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NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 9 September 17th 2020

Reflection

God of patience , we thank you for birds that sit quietly in branches
And wonder what we humans are doing down below.
May they keep their business to themselves.
May we learn their lesson of stillness,
Of oneness with trees and the earth.
May we hold others as branches hold birds.
Just like the story of St Kevin and the blackbird.
May we reach out
Until the people we hold are ready to fly off on their own
And leave us to wait for the next person you send
Teach us how to love as your Son taught us
From a tree Amen Michael McGiir



Dear Parents & Guardians,

This term we have again navigated the challenges of remote learning. I am very much aware that this is a juggling act between managing to complete your own work and home tasks, while at the same time having children at home working on school tasks, many of whom require your assistance to do this. However, despite the challenges of this task, we have managed to finish the term with most children completing the majority or all of their tasks on most days - this is a credit not only to the children for their persistence with this but also to the family members who have assisted them.

At this stage, unless things change over the holidays, all children will commence Term 4 with remote learning on Monday the 5th of October. Prep to Year 2 will then return to onsite schooling from Monday 12th October. Years 3 - Year 6 will remain on remote learning until the Premier announces a return to school date for them. Once this date and the procedures around it are confirmed, I will contact parents so that those who may require onsite supervision due to work commitments can complete the necessary forms.

Our priority once children return to onsite schooling will be one of Wellbeing. We are very aware that the children have sorely missed the daily contact with friends and peers and will need support in reconnecting again. While seeing friends online and calling them has been a way of staying connected, it does not fully replace daily face to face contact. Alongside this we will be modifying the curriculum we cover in Term 4 so that the time we do have with the children onsite can be maximised. We will be focussing on Religion, Mathematics and Literacy and the core elements within these 3 areas to assist the children as best we can in consolidating what has been covered during remote learning.

As we head into Spring and the September holidays, may this be a time when you can enjoy each others company and relax without the added dimension of having online school tasks to complete.

Take care and God bless

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Uniform Announcement

Recently a group of parents, representative of different cultural groups, boys and girls and with children in years across the school met to discuss uniform options and a sample set we had received from a new supplier. After discussion with the supplier and considering all parent feedback sent through we have made the decision to change the school uniform as of 2021.

In doing this we have considered the different situations families find themselves in, particularly now, so the following will apply.

- New children to the school will purchase the new uniform
- Children currently enrolled at the school can continue to wear the uniform items they currently have with NO requirement to purchase the new uniform immediately
- As current children require new uniform items they will have access to the new items
- This transition period will be for at least 2021 and possibly longer so families will not be asked to purchase new items immediately.

Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



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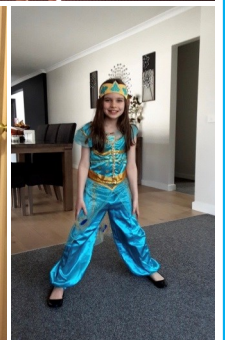
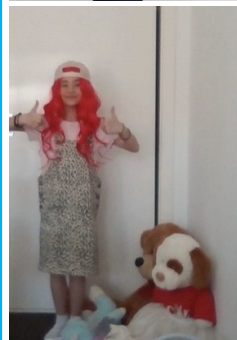
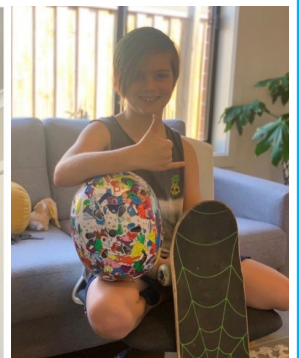
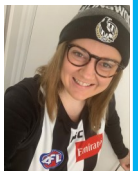
As of 19th March 2020 **ALL MASSES** (including Sunday services) have been SUSPENDED until further notice due to the COVID-19 direction issued by The Bishops of the Province of Victoria. We will continue to provide updates via the Parish website and Parish Facebook page as they become available.



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

Friday, 18th September
is a Screen Free Day -
*No tasks will be posted
on Seesaw or Google
Hapara.*

J Dress Up Day



Literacy News



The *Primary English Association Australia* (PETAA) is a national not for profit association that supports primary school teachers in the teaching of the English Curriculum. The website also provides parents with a guide to helping children with reading and writing at home.

