



St Catherine of Siena

"Be all that you can be and you will set the world on fire"

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4 19th February 2021

Ash Wednesday Reflection

Ashes are what remain after a fire has gone out. They are a symbol for us - of death and of grief. Many Christians today receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This cross of ashes signifies that we are blemished; we are not perfect; that a fire has gone out in us too and needs to be rekindled. This cross of ashes signifies that we are ready to change, and to make efforts to set out lives firmly on the way of Christ.



Receive Lent with gladness!

Be strong, and turn your life toward God.

Dear families,

Throughout the year our Parents and Friends Committee meet regularly and arrange fund raising activities for the children. This group was not able to run these activities last year but is hopeful of reinstating many of these this year. Things such as the mothers and fathers day stalls, the school disco and Easter and Christmas raffles are all events that this group organises. Over recent years this group has mainly been the work of one or two very dedicated parents. As we begin a new year I am asking if there are any other parents out there who could offer their time to support this group and assist with these activities throughout the year. If you are able to assist, please email me at principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au so I can pass your details on.

There are times throughout the year when we are asked to send data in to the Catholic Education Office or other Government Departments. Much of the data we are required to send in is captured at the time of enrolment on the enrolment form. As you can imagine over 7 years at Primary School this information can change for some families. If you change address, work, phone number, or other details please make sure that you contact office staff to change this in our system. Some of these details may also be recorded on Operoo and should also be changed there so that both platforms are up to date.

After the recent 5 day lockdown the school office is open to parents, however we ask that you make sure that you are wearing a mask and sanitise on your way into the office area. There is a sanitising station just inside the door for your use. If you are waiting for assistance please keep a distance from other office visitors.

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

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee of \$400 per child for 2021 is now due. 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.



Welcome back from what was short Remote Learning 3.0! I hope that the restrictions meant you could all spend some quality family time together and be grateful for the love and support of each other. This week the Parent Space is focusing on **'Positive Parenting'**. *Being a parent is a wonderful fulfilling job, however, it can also be challenging, tiring and frustrating. Today is time to reflect upon ourselves as parents and how we can have a positive impact on the functioning of our families, particularly in these uncertain times.*

Positive Parenting Solutions

The 7-Step Parenting Success System is your step-by-step roadmap to tackle your biggest power struggles at their roots, ensuring you solve them once and for all.

Positive Parenting Solutions are offering a free online course (60 minutes).

The topics of the course are:

Topics For The Course Include:

+ Step 1 – Pull Back the Curtain: *The Science of Misbehavior and How You Contribute*

- Introduction to the **PSYCHOLOGY** behind troubling behavior
- **PARENT PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT**
- **BIRTH ORDER** and why it matters
- How **YOU CONTRIBUTE** to misbehavior and how you can stop
- Single **MOST IMPORTANT TOOL** in the toolbox – begin seeing results in 1-2 days

+ Step 2 – From Complaining to Contributing: *Empower Your Kids to be Confident, Capable, and Independent*

+ Step 3 – Revolutionize Your Routines: *Regain Control, Let Go of Guilt*

+ Step 4 – From Power Struggles to Peace: *How to Handle Extreme Behaviors in a Positive Way*

+ Step 5 – Transform Sibling Relationships: *From Enemies to Besties*

+ Step 6 – The Family Harmony Tool: *Calm the Crazies, Fire Up the Fun*

+ Step 7 – Your Future Success: *Staying Strong Through the Ages and Stages*



You will also have access to Survival Guides, Battle Tested Blueprints, The Parenting Toolbox. See what other parents have to say about the program below.

For more information visit <https://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/web-free-webinars>

What Parents Have to Say About Positive Parenting Solutions



"Kids are both down and it's 8pm... I'm not used to this!"

"Amy McCreedy, THANK YOU for all you do for us. You are amazing and this program is amazing just like you. My kids are both down and it's 8pm and I don't know what to do with my free time now I am definitely not used to this ... Uninterrupted bathroom with no audiences ... I am going to pour myself a glass of wine and cheers to all the ladies here who get to have a relaxed night while the kids are happy, healthy, well-behaved, and asleep."

Rashel Hacobian,
PPS Member Since January 2018



"I've never gotten so much out of an online course before!"

"I just finished session 7 in little over a month and wanted to thank you. I wish I could call you and tell you because I have already seen so much improvement and change in myself and my children! I have never taken an online course that I got so much out of until now. I can honestly say it has been worth every penny! As a first-grade teacher, I will apply many of these tools in my classroom as well. I cannot thank you enough. I will continue to learn and apply the tools to improve my parenting. As a mom who came from a family that yelled, I continue to work on my calm voice, but even today I found the tools I know well benefiting my children and I."

Michelle Benki Chapman,
PPS Member Since July 2018

May you have a wonderful weekend.

God's Blessings

Lorraine Macdonald

Student Wellbeing Leader

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday: 9.15am

Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5.00pm

