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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 7

May 29th 2020

Pentecost Reflection

The creative Spirit is not enclosed within boundaries which we construct, but is at work in artists, writers, engineers, teachers ... in all of us who are alive with the Spirit, sharing in the creative life of God. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom

Spirit of God, come as light to waiting minds.

Spirit of God, come as fire and kindle a flame of love in our hearts.

Spirit of God, come as morning dew to refresh us.

Spirit of God, come as the gentle breeze and fill us with your life-giving power.

Amen



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Starting back at school this week was a big thing for the Preps - Year 2s and their families, especially after such an extended period at home where uniforms weren't worn and if the day didn't start at 9am that was okay, they could catch up throughout the day. Coming back to the routine of school was a big step and for some it was like starting over again. The added challenge of walking in by themselves without parents or other family members made this even more challenging for some. For most the distraction of bubbles, glitter wands and huge animal balloons was enough and they were back in familiar territory again - classmates and teachers with them and back in their own class spaces.

While our juniors have come back to school and core curriculum areas will be covered, our first priority is ensuring that all children have the support they need to transition back. Wellbeing activities, social stories and circle time routines will be more prevalent than usual in their first weeks back. If you have any concerns about how your child may be transitioning back, please contact your child's teacher or Lorraine MacDonald, our Wellbeing Leader so they can support you with this.

As I have said many times throughout this term, these have been challenging times, however the support and willingness to go with us on this Remote Learning journey has been enormous. It wasn't always smooth sailing and we didn't always get it right the first time, but everyone had the mindset that each and every one of us was trying to do their very best in a difficult situation and together we were able to find productive ways forward. Thank you for your support during this time and the accommodations I know you have had to make at home with your own work and schedule to allow Remote Learning to work.

To limit the number of adults gathering at gates in the afternoon we have had a process of pick up whereby children with surnames A-K are dismissed at 3pm while those with L-Z are dismissed at 3:15pm. (Siblings with different surnames will go by the eldest sibling surname.) This has been largely successful and will continue for the next few weeks. Drop off in the morning will continue as it was this week also, with children dropped at one of the 4 external gates and no parent/family access. **So your child knows which gate to be picked up from we have given them all a key tag today; please write the gate number on this, place it on their bag and we will ensure they are at the correct gate for pick up.**

We may need to refine these procedures as more children return to school so we ask for your continued support and patience as we work to keep everyone safe during this time.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and God bless

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all Parents/Guardians for your cooperation and support as we settle the junior students back into school. Our pick up procedures will remain the same for next week. Please ensure all students have a raincoat or waterproof jacket in their schoolbag which they can use in the event it is raining at dismissal time.



Returning to School for year 3 - 6

Children in Years 3 - 6 will return to school on Tuesday 9th June.

Any children in these years who were at school for the last 7 weeks can continue to participate in Remote Learning at school until the 9th June. These children will be in their classroom **supervised** by their teacher.

Children whose parents have now returned to work and who have no one to supervise them at home can also return to school early. Please contact me to discuss your situation in this case.

Children considered vulnerable can also return to school prior to the 9th June. Please contact me to discuss your situation in this case.

IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 8th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY*

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

- Any children in Year 3 - Year 6 whose parents choose 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.

*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.

*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.

Phone Calls

During this time of Remote Learning staff have had many occasions where they have had to contact parents by phone while they have been working from home. In most cases this was with their number blocked and we appreciate parents answering these calls so that we could speak to you and support your child. Sometimes staff have forgotten to hide their number and so parents and carers have access to staff private mobile numbers. If this is the case I ask that you honour the privacy of that staff member and not use this number to contact them.

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.