Some tips for home reading from the PETAA website

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your child each day for about 10 minutes. Talk about the pictures. Show and share your enjoyment for reading.
- The reader holds the book.
- Turn off all devices so that your child has your undivided attention.
- Reading is not a test. Before beginning take a minute or so for an introduction. For example, read and talk about the title, read the blurb, predict what the story will be about, flick through the pages etc.
- Find a reading time that works for your family.
- Choose a comfortable space to read together.
- Ask questions and encourage discussion during the reading and at the end. For example: What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part? Favourite character?
- Encourage your child to read independently. Perhaps a bedtime routine that includes reading before lights are out.
- Try not to interrupt, listen to your child read, support with praise.
- If your child is reading independently, that is, reading chapter books continue to share reading time by talking about books, reading silently together.
- Visit the local library. Let your child choose books based on their interest - fiction and nonfiction.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader by creating an environment where everyone reads and talks about what they have read

For further information or tips on what parents/carers can do regarding spelling and writing, please visit the website

http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/#tips

Or contact Bernadette Parnis, Literacy Leader
bparnis@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award recently.
These awards will be posted to children who are not onsite.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Noah King & Lewis Ledington

Prep B - Sienna Alberto Godsell & Mace Zabriskie

Prep C - Isabel Rose & Alison Sepulveda

Prep D - Apundak Thuoc & Sarah Babawi

1E - Athieei Thuoc & Emily Williams

1F - Isla Evans

1H - Harper Kynaston

2G - Brock McKenzie-McHarg & Sophie Archer

2I - Dominic Talavera

2K - Zoe Guanlao & Deng Nagur

3J - Harrison Sliwa & Loretta Sant

3L - Aurora Archer & Blake Williamson

3M - Jessie Sare

4Q - Sama Babawy & Nyanrup Poundak

4S - Alat Ngong

4U - Adhieu Chol & Roselyn Jojo

5R - Ethan Braszell & Aaron Dao

5T - Kayla Farrugia

5V - Romy Hossni & Sienna Wright

6N - Ryder Franksen & Faraj Babawy

6O - Madalena Deng & Damian Steyn

6P - Jacqueline Puccio & Firas Hoodi

PE - Isabella Paddon, Aliay Yel, Ryder Franksen & Lily Franksen

Art - Patrick Makhraz, Abby Walsh & Alexia Zannikos

Term 4, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1 October	2	3	4
5 Week 1 Term 4 Begins *All year levels to recommence Remote Learning	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Week 2 *Prep - Yr 2 Return to school *Yr 3 - 6 Remote Learning continues	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Week 3	20	21	22	23 *Thank You Day	24	25
26 Week 4	27	28	29	30	31	1 November
2 Week 5	3 *Melbourne Cup Day	4	5	6	7	8



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE MELTON

YEAR 7 2022 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 are due on Friday 9 October 2020. To obtain or submit an application form email: enrolments@crcmelton.com.au

Virtual School Tours

We invite you to take a Virtual Tour of the College led by our Year 12 student leaders, which includes a live Q&A session with our Principal, Mrs Marlene Jorgensen.

To reserve your place visit:

www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours



Vacation Care Program

SPRING 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, 24 August 2020

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 11 September 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, 21 September

Mindfulness Day

Let's learn all about being mindful and having a Growth Mindset!

Tuesday, 22 September

Incursion Charge \$23

Spring Delight

Today we are making our very own Herb Heads to take home, grow and help a grown up cook with!

Wednesday, 23 September

Get Wild – Zoo Day

Create your own zoo today with the chance to explore animals and helping the environment.

Thursday, 24 September

Disney Celebration

Come dressed as your favourite Disney Character (including Marvel) and have lots of fun!

Friday, 25 September

Terrific Toys

Imaginations running wild today! Make your own toys to enjoy!

Monday, 28 September

Perfect Pets

Today we are going to learn about the important things our pets need to survive and we are even going to make our own pet.

Tuesday, 29 September

Gadgets Galore

Bring in your own device at your own risk! We will have opportunities throughout the day to enjoy playing on them!

Wednesday, 30 September

Incursion Charge \$23

Travel In Style

Make your very own wooden plane and boat to take home as we explore different ways for us to get around!

Thursday, 1 October

Footy Madness

Come dressed in your favourite footy team colours! We will have face paint to help you get in the spirit.

Friday, 2 October

Princess or Pirate for a Day

Come dressed as a Prince, Princess or Pirate for the day and enjoy making your very own treasures!

* Activities are subject to change



 melton.vic.gov.au
 9747 7200
 [cityofmelton](https://www.facebook.com/cityofmelton)

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



MATT COSGROVE

Monday 21 September • 10am • Zoom

Matt Cosgrove is the author and illustrator of the best-selling Macca the Alpaca series. Join us for alpaca laughs, excuse the pun, as he shows us how he creates his bright and bubbly characters.



PIE WITH MY LITTLE EYE

Monday 21 & 28 September • 11am • Zoom

Liz Skitch's live online children's show is created especially for toddlers and their carers. Join for sing songs, go on adventures, swim in oceans of jelly and eat bucket loads of imaginary ice cream! Simply play along. For ages 0-5 years.



RACING CATERPILLARS

Tuesday 22 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

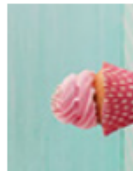
Join us to learn how to make your very own Racing Caterpillar. Get your whole family to join in and you can race them to find out whose Caterpillar is fastest.



