



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 10 December 11th 2020

### Reflection

*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

Luke 2:11



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this is the last newsletter for 2020 I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank you all for your support this year as we all navigated our way through some very challenging and trying times. It has been a year like no other but it has also been an opportunity to think about what is most important to us in terms of our individual family and personal situation as well as our work one. We may have learnt how to navigate remote learning and working from home but we have also realised the importance of personal contact and face to face meetings with friends and family. The link here is to [The Great Realisation by TomFoolery](#) if you have not already seen it. Secondly I would like to wish you all the peace and joy of the Christmas season; may this be a time for you all to gather together with family and friends to remember that night over 2,000 years ago when Jesus was born, a saviour for us all.

Archbishop Peter Commensoli has written a letter to all families with a reflection of the year as well as an introduction to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) and its role in governing and operating schools. As the Archbishop says this year would not have been as successful as it was for the children without the wonderful support of our families. This letter is on the following pages.

Goodbye and best wishes to our Year 6 students. In 2021 you will begin secondary school and all of the exciting challenges and experiences this has in store for you. You will encounter new people from many other primary schools and begin the task of making new friends and settling into new routines. Remember in those early days, if things seem to be difficult, that you have managed to negotiate relationships and friendships here at St Catherine's so you have the necessary skills to make new friends and face any challenges you encounter with a positive spirit, a dose of resilience and a sense of humour.

There are also several other students from Prep to Year 5 who will leave us at the end of this year. For a variety of reasons you will be finishing your primary school years in another school setting. Hopefully you have had the chance to visit the school and meet some of the children who will be in your class next year. You know that when we have new children arrive at St Catherine's, everyone wants to meet them, look after them and be their friend; so I am sure that the children in your new school will do the same for you and make you feel very special and most welcome. I'm sure that you will soon settle in and make new friends. You have worked to develop life skills such as team work, problem solving, communication skills, negotiation, respect and many others, to equip you for the challenges you will encounter.

I hope you all have fond memories of your time at St Catherine of Siena, may you settle into your new school settings quickly and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you.

At the end of the year we also say goodbye to many of our families as their youngest child finishes Year 6 or they move on to other school settings. Over many years all of these families have made valuable contributions to the school and on behalf of all staff and students thank you very much for all you have done to support everyone at St Catherine of Siena during your time with us. In whatever you do and where ever you go you all have our very best wishes.

The Anaclet Family

The Baladad Family

The Barnett-Tonna Family

The Benedetti Family

The Caruana Family

The Chol Family

The Dalumpines Family

The Faavae Family

The Fitzgerald Family

The Goudie Family

The Higgins Family

The Johnstone Family

The Mannix Family

The Mayar Family

The Mbuto Family

The McKenzie-McHarg Family

The Monteagle Family

The Moore Family

The Patterson Family

The Perez Family

The Tidore-Stone Family

The Tong Family

The Walker Family

The Williams Family

The Williams Family

The Youssouf Family

The Zammit Family

The Zhou Family

Wishing you all Joy and Peace this Christmas. Stay safe over the holiday period and best wishes

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*

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9 December 2020

*Parents of children in Catholic Schools  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

Dear Parents,

As the days rush by towards Christmas, may I write in thanks for the tremendous love and care you have given your families in such a hard year.

Many of us are joyful at the simple prospect of 2020 being over!

For parents in Catholic schools, I am grateful for the collaboration between our incredible teachers and principals and yourselves, in guiding your children through long days and weeks of learning from home, with all the ups and downs of the lockdown situations.

For a number, some heartbreak and loss has been mingled with other challenges, as well as distance from loved ones. My own prayer has been for you and your families, and I am trusting that in the time ahead the Holy Spirit will bring fresh joy and encouragement, and some well-deserved rest.

As the year comes to a close, may I also bring to your attention a significant change that has been taking place in the background this year, in which principals and parish priests have been acutely involved: the creation of a new company, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), to govern Catholic schools in Melbourne as of 1 January 2021.

For you, as parents, you will notice no real change in your Catholic schools. It will be largely 'business as usual' as the year begins and students find their way into a new grade and new challenges. However, the day-to-day business of Catholic schools will not alter as such.

In fact, the Constitution for MACS makes it crystal clear that the parish and the school, especially through leaders such as the parish priest, principal, and the School Advisory Council, will have a responsibility to collaborate and continue to build up Catholic schools as the faith-filled, generous learning communities that they are.

