



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9 December 4th 2020

### Reflection

As we are now in the season of Advent and preparing for Christmas it is timely to remember that on the 10th of December we celebrate the UN Human Rights Day. The Declaration of the 30 Human Rights was instituted in 1948 by the UN as a common standard for all people regardless of nation.

On the 24th March 1980, just moments before being assassinated Archbishop Oscar Romero spoke these words.

*God's reign is already present on our earth in mystery. When the Lord comes, it will be brought to perfection. That is the hope of Christians. We know that every effort to better society, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us.*



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are coming to the end of what has certainly been an unusual year. Some of you have raised the question, either with your child's classroom teacher, Lorraine our Wellbeing Leader or myself, of whether it would be better for your child to repeat the year and not go up at the end of the year. Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) have also had many of these questions. They have put out a policy with strict guidelines for anyone considering this. The process would be for the school to send in an application along with external assessments to support the application. The form needs to be signed by parents/carers and teacher and endorsed by the principal. A team at CEM will then meet to make a determination. This team is chaired by the Regional Manager and will have relevant a specialist according to the application e.g. speech therapist, psychologist etc. The prevailing question the team need to be assured of is that repeating the year will benefit the child. They will also be considering the social/emotional impact of repeating in this determination.

While this process will ensure consistency across all schools in Melbourne it does not necessarily address the very specific needs some children will have because of remote learning. This year we have received additional funding particularly designated to meet children's needs so we will be employing extra Student Support Officers along with extra teachers. The extra teachers will not be classroom teachers but additional staff to work with small groups on targeted needs. We should be able to have 2 Student Support Officers in each year level and also an additional teacher in each year level to target the Literacy and Numeracy needs of those students requiring additional support because they have fallen behind or because they have not been extended as they would have normally. All additional staff will plan with the class teachers at that year level so that they are all consistent in their approach to meeting the children's needs.

Some reminders for you at this busy time of year

\*we will NOT be having our end of year picnic this year on the 11th December

\*Tuesday, 15th December children will have a morning in their 2021 class with their 2021 teacher

\*students will finish on Thursday, 17th December at 1:30pm

\*the first day of school in 2021 FOR ALL CHILDREN will be Friday, 29th January

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

Carmel Marantelli  
PRINCIPAL

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

Friday, 11th December - Year 6 Big Day Out  
- Reports released on the portal

## 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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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**MASS IS BACK FOR LIMITED NUMBERS!**

CLICK HERE TO  
**BOOK ONLINE** 



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

## **End of Term 4**

Thursday, 17th December -  
Students dismissed at 1:30pm

All students return to school on  
Friday, 29th January 2021

# Literacy News

## **Library**

It has been great to see and hear the buzz from students as they have stepped into the library each week to once again enjoy the collection of books we have at St Catherine's. I am certain that they have appreciated this wonderful privilege. As it is Week 10 next week, this was the last week for borrowing books from the school library. Please remind your child/children to return all books that they have borrowed. Encourage them to take a thorough look around the house to ensure all books are back ready to be enjoyed by everyone next year.

## **Take Home Readers**

Week 10 is the last week for borrowing 'Take Home Readers'. Again, it has been great seeing these books being taken by teachers to classrooms for students to read books at their level from home. As with library books, please encourage your child/children to return all books they have in their possession.

## **Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress**

Whilst borrowing books from school will be on hold until next year, don't forget to keep utilising St Catherine's subscription for this digital online platform. Students in Prep, Year's 1 - 3, along with a small number of students in Year 4, 5 and 6, have their own unique login that will remain active until May next year. So, please keep using at the convenience of your family.

## **Other digital online platforms**

A reminder that at St Catherine's we have other subscriptions to keep our students reading. These are also available for use at home.

*Sunshine Online* login stcath password stcath

*Storybox* login – stcathsmw password – stcaths1

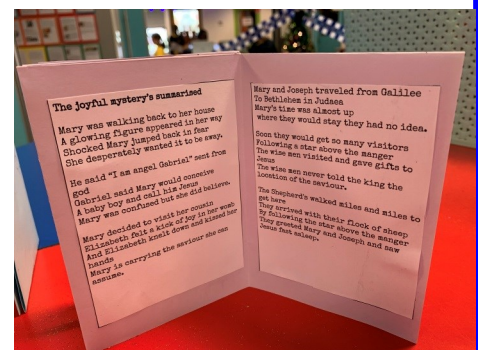
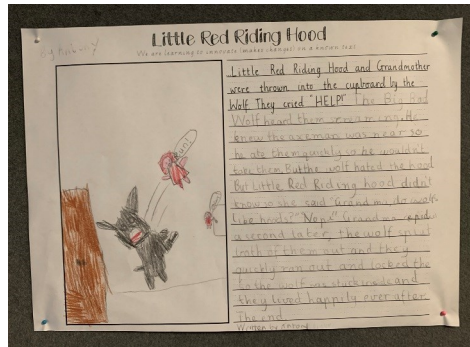


# Literacy News continued...

## Celebrating learning

Time again to celebrate the amazing work displayed around St Catherine's. It has been a busy and very productive term. Earlier this term our Year 3 students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During Week 7 NAIDOC was the focus with many year levels reading a range of Indigenous texts during the Reading block. Year 2's took on the role of an author and rewrote the ending of the classic fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood*. Year 6 students have found their way with words. We have a number of budding poets. And, to make life a little more chaotic, we have an elf, Frankie, wreaking havoc in the Year 6 area.

Whilst it has been a very different and challenging school year, I'm sure you will agree, it certainly has not stopped our students' creativity and willingness to learn and have a go. Thank you for your support this year. Wishing you all the very best. Bernadette Parnis Literacy Leader





# 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..



# 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 - Jude Sliwa

Prep B - Moses Chol

Prep C - Alison Sepulveda

Prep D - Dau Dau

1E - Wel Mayan

1F - Whole Class

1H - Mia Kaltner

2G - Ruby Spence

2I - Antony Nguyen

2K - Levi Zammit

3J - Harrison Sliwa

3L - Cecilya Zanniat

3M - Lilly Lennon

4Q - Cecilia Bui

4S - James Mwaka

4U - Chimann Poundak

5R - Jessica Ishak

5T - Sebastiana Sant



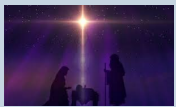
5V - Mariann Joseph

6N - Juan Kakinda

6O - Bella Van Munster

6P - Elle Kalusevicious

## Term 4, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24





## 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.

# Vacation Care Program

## Summer 2021



### 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, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 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, 4 January

All About You!

#### Tuesday, 5 January

Mythical Madness

#### Wednesday, 6 January

Healthy Retreat

Incursion Charge \$23

#### Thursday, 7 January

Nature Explorer

#### Friday, 8 January

Tropical Delight

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#### Monday, 11 January

Slumber Party – come in your PJs

#### Tuesday, 12 January

STEM Day – Bring along a device

#### Wednesday, 13 January

Wheelie Good Fun - Bring in your bike or scooter with a helmet – no helmet, no ride!

#### Thursday, 14 January

Circus Try Outs

#### Friday, 15 January

Teddy Bears Picnic

Incursion Charge \$23

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#### Monday, 18 January

What Can I see...?

#### Tuesday, 19 January

Trekking Through the World

#### Wednesday, 20 January

Let's Go Crazy!

#### Thursday, 21 January

Party Games Bonanza

Incursion Charge \$23

#### Friday, 22 January

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

\* Activities are subject to change

**BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!**



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