Uniforms

My apologies to all parents and carers who tried earlier in the week to email the uniform email account to place their order. There was an issue with this account and it was only working internally and not externally; our technician has since fixed this issue. All uniform orders can now be emailed to Annette at the following email address and she will process your order and contact you to arrange pick up and payment. Sorry for the inconvenience this has caused many of you. uniform@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

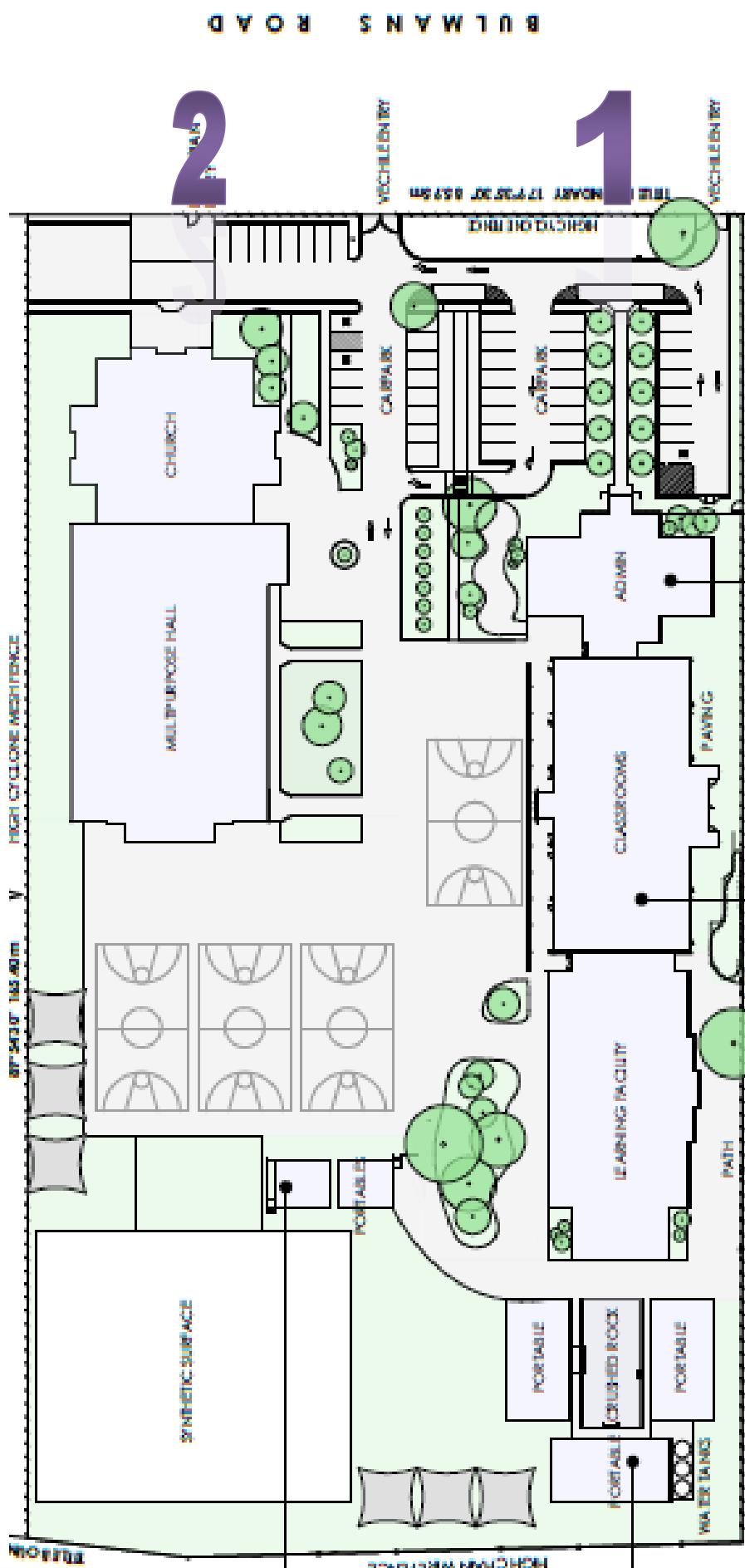
Drop Off and Pick Up Areas

ALL Family members dropping off and picking up children are asked to adhere to social distancing requirements. Please see the map with the gates numbered.

Drop Off = Drop off can occur at any one of the 4 numbered gates in the morning; each gate will be supervised by a staff member.