If you would like to learn more, please consult the material at the following website, which has been available throughout the year as this work has developed:

<https://governance.melbourne>

For my part, the change from Catholic Education Melbourne to MACS has been the fruit of much hard work, in which the legacy of Catholic education is being upheld with gratitude for the past and much hope for the future.

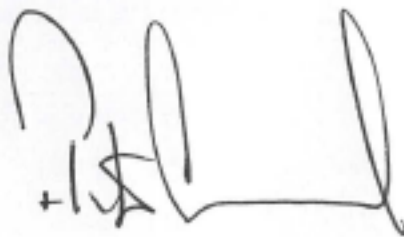
Let us work together in the time ahead to continue to provide the best, the very safest, and the most generous learning environment we can for students and their families.

Catholic schools are a fruit of the Gospel and I give thanks to the Lord Jesus and his faithful disciples in Melbourne for building such schools, filled with so many gifts and diversity.

May we celebrate the birth of the Lord this coming Christmas, filled with gratitude, blessed with some time away from it all, and sharing that manifold joy with one another for which Catholic faith has always been so famous.

With appreciation, and blessings on you and your family.

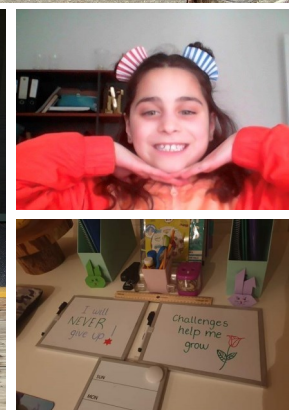
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the signature.

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne



# 2020 Has Been A Year To Remember!





# Literacy News

## 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'. As with library books, please encourage your child/children to return all books they have in their possession.

## Regular Readers Club

And that's a wrap for 2020. Congratulations and well done to all students whose names appear on the 2020 *Honour Roll Wall* located in the Junior Foyer. However, it would be amiss of me not to acknowledge and give a massive shout out to Hannah Wills!!! Hannah read in excess of 200 books this year. Well done Hannah! You have set the bar...let the challenge recommence in 2021. And, just because the holidays are fast approaching and students are not recording their reading, reading shouldn't stop...reading is fun, engaging, life changing. Happy reading everyone.



Signing out for 2020. Blessings to you all.

Happy 2021 Bernadette Parnis, Literacy Leader

## Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



***\*Please Refer to the following page for our Christmas Mass Timetable***



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

## Semester 2 Reports

Student Semester 2 Reports have been released today, Friday 11th December through the nForma Parent Portal. Please click [here](#) to access the Portal Homepage and enter your Username and Password. If you have forgotten your password, this can be reset online. New users will receive an email containing a link and a temporary password to access the Portal.

Please email [ict@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ict@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) if you have any issues.

## Uniform Shop

*The school uniform shop is now closed.*

To purchase uniform items parents can visit the Academy Uniform Store at 10/85 Mt Derrumut Road, Deer Park or place an order online at [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au)

Please refer to the updated uniform price list included in this newsletter.

## Canteen

The last day for canteen lunch orders and over the counter sales will be **Tuesday, 15th December**. The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 17th December.

The canteen will reopen in 2021 from Monday, 1st February.

# *Congratulations*

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

Well done to all students for a terrific effort throughout 2020!!

Prep A - Mayeno Bith

Prep B - Whole Class

Prep C - Whole Class

Prep D - Piath Ngong

1E - Whole Class

1F - Whole Class

1H - Whole Class

2G - Whole Class

2I - Whole Class

2K - Whole Class

3J - Ebony Barrow

3L - Whole Class

3M - Harper Osborne

4Q - Fred Johnson

4S - Whole Class

4U - Kobe White

5R - Aiden Magri

5T - Tyrese Young

5V - Talia D'Angelo

6N - Regita Caruana

6O - Victoria Solomon

6P - Richard Goudie & Aneeta Antony



# COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

PARISH OF MELTON.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, MELTON WEST

### CHRISTMAS EVE

- **6pm Mass** - Simulcast on Apple 98.5FM
- **8pm Mass** - Livestreamed on the Parish YouTube Channel
- **10pm Mass** - Traditional Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

- **9am Mass**
- **11am Mass** - Livestreamed on the Parish YouTube Channel


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### PENANCE

COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday 22 Dec 7pm- St Catherine of Siena Church

### INDIVIDUAL PENANCE


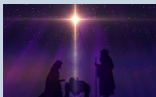
- Saturday 19 Dec- 5.15pm - 5.45pm
  - Sunday 20 Dec - 4.15pm - 4.45pm
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# End of Term 4