DRAW A VEGETABLE CHARACTER

Tuesday 22 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Grace Fraraccio, the artist behind our current online exhibition Vegetable Soup and Friends will guide you to observe everyday food items, and turn them into imaginary characters! Suitable for ages 8-18 yrs



SPRINGY CUPCAKES

Wednesday 23 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

We are celebrating Spring by making Springy Spongy Cupcakes – so put your chef's hat on, wash your hands and let's get baking.



NATURAL INK MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 23 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Learn to make natural ink at home using ingredients from your kitchen and garden, with Chaco Kato! Children and adults can work together to use spices such as turmeric, paprika and also vegetables such as spinach and beetroot to make paint! Suitable for 4-10 yrs.



JESS MCGEACHIN

Thursday 24 September • 10am • Zoom

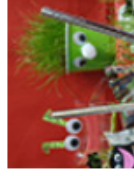
Jess McGeachin is an author and illustrator based here in Melbourne. Join Jess as he takes us through his process of creating the beautiful artwork in his book Fly, shortlisted in this year's CBCA Book of the Year awards for New Illustrator.



FOOD JUGGLING TUTORIAL WITH AMAZING ANSO

Thursday 24 September • 4pm • Zoom

Learn to juggle like a pro using fruit and veggies from your kitchen, with support from a real circus coach! This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, with one on one support during the session. Limited places, suitable for 8 – 18 yrs old.



HERB HEADS, CATERPILLARS & WATERCRESS BUGS

Monday 28 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Spring is the best time of year to sow seeds and watch them grow. We'll share ideas on how to create fun containers to plant seeds in that the family can enjoy in the kitchen.



SPRING GRASSHOPPERS

Tuesday 29 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

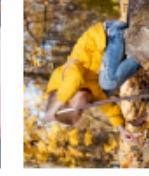
Fun fact – Grasshoppers have a row of pegs like a comb on their back legs. Tune in to hear more about Grasshoppers and how to make your own springy critters using clothes pegs.



MAKE A PIZZA SHOP PLAYSET

Tuesday 29 September • Facebook @imaginemelton

Craft-based designer Kitiya Palaskas will show you how to use old boxes, coloured paper and other supplies to create your very own pizza delivery shop!



NATURE FRAMES

Wednesday 30 September • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Have fun playing with nature art frames as you explore your neighbourhood. They are simple to make, fun to play with and will help you create some wonderful images.



NATIVE BEE HOUSE

Thursday 1 October • 10am • Facebook @cityofmeltonlibraries

Did you know that there are solitary bees that live all alone in small holes or in the ground? They don't produce honey but are great at pollinating flowers. By making a Bee Hotel, you may just get a few of these Native Bees moving in.



BUSH TOY MAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday 1 October • 2pm • Zoom

Work with Taungurung artist Cassie Leatham to create bush animal toys from nature and recycled materials. Suitable for ages 5-12 years old.



BUBBLEMANIA

Friday 2 October • 10am • Youtube

Create bubbles galore in this crazy exploration of the world of bubbles. Investigate the shape and size of bubbles, and learn how to create even better bubbles – sculpt your own bubble mountains!



WESTERN BACE HOLIDAY CLUB

BACE School Holiday Club is back, providing coding and robotic opportunities for 5-15 year olds. This holidays, we'll focus on STEM, Design, and space challenges!

More information on all events at <https://meltonlibraryeventsfromwednesday2september>.
Bookings open 10am, Monday 14 September

Cyber Safety for Parents

Keeping Kids Safe – Gaming



Gaming today is social. It's where young people go to play, connect and communicate with their friends.

This FREE session will provide parents with important information on keeping kids safe when using popular online gaming platforms, including:

- Understanding gaming features that are potentially harmful
- Managing & monitoring gaming & promoting self-regulation
- Strategies that foster positive digital experiences for children
- Managing digital wellbeing for children at home
- Q&A time with the team from the Cyber Safety Project

DETAILS:

WHEN:

Monday 5 October 2020

TIME:

7:30pm – 8:30pm

WHERE:

Live via Zoom

COST:

Free

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/2EAWlas>

For more information contact Council's Road and Community Safety Officer on 9747 7200





Community Safety Month

Kids Poster Competition

October is Community Safety Month!

Get creative and design a poster that showcases one of the following:

- Activities I enjoy within my community
- Why friendships are important
- How I can safely make new friends
- Ways I can safely participate in my community

There are four Fitbit Kids Activity Trackers up for grabs!

Community Safety Month is held every October and reminds us that we all have a role in making our communities safer.

DETAILS

This competition is open to all primary school aged children who live or attend school in the City of Melton.

TO ENTER:

Scan your poster or take a picture and email it to us with the child's name, age and contact number
e: socialplanningprojects@melton.vic.gov.au

CLOSING DATE:

Friday 23 October 2020

WINNERS:

Winners will be announced on the Healthy City of Melton Facebook Page during Children's Week, 24 Oct – 1 Nov.

MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Road and Community Safety Officer P: 9747 7200

