before may mean you're looking for fun and innovative activities for your child. Well, we've got you covered.

If you're working (and schooling) from home or are after ideas for things to do on the weekend, our OSHC at Home program will give you the tools to keep your little one entertained in these challenging times.

## WHAT IS OSHC AT HOME?

OSHC at Home powered by OSHClub is a weekly plan filled to the brim with a range of awesome, engaging activities especially for school-aged children. From STEM and cooking activity sheets, to seeing some familiar faces taking you through meditation or art and craft video activities in your own home - you'll have plenty to choose from. Many of these activities come from our wonderful educators, so when you can't come to us, we'll come to you and bring the OSHC fun home.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up for OSHC at home is easy - and FREE! Simply click the link below to subscribe and your OSHC at Home planner will be delivered to your inbox each week. We've also attached a sample planner for you to check out and see if OSHC at Home is for you.

What are you waiting for? Join the OSHC at Home fun today.

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