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## NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 9

June 12th 2020

### *Refugee Week Reflections from 3 2019 Refugee Ambassadors*

**Flora Choi** - I don't remember much of my life in Khartoum (Sudan). I was only five old years when I left, with my mum, brothers and sister. But I do remember living in Egypt. We went there first, for two years as refugees waiting for a humanitarian visa. I remember the hardships our family faced and the amazing moments of triumph, such as when Australia granted our visas. We moved to Adelaide.

**Deena Yako** - I grew up in Iraq, in a loving Assyrian-Mandaean family. But, by the time I was nine, things had become dangerous for us because of the war and political persecution. So, my parents made the difficult decision to leave. In the dead of a freezing night, they carried my brother and me in their arms to the border, which took 15 days to reach. We escaped to Iran.

**Rnita Dacho** - I arrived in Sydney in June 2015, after my family and I were forced to leave Syria because of the war. We were part of the revolution against the Bashar Assad regime, which meant we lived in constant fear. It was commonplace for people like us to be harassed, arrested or simply disappear. I was working as a teacher, preparing for my Masters degree and mentoring in the community. Every morning, I left the house, not knowing if I'd come back. One spring day, I was in the city doing paperwork, when a big bomb exploded—just like that. I wasn't hurt, but it was shocking to see, first-hand, how a split second can change your life. As the war wore on, we didn't have electricity for days and didn't know when we would next see light. There was no phone coverage. I now look at the Syrian people as 18 million heroes, for having lived like this, day in, day out.



Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a wonderful week we have had with everyone back at school this week. Our Year 3 - Year 6 staff were eagerly awaiting the children's arrival on Tuesday and from those children I spoke to at the gate on Tuesday they were equally excited about being back. It is certainly wonderful to walk around the school and see and hear children in all spaces engaging with each other and having fun. Until we receive further notification from the government regarding access to the school all children are to be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon at one of the 4 external gates. While social distancing restrictions remain in place children with surnames A - K will be dismissed at 3pm and children with surnames L-Z will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

Applications for the Camps Sports and Excursions Program (CSEF) close prior to the end of this term. Any parents or guardians who have a current Pension, Veterans or Health Care Card are eligible to apply for this concession. If you have one of these cards and have not yet applied please contact Lisa in the office on 97432166 or [info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) and she will be able to assist you with this application. Late applications cannot be processed on the Departments website and we would hate for you to miss out on this assistance so please attend to this promptly.

Normally at this time of the year I have the absolute pleasure of interviewing our Prep enrolments for the following year. With the current restrictions and access to school we are still working through the logistics of holding these interviews at this time. Once we have worked through the possibility of holding enrolment interviews we will contact you about this. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2021 and have not yet enquired about an enrolment pack please email [office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) and Genevieve will take your details and post an enrolment pack out to you.

This week we began the process of moving into the new administration building. This will hopefully be finalised next week so that we can have the last week of this term to unpack everything and have the new offices ready for Term 3. Thank you to Fr Michael for allowing us to use the Church entrance as an access to our hall office during this time and thank you to you all for your patience with alternative arrangements during this renovation.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and God bless

Carmel Marantelli  
PRINCIPAL

If you are bringing your child to school late or picking them up early please make your way to the gate outside the hall toilets and call the school office on 9743 2166 so a staff member can open the gate.

## **Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 Reports will be released online via the nForma Parent Portal on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Instructions on how to access the nForma Parent Portal will be sent out to all new families to the email addresses that have been previously supplied to the school.

**It is very important that you have updated your email address with the school,** as an automated email containing instructions and login details will come from noreply@nforma.com.au and not the school. Please ensure that you check your junk/spam folder for an email from that address.

It is highly recommended that you use a computer to access your child's reports for the first time. Subsequent logins can be made on a mobile device if preferred.

