



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 8 November 27th 2020

### *Advent Reflection*

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'

**Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 13:33-37.**



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The end of the year is fast approaching and as we prepare during Advent for Christmas, finalise end of year tasks and attend to a multitude of other items, it is also the time of year when we begin to say goodbye to staff who are leaving. Each year, for various reasons - family considerations, travel commitments or the opportunity of new challenges several staff move on to new settings and this year is no different. The following staff will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Mrs Assunta Iacovino has been a staff member since 2012 and will be leaving us to take up the position of Principal at Mother of God in Ardeer. This is an exciting opportunity for Assunta and a rich reward for her commitment to working with staff, children and families in order for all to reach their potential. In recent years Assunta has worked with staff in a mentoring role to further develop their professional knowledge and is instrumental in our beginning teachers gaining full registration in their initial years of teaching. We will miss Assunta, her attentive listening and wise words but know also that she will soon find her feet in her new position and will flourish there also.

Mrs Bernadette Parnis has been our Literacy Leader this year. During a very challenging year for everyone she has worked hard to ensure that the Literacy goals of all students were met in an engaging and challenging way. Bernadette is moving on to take up a position at a new school and we wish her all the very best as she takes on this exciting opportunity.

Mr Brendan Coleiro began here as an emergency teacher a few years ago and this year started in the Kitchen Garden program and now has taken over the 4 days Physical Education position. Brendan is clearly adaptable to many and varied opportunities and open to the challenge of these very different roles. Brendan is moving on to further his career in other school settings and we wish him well in all he does.

Ms Kathy Ly is leaving us after 2 years in the Year 1 team. During this time she has been open to learning from others and also sharing her skills with them and as such is leaving us as a skilled teacher. Kathy has a gentle way of working with each student so that she can get to know their strengths and challenges in order to best assist them in becoming independent learners. Kathy has been a valued staff member, we will miss her but wish her all the best in this new challenge.

Ms Regita Caruana has only been with us a short time; however, in that time she has been a valued staff member and an important part of the Year 6 team. Regita has worked hard to support all children in Year 6 and has taken the time to get to know each child, their interests and challenges so that she can best support their learning. Regita readily supports others and is a keen contributor to school events and initiatives. We thank Regita for her contributions and wish her all the very best for 2021 at her new school.

Ms Sarah Terrill has been with us for 7 years and in that time has worked across many year levels supporting both the children and their families. Sarah has gotten to know many families very well and never misses an opportunity to ask after older siblings she has taught previously. Sarah's calm yet firm manner with the children has enabled her to establish effective working relationships and ensured that the children feel comfortable in her presence. We thank Sarah for the care she has shown both the children and their families and wish her all the very best as she moves on to take up an exciting position which is closer to home.

I know that many of you have worked closely with Assunta, Brendan, Kathy, Regita and Sarah over the time they have been with us and will join with me in wishing them all the very best in their new school communities.

Have a good weekend, take care everyone and God bless.

Carmel Marantelli  
**PRINCIPAL**

### **PLEASE READ THE CHANGE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS ON PAGE 2**

Monday, 30th November - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, 1st December - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, 2nd December - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 3rd December - Parent/Teacher Interviews

## COVID 19 School Restrictions Update

With the recent announcements by the Premier and the continued “0” days we have had, there has been another easing of restrictions in schools and we welcome a return to a more normal school routine. Some of these restrictions, while lifted, are either too late for us to implement or require the organisation of trades, such as plumbers reinstating the drink taps, so are listed below in the “But Not Now” section. The table below is a summary of these changes.

**The main one is that all children will be dismissed at 3:15pm and all 4 exit points will be available. Parents and guardians will be able to enter the school grounds, should you choose to do so, to drop your child off and pick them up and to see your child’s teacher. Consider the independence your children have gained in walking in themselves each day when thinking about this.**

ITEM	YES	But Not Now	NO	ITEM	YES	But Not Now	NO
Temperature checks on entry			X	School tours available	✓	✓	
Face masks for children			X	Excursions to offsite venues	✓	✓	
Face masks for staff	✓			Incursions with onsite presenter	✓		
Face masks for essential visitors	✓			School photos by photographer	✓		
Play equipment open for children	✓			Whole school assemblies			X
Children to bring sport equipment	✓			Whole year level assemblies			X
Interschool sport (outdoor)	✓	✓		Mixed year levels groups of children	✓		
Indoor sport and PE	✓			Graduation for students and staff only	✓		
Swimming in non school pool			X	Prep 2021 transition held this year			X
Sanitiser available in all spaces	✓			Singing indoors other than Happy Birthday			X
Use of antibacterial wipes	✓			Singing during outdoors classes	✓		
Additional school cleaning daily	✓			Shared food			X
Take home reader	✓			Canteen - lunch orders	✓		
Children to bring own drink bottles	✓			Canteen - over the counter sales			X
Children to bring shared food			X	Drink taps can be available	✓	✓	
Parents visiting the school or class			X	Taps to fill drink bottles in yard	✓		
Uniform shop open			X	Dropping off late arrivals at office	✓		
Uniform shop available via email	✓			Office open to parents	✓		
Unwell children to stay home	✓			End of Year school picnic			X
Yr 6 Big Day Out	✓			<b>All children finish at 3:15pm</b>	✓		
School open to outside visitors where necessary	✓			<b>Parents able to enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up but maintain social distance or wear mask if unable to do this</b>	✓		
Prep & Yr 6 buddies can meet	✓						

## **Parish Of Melton Office**

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**MASS IS BACK FOR LIMITED NUMBERS!**

CLICK HERE TO  
BOOK ONLINE 



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

## **Year 6 Graduation Jackets**

All orders for 2021 Year 6 graduation jackets must be placed no later than Tuesday, 1st December. Before placing an order please ensure your child has tried on the sample sizes in the school office so the correct size is ordered. Jackets can not be exchanged for a different size next year.



