



St Catherine of Siena

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2 5th February 2021

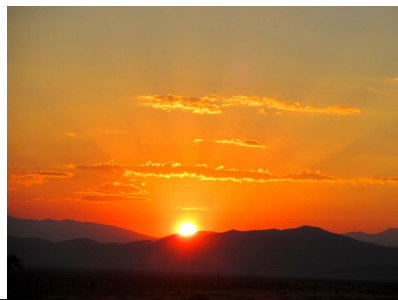
Beginning of Year Reflection

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the Year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.' (M L Haskins)

May the 'hand' of God guide and lead us in the ways of Love.

Lord, Jesus Christ, As you are the Light of the world, take away the darkness in our lives. As you are the Way, lead us in the year ahead. As you are the gate of the sheepfold, protect us from danger. We entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love, and the future to your providence.

Amen.



Dear families,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. I hope that after the restrictions of last year you were all able to spend some time reconnecting face to face with loved ones and friends. Zoom and Google Meet have their place, but nothing beats a chat with a loved one face to face! Usually at the beginning of the year we are all mindful of the heat and hot days, however this year it was a wet first day of school. On days of extreme heat, poor air quality, extreme wind or rain children will have their recess and lunch indoors and are supervised by a teaching staff member. While this is not as good as running around outside, they are able to engage in games and fun activities during these times.

Earlier this week new restrictions came into place. **As of this week all visitors to the office must wear a mask.** If you have arranged a meeting with a staff member you must wear a mask while inside for this meeting. If you are in the yard before or after school a mask is not required unless you cannot maintain a safe distance from other visitors. Please carry a mask at all times so you have one if needed. We ask that at this time you do not enter classrooms and the corridor unless you have an appointment.

To our new families and children across years 1 - 6 who have joined us this year; I hope that you are beginning to settle in and find your way. It can be a daunting thing to walk into a space where everyone is unknown, however I know that the other children in your class are eager to get to know you and I am sure they have made you feel welcome. We had **65** Prep children start school last week and they are already beginning to settle in and become familiar with some of the school routines. Although they had missed their transition to school last year, they quickly settled in. Shortly after walking into their rooms they were all actively engaged in a task and ready to listen to their teacher's instructions. Prep is also a time of anticipation, excitement and anxiety for the parents of these children. You have prepared your children well for this big step and we look forward to working with you over the year as they settle into school life. If at any time you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to assist you.

Over the holidays I employed some additional staff so we also welcome these new staff members. A very warm welcome to Jake Ambrosic (Year 4), Shannon Harvie (Year 6) and Hannah Hogan (Physical Education). We look forward to getting to know you all and hope that your time at St. Catherine of Siena will be a rewarding one.

Last year was a disrupted one in many ways and children were learning from home for the majority of the middle of the year. We have made the decision to employ extra teaching staff at each year level to provide more opportunities for all children in terms of small group, point of need teaching groups. At the moment we have these additional staff in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5. I am currently working on employing these additional staff for Prep, Year 3 and Year 6.

We have several anaphylactic students who are allergic to a variety of food products; many of these are related to nut products. For these children this is a serious medical condition and requires constant vigilance and prompt action if an anaphylactic reaction occurs. Current advice is that a nut ban is not a recommended action and we do not ban nuts and nut products from school, however we do ask that all parents consider the extreme medical needs of these students when preparing snacks and lunches for their children, or when providing small treats to celebrate birthdays. If you are able to provide nut free alternatives for your children we ask that you do so.

Birthdays are special days for children and we wish to acknowledge these special milestones for them. Parents are again able to send in items for the children to share with their class if they wish to; however we ask that these birthday items are pre packaged such as a bag of Freddo Frogs where every item is individually wrapped. In this way children can still feel special on their birthdays.

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

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee for 2021 is \$400 per child. This covers booklists, incursions and excursions (apart from sports events) art materials, physical education equipment, mathematics equipment, readers and literacy games as well as all other curriculum materials. We ask all parents to pay this fee as soon as possible.

COVID 19 School Restrictions Update

Current restrictions for COVID 19 were updated on Wednesday evening. We all still need to be vigilant in maintaining social distancing and managing any colds etc. appropriately. If your child is unwell please keep them home until they are well again. If they have cold/flu like symptoms they are to remain at home and should have a COVID test. If any child has had a test they should stay at home until the results are known. We ask parents not to enter classrooms without having a pre-arranged appointment.