Once you have followed the instructions, you will be able to view your child's report online. You can also use the following link: <https://parent.nforma.ct.com.au/app/index.html?schooldomain=scmeltonwest#/login>

Once in the portal you will need to select your child's name (if you have more than one at our school) and then choose 'Assessment and Reporting'. Then select the year/semester.

It is important to remember your username and password for future logins.

### **Forgotten passwords:**

If you have forgotten your password, please follow the 'forgotten password' link.

Please note that your new password needs to be at least 7 characters long and must include at least one non alpha-numeric character, e.g. \*, - / or similar.

If you have requested a password reset and the email does not appear, please look in your junk/spam folder for an email from no-reply@nforma.com.au.

## **Melton City Libraries**

Melton City Libraries are now open with a limited service for borrowing books and DVDs through a new Click and Collect service. As per Government restrictions there will be a limit of 20 customers at a time with reduced opening hours.

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday - 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Sunday - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Following Government advice, it is intended that Melton City Libraries will return to normal operating hours from Monday, 22nd June and will adjust the number of customers allowed on site accordingly.

Melton Library and Learning Hub  
31 McKenzie Street, Melton VIC 3337  
P 03 9747 5218

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LIBRARIES

## **Parish Of Melton Office**

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton

Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603

Email: [melton@cam.org.au](mailto:melton@cam.org.au)

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



# Last Day of Term 2 - Friday, 26th June

## Students Dismissed at 1:30pm

### 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 - Annabel Grech

Prep B - Peyton Kocsis

Prep C - Leon Perera

Prep D - Matilda Hall

1E - Wel Mayan

1H -

2G -

2I -

2K - Olivia Sobol

3J - Nicholas Bigeni

3L - Akot Kuel

3M - Luke Palmer

4Q -

4S -

4U -

5R - Mabil Ngong

5T - Shyanne Readon

5V - Amelia Alford

6N - Apande Poundak

6O - Lola Benedetti

6P - Thomas Barrow

## Term 2 & 3, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 Week 10	16	17	18	19 *Student of the Week Awards at 2pm	20	21
22 Week 11	23	24	25	26 *Student of the Week Awards at 11:30pm *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
13 Term 3 Week 1	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Week 2	21	22	23	24	25	26



## A message from the Coordinator

Hello Families,

I would just like to welcome all the children and families back to OSHClub.

It is very nice to see everyone coming back, I would just like let you know that when you arrive to drop your child off or to pick your child up from OSHClub, there is a sign on the gates with our phone number to call or message that you are here and an Educator will come and collect your child/ren or bring them out to you.



*Program Coordinator*

*Jamie Sobotnicki*

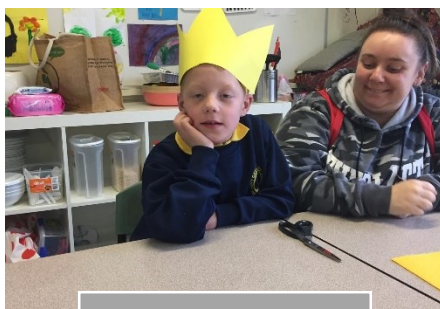
## OSHClub News

This week has been an interesting week with children returning that we haven't had in the past couple of months. It is good to see children returning to come and engage in some fun activities that us Educators have planned for the children. Children have come back with new interests, so over the next couple of weeks we will be trying to implement in what they enjoy. If parent's have any suggestions of feedback please feel free to Email, Call or message us and we will take your input on board. The last few weeks interest have been lots of art and craft activities such as clay making, celery science experiment, role playing in the home corner, string painting, making bubbles, chalk drawing, making puppets and nature painting.

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



Making puppets



Making crowns



Nature 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	Sushi Fruit Bowl.	Pancakes Fruit bowl.	Saladas with assorted spreads Fruit bowl.	Toasted sandwiches Fruit Bowl.	Crackers with dip Fruit bowl.

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	

<b>TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT</b>	
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**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](mailto:vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 9747 7200

Website: [melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare](http://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!**