Pick Up = Pick Up will be at 3pm A-K and 3:15pm L-Z

- = Parents wait in the park outside gates 3 & 4 and children will come out to you. They will be supervised while waiting by a staff Member
- = Parents can enter Gate 1 (ENTRY ONLY) and walk along the driveway towards Gate 2 (EXIT ONLY). Children will be in family groups and go to parents as they reach the head of the line. All exits here will be through Gate 2
- = Staff will be supervising gate 1 & 2 as well as the children waiting



FRONT OF SCHOOL GATES

Gate 1 is under the electronic sign and directly in front of the new administration building

Gate 2 is directly in front of the church on the CRC side of the pedestrian crossing

SIDE OF SCHOOL GATES

Gate 3 is on the park side of the new administration building

Gate 4 is half way down the length of the school on the park side

Scholiastic Book Club

Issue 4 Book Club has been sent home with junior students this week. For senior students still learning from home please use the link to access the latest issue and follow the instructions for ordering online.

Scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents

All orders must be submitted online by Friday, 5th June.

*****No late orders can be accepted*****



Uniform Update

For all uniform orders please email uniform@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

The winter uniform consists of;

Girls

Navy check tunic or trousers, yellow long sleeve polo shirt WITH school logo, navy blue school windcheater WITH school logo, navy tights, black leather shoes, school jacket (optional).

Boys

Blue trousers, yellow long sleeve polo shirt WITH school logo, navy blue school windcheater WITH school logo, navy socks, black leather shoes, school jacket (optional)

*****EFTPOS facilities are not available, payment is by CASH ONLY in the uniform shop*****



2021 Enrolments

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE!

When lodging an application copies of your child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and Baptism certificate must be attached along with any VISA or legal documents if these are applicable.

All siblings of current students as well as all new applicants are required to have an enrolment application lodged.

Reading Eggs

We are excited to be trialling ABC Reading Eggs at St Catherine's. All Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have access.

Reading Eggs is an online reading program that helps children learn to read with hundreds of online reading lessons, phonics games and books. The program is highly interactive and personalised designed to build your child's reading skills at their own pace on a fun and safe digital platform.

Your child can access ABC Reading Eggs at home on a desktop computer or a tablet device. To use ABC Reading Eggs at home, go to app.readingeggs.com/login. Enter your child's login details. All children have been assigned a login.

Please contact your child's teacher for login or for further details contact Bernadette Parnis bparnis@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au



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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>

 Parish Facebook Page

 Parish Instagram Page



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award for this week. These awards were presented to students at school today.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Mayeno Bith	1F - Sean Magro
Prep B - Taylah Crabtree	1H - Lucy Wa Kisubi
Prep C - Whole Class	2G - Whole Class
Prep D - Archie Jones	2I - Whole Class
1E - Mireille Irakoze	2K - Whole Class

Term 2, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 June Week 8	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Week 9 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	9 *Yr 3 - 6 Return to school. Welcome Back We've Missed You	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 10	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Week 11	23	24	25	26 Last Day of Term 2 - Students dismissed at 1:30pm	27	28
29	30	1 July	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12



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 AMOUNT

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

Vacation Care Program

Winter 2020



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm.

Monday to Friday, during school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathulloh.

Cost

\$72.50 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Monday, 1 June 2020

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 19 June 2020

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Contact

E: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9747 7200

Website: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 29 June

Incursion Charge \$23

Messy Monday

Giant bubbles, slime, and more. It's time to get messy!

Tuesday, 30 June

Funky Foods

Today is all about food. We will plant seeds to grow winter vegetables and cook something yummy for lunch.

Wednesday, 1 July

Book Day

Bring in your favourite book and come dressed as your favourite character.

Thursday, 2 July

Activity Challenge

Get ready to be challenged with minute-to-win-it games and team building activities.

Friday, 3 July

PJ Day

Stay comfy in your pyjamas all day. We will play games, tell stories and watch a movie.

Monday, 6 July

NAIDOC Celebrations

It's the start of NAIDOC week. Join us for some fun and educational activities to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Tuesday, 7 July

Incursion Charge \$23

Winter Woollies

It's getting cold, so let's rug up and enjoy the weather with fake snow and learning how to knit.

Wednesday, 8 July

Vacation Care Winter Olympics

The Olympics are still happening...in Melton! Get ready to compete in teams for a gold medal.

Thursday, 9 July

Create & Bake

Today is all about being creative in and outside of the kitchen.

Friday, 10 July

Mindfulness Day

We end the program with mindfulness activities to learn about our emotions.

* Activities are subject to change



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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