## **Parent Teacher Interviews Early Finish**

All families have now received an eform via Operoo regarding the early finish time of 1:30pm on Thursday, 3rd December due to Parent - Teacher Interviews. To ensure the school can plan for adequate supervision of students remaining at school, all responses must be received no later than Monday, 30th November.

## **Student Medication**

Please note that any student medication sent in to school must have a signed medication authorisation. Medication sent to school without authorisation can not be administered to students.



## **Friday, 4th December**

# **CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY!**



Every year we raise money to buy Christmas presents to go under our school Christmas tree. These presents go to children in our community who are not as fortunate as others. In order to raise money, we will be holding a Christmas Dress Up Day on Friday, 4th December and ask that the entire school get into the Christmas spirit, dress up and bring a gold coin donation.



# Mass is back for limited numbers

## Mass Times

**Saturday**  
**-6.00pm**

**Sunday**  
**- 9.00am**  
**- 11.00am**  
**- 5.00pm**

St Catherine of Siena  
Church  
Bulmans Rd  
Melton West



**01**

Weekend Masses  
are back for limited  
numbers.  
at **St Catherine of  
Siena Church**



**02**

Book online using  
the codes on the  
Parish website or  
Facebook page



**03**

Sanitiser will be  
available as you will  
need to wash your  
hands before  
receiving Holy  
Communion.



**04**

You are asked to  
receive Communion  
on the hand..





# ACADEMY UNIFORMS

## St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School Uniform

1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021 GST Inclusive

### Everyday Uniform

PULLOVER	Size	6 – 22		
	Price	\$65		
SUMMER DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$49		
WINTER PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$50		
GIRLS TROUSER	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$22		
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$32		
S/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$30		
L/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$33		
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$19	\$19	\$19
BAGS		Everyday	Library	
	Price	\$42	\$15	
BUCKET HAT	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$13	\$13	\$13
SLOUCH HAT	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$15	\$15	\$15
RAIN JACKET				
		To be advised		



### Sports Uniform

ZIP JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$45
TRACK PANT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
HOUSE POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$30
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$24
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$25
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$9.50

Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

#### In Store at Academy Uniforms, Deer Park:

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12noon  
10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone 03 8385 9111

**On-line:** Shop on-line at [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au)  
for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

**CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:** 5pm Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> to 9am Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Items are not available at Thomastown or Springvale stores.



# Congratulations

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

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Joseph Chol

Prep B - Aaliyah Quijano

Prep C - Lucas Nguyen

Prep D - Kara Torney

1E - Zac Forder

1F - Sabina Balebanga

1H - Joel Antony

2G - Reese Perona

2I - Luke Peck

2K - Jack Tidore-Stone

3J - Kenny Ah-Kee

3L - Jahdiel Roberts

3M - Maja Vukcevic

4Q - Akot Thuoc

4S - Monique Kalutha

4U - Makoi Mangok

5R - Aiden Magri

5T - Pauline Abela




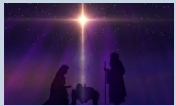
5V - Amazial Thomas

6N - Juan Guanlao

6O - Lui Westerlund

PE - Johnny Scaringi

## Term 4, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 Week 9 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am - 8:30am	1 December *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am - 8:30am	2 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am - 8:30am	3 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm - 7pm	4 *Christmas Dress Up Day *Advent Liturgy Week 3	5	6 
7 Week 10	8 *Yr 7, 2021 Orientation Day @ CRC	9 *End of Year Virtual Mass	10	11 *Yr 6 Big Day Out *Advent Liturgy Week 4 *Semester 2 Reports released online via nforma	12	13 
14 Week 11	15 *2021 Transition morning Year 1 - 6	16 *Yr 6 Graduation	17 *Last day Term 4 - Students dismissed @ 1:30pm	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 January	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



## A message from the Coordinator

Dear Families,

This week the children are continuing with their amazing work, engaging in science experiments and we also celebrate Fairy bread Day on Tuesday. Children loved it. As per children's interest our theme for this week is "Exploring Nature and Animals". Children engaged in doing rainbow leaf painting, Nature scavenger hunt, Leaf people and Animals craft.

We are looking forward to have more fun with Christmas experiences.

Parent/family involvement is extremely valued at our program, we would love to hear your suggestions or ideas for program resources and activities.

## OSHClub News

Here are some of the photos of your child/ren being busy at OSHClub.



# If you're in need of food relief, we can help.

CCCM provide free food and budgeting help to anyone in need within the City of Melton area.

If you're in need of some support, please contact us. We're here to help.

For more information, please visit:  
**[foodbankmelton.org.au](http://foodbankmelton.org.au)**

\* T&C's and eligibility criteria apply. Services available to City of Melton residents only.



**COMBINED CHURCHES  
CARING MELTON**