In 2021 we will still use all 4 entry and exit points. Parents are able to come into the school grounds however we ask that you maintain a social distance from other families. Please do not enter classrooms; if you need to have a meeting with a staff member please either call the office to make a time or email the staff member to arrange a time and venue. Quick chats can be had in the morning or afternoon as usual.

ITEM	YES	NO	ITEM	YES	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 (dependant on density requirements)	✓	
Face masks for essential visitors	✓		School photos by photographer	✓	
Play equipment open for children	✓		Whole school assemblies	✓	
Children can bring own sport equipment	✓		Whole year level assemblies	✓	
Interschool sport (outdoor)	✓		School assemblies with parents **as long as density requirements are met	✓	
Indoor sport and PE	✓		Mixed year levels groups of children	✓	
Swimming in non school pool		X	Singing indoors with good ventilation and social distancing	✓	
Sanitiser available in all spaces	✓		Shared food		X
Use of antibacterial wipes	✓		Pre packaged food to give to celebrate birthdays	✓	
Additional school cleaning daily	✓		Canteen - lunch orders	✓	
Take home readers	✓		Canteen - over the counter sales	✓	
Children can bring own drink bottles	✓		Parents visiting the office	✓	
Taps to fill drink bottles in yard	✓		Parents visiting classrooms for an arranged appointment	Limited	
Drink taps can be available	✓		Parents dropping unannounced into rooms		X
Children to bring shared food		X	Dropping off late arrivals at office	✓	
Unwell children to stay home	✓		All children finish at 3:15pm	✓	
Prep & Yr 6 buddies can meet	✓		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	✓	
School open to outside visitors where necessary	✓				

Some reminders as we begin the 2021 school year:

School Uniform

All children are required to wear their **correct summer uniform at all times** this term. The uniform is available from Academy Uniforms 10/85 Mt. Derrimut Road, Deer Park VIC 3023 Ph 83859111. They are open Mon—Fri 9am—5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 2pm. Presentation in the correct uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair expresses pride in our school and upholds the standard of our school. A note is required if a child is out of school uniform. Long hair must be tied up with a navy or yellow scrunchie, dark hair tie and/or yellow or blue ribbon should be used. Ribbons and bows should be small and not excessive. Children are not to wear nail polish to school or wear jewellery, with the exception of plain sleepers or studs.

Hats

All children are required to wear a **school hat** from the beginning of August through until the end of April whilst outside during recess, sport or other activities. Students without a hat will be required to stay under sheltered areas. Staff have sunscreen which is to be given to children to reapply throughout the day and children are also able to bring their own to reapply as needed.



Canteen

Our canteen is run by Mrs Judi Fogarty. At the moment Judi is on leave so the canteen will not be open until later this term. Once Judi's return date is confirmed I will let you know. When open the canteen will be open on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch orders and will also be open at recess and lunchtime on these days.



Punctuality

All students are required to be at school prior to the first bell. Being at school before the bell is important as it enables your child to develop social relationships with others. Coming in after the bell is not only disruptive for your child who has missed the beginning of the school day, messages and learning activities but is also distracting for the other children who are already engaged in their learning. If children are leaving school early they need to be picked up by a parent or guardian and must be signed out at the school office. Children will not be called to the office after 3:00pm.

Attendance

If your child is unwell it is important that they stay at home to recover and are not sent to school where others may then become sick as well. If your child is sick, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to their teacher, once they return to school, stating the reason for the absence. You can also alert the school of your child's absence through the Skoolbag app. These notices are kept as a formal record in the same way as a written note would be.

School Visitors

When visiting the school all parents and visitors must enter through the office, sign in and receive a **visitors pass which must be worn throughout your visit**. The wearing of the lanyard allows children and staff to recognise that you are an authorised visitor and the register is used in an emergency to determine who is in the school; so it is vital that you follow these procedures. This register may also be used if it becomes necessary for DHHS to contact trace visitors, staff and students of the school.