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

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

## Term 4, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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

## Term 1, 2021

25	26	27	28	29 *All students return to school *Prep Transition 1 - 9:00am - 1:30pm	30	31
1 February Week 2 *Prep Transition 2 - 9:00am - 1:30pm	2 *Prep Transition 3 - 9:00am - 1:30pm	3 *Preps not at school	4 *Prep Class Groups Announced - 1st day of school 9:00am - 1:30pm	5	6	7
8 Week 3 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	9	10 *Preps not at school	11	12	13	14
15 Week 4 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	16	17 *Preps not at school	18	19	20	21
22 Week 5 *Preps here 9:00am - 3:15pm this week	23	24 *Preps not at school	25	26	27	28





# 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.



## A message from the Coordinator

Dear Families,

This week children engaged and enjoyed doing Christmas art and craft, Christmas painting, Santa treats and science experiments. Children love making Christmas cards for their families and friends and love doing pipe cleaner Christmas Ornaments.

Just a reminder that if you want to send your child /ren to holiday program. Please book them in as soon as possible for the January holiday program.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year Term 1, 2021.

Hope everyone will have a wonderful Christmas and New year.

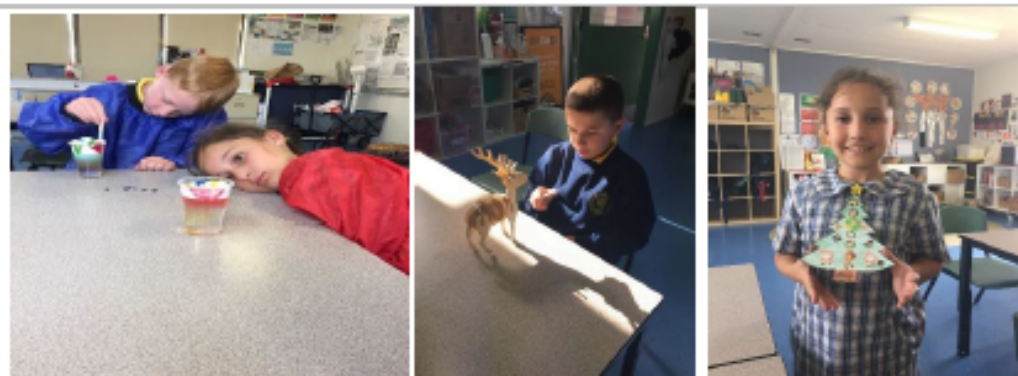
Parent/family involvement is extremely valued at our program, we would love to hear your suggestions or ideas for program resources and activities.

## OSHClub News

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







## POLICY REVIEW

As we are in Term 4 please be sure that your child always has a hat. We will be making good use of the playground and the outdoor spaces for sport activities. Our Motto "No hat No play". This is in line with OSHClub SunSmart policy which is available for review at the service. Our SunSmart policy means at any time the UV rating is over 3 children will be required to wear a sun smart hat whilst outside to protect them from damaging UV. Please ensure your child always has their own hat available for use at every session.

## PICK UP AND DROP OFF

I would just like to 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.

## Nutrition and Vitality

Recipe of the week : Strawberry Santa Treats

Ingredients :

- Fresh Strawberries
- Whipped cream
- Black Icing gel

Method :- Rinse the strawberries and cut off the leaves (discard)



1. Cut the pointed end off each strawberry. Place the newly cut edge down on a clean napkin. The napkin will absorb the fresh strawberry juice, which is what you want.
2. The "body" of Santa needs to be quickly dabbed on a fresh paper towel as well. The extra juice will cause the frosting to slide. By letting the paper towel absorb the fresh strawberry juice, the frosting will stay in place better.
3. Put vanilla frosting in a piping bag (or in a zip lock bag and cut the corner off).

Monday to Friday  
BSC 6:45– 9:00  
ASC 2:45– 6:30

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Coordinator: Jaskirat Kaur Assistant: Zoe Kouzoumis

4. Gently swirl some vanilla frosting on the top of the body.
5. Place the "Santa hat" (or the strawberry tip) on top of the frosting.
6. Add a dab of frosting on top of his hat.
7. Next carefully add two eyes with black icing

Enjoy delicious Strawberry Santa Treats



# Merry Christmas

*We wish you all a safe and happy holidays!*



**SEE YOU IN 2021!**

We'd like to wish all of our families  
a safe and relaxing break.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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# 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, Strathtulloh.

### 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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