Before School

Supervision of the yard before school does not commence until 8:30am. It is important that children are not dropped off and left at school prior to this as there is no active supervision prior to this time. If you do need to drop your child early due to work commitments we ask that you use the OSHClub facility so that your child is adequately and safely supervised. The adventure playground is out of bounds to all students and toddlers, even if parents are present, both before and after school.

After School Supervision

There are four teachers on duty after school, on the entrance gate, both park gates and the church gate area. Children who are walking home or meeting parents are to leave school promptly by the gate closest to where they are going. Children waiting to be picked up are to wait for parents at the gate parents have arranged to meet them at. Children are not to wait in the office between 3.15pm and 3.30pm as this area is very busy and office staff are unable to supervise children while they wait. Any child who has not been collected by 3.30pm will be brought into the office by duty staff and parents will be called. Children not picked up by 3:45pm will be taken to OSHClub by a staff member and signed in. Parents will then need to collect their child from OSHClub. Parents are responsible for fees charged by OSHClub. Children who attend After School Care Programs offsite wait at the church or front gate for their bus and carer to arrive.

Running Late

If you are running late and your child meets you in a place that is not supervised by staff we ask that you call the office. Your child will be asked to wait with the staff member on the basketball court until you arrive. If you have not arrived by the time the duty ends they will then be brought into the office.

Parking

There is **no parking** in the school grounds either before or after school. The drop off zone will continue to operate at the front of the school each morning before school. This area will be supervised each morning between 8:30am and 9:00am. This is only a drop off area so if you require more time to assist your child please find a parking space close to the school.



OSHClub

OSHClub continues to run each morning and afternoon onsite to care for children whose parents pick them up and drop them off outside of school hours. You can book your child into OSHClub on their online system. Details of the program run each week are enclosed in the newsletter regularly.



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PLEASE NOTE:

MASS IS BACK FOR LIMITED NUMBERS!



CLICK HERE TO
BOOK ONLINE

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

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.

Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Any child with asthma or anaphylaxis MUST have an asthma or anaphylaxis plan completed by their medical practitioner and given to the school with the appropriate medication. Please make sure that the medication and plan are both up to date.

New Uniform Items

While we are transitioning to the new uniform both the old and new uniform can be worn to school.

Girls New uniform

Check dress and woollen jumper with white socks and black shoes

Blue hair tie or scrunchie

Boys New Uniform

Blue shorts/trousers with the gold polo top with blue side inserts and woollen jumper, navy socks and black shoes

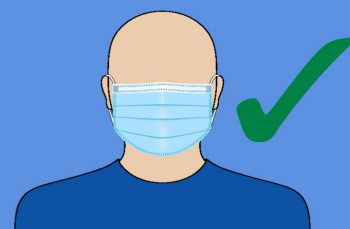
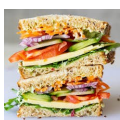
Sports Uniform

Blue polo top with team colour insert, shorts/track pants/skort with white socks and runners, zip jacket



Canteen

Mrs Judi Fogarty I on leave at the moment so the canteen is not open. It is anticipated that Judi will be back in March. Once we have a date for the opening of the canteen we will let you know



A fitted mask needs to be worn covering both your nose and mouth

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus
1800 675 398 - 24 hours, 7 days

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2021 Staff Teams



Carmel Marantelli
Principal



Caroline Madigan
Deputy Principal
R. E Leader



Lisa Nolan
Bursar



Genevieve Drew
Reception



Tracey Taylor
Reception/Library

Office Staff



Lorraine Macdonald
Wellbeing



Christine Kean-ong
Numeracy



Ben Donnelly
ICT



Kirsty Moore
School Community

Leadership



Jodie Russell
Class Teacher



Mandy May
Class Teacher



Seona Payne
Class Teacher



Margaret Bastian
SSO



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SSO

The Prep Team



Sharni Thomas
Class Teacher



Dee Tuckerman
Class Teacher



Kiara Howard
Class Teacher



Kirsty Moore
Class Teacher



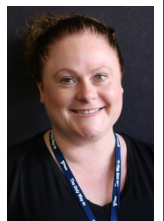
Danielle Jackson
Support Teacher



Kristine Brake
SSO



Leeanne Minihan
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Katie Webster
SSO

The Year 1 Team



Sarah Prendergast
Class Teacher



Caitlin Walker
Class Teacher



Effie Nikolovski
Class Teacher



Megan Humphries
Class Teacher



David Schiavello
Support Teacher



VeraLisa DosSantos
SSO



Bridget Battaglia
SSO

The Year 2 Team

2021 Staff



Amy Tymoszek
Class Teacher



Daniella Jovancevski
Class Teacher



Shanthy Di Falco
Class Teacher



Year 3 Team
Jamien Russell
Class Teacher



Susan Aquilina
SSO



Dianne Latter
SSO



DeAnna Papps
Class Teacher



Jake Ambrosic
Class Teacher



Alicia Hambleton
Class Teacher



Year 4 Team
Ben Donnelly
Class Teacher



Lisa Connolly
Support Teacher



Annette Volkov
SSO



Tracey Taylor
SSO



Justin Cleur
Class Teacher



Year 5 Team
Catherine Woodhouse
Class Teacher



Nicole Pearce
Support Teacher



Jakleen Hajjar
SSO



Katherine Aquilina
SSO



Mel Anderson
Class Teacher



Shannon Harvie
Class Teacher



Rachel Simmons
Class Teacher



Year 6 Team
Heather Cunningham
SSO



Abraham Joongoor
SSO



Deirdre O'Reilly
Visual Art



Megan Humphries
Visual Art



Laura Pepper
Italian



Specialist Team
Carmel Locaso
Italian



Hannah Hogan
Phys Ed



Amanda Kazi
Phys Ed



Eboni Morrell
Performing Arts



Kirsty Moore
Performing Arts

Specialist Team

Staff Contact Information

It is important that all parents and carers have the ability to contact staff. This can be done by calling the office on 97432166 or by emailing the staff member directly. Staff email addresses are listed below for you. Please note the following points -

*I have not included email addresses for SSOs as all queries regarding your child should go through the classroom teacher, specialist teacher or member of leadership; whichever is most relevant to your inquiry

*staff will endeavour to answer your email as soon as possible but please be mindful that they are teaching during the day

*staff do not generally monitor their school emails on the weekend or of an evening as this is their own family time

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2021 Specialist Timetable

	Sport	Performing Arts	Art	LoTE
Tuesday	2K, 2I, 3L, Prep B, 1F	2I, 2G, 3M, Prep A, 1E, 4S, 4Q, 4U, 5R		2G, 2K, 3J, Prep D, 1H
Wednesday	6N, 6O, 5V, 5R, 4Q, 1E, 1H, 3J, 3M	6P, 6N, 5T, 5V, 2K	1H, 1F, 2G, 2I, 5V, 3M, 3L, 3J, 4U	6O, 6P, 5R, 5T, 4S, 1F, 1E, 3M, 3L
Thursday	4S, 4U, 6P	1H, 1F, 6O	4Q, 4S, Prep B, Prep D, Prep A, 6P, 6O, 6N, 1E	4U, 4Q, 6N
Friday	5T, 2G, Prep A, Prep D	3J, 3L, Prep D, Prep B	5R, 2K, 5T	5V, 2I, Prep B, Prep A

For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.

Term 1, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
8 Week 3	9	10	11	12	13 Reconciliation Presentation Masses	14 Reconciliation Presentation Masses
15 Week 4	16	17 *Ash Wednesday *MPSSA District Swimming	18	19 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 1	20	21
22 Week 5	23	24	25	26 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 2	27	28
1 March Week 6	2	3	4	5 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 3	6	7
8 Week 7 Labor Day Public Holiday	9	10	11 School Photos	12 *Year 6 Summer Sport Lightning Premiership	13	14
15 Week 8	16 Year 3 Reconciliation	17 Year 3 Reconciliation	18 Year 3 Reconciliation	19	20	21
22 Week 9	23	24 MPSSA Divisional Tennis	25	26	27	28

Start the chat about online safety to celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the safe and positive use of digital technology. It's also a good time to explore the role we can all play in creating a better online community.

This global campaign is celebrated by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!

- Join our parent webinar [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).
- Visit [esafety.gov.au/SID](#) for tips to start the chat at school, at home and in your community.



about online safety



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School Uniform

1st Sep 2020 – 31st 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
for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 23rd to 9am Jan 4th

Items are not available at Thomastown or Springvale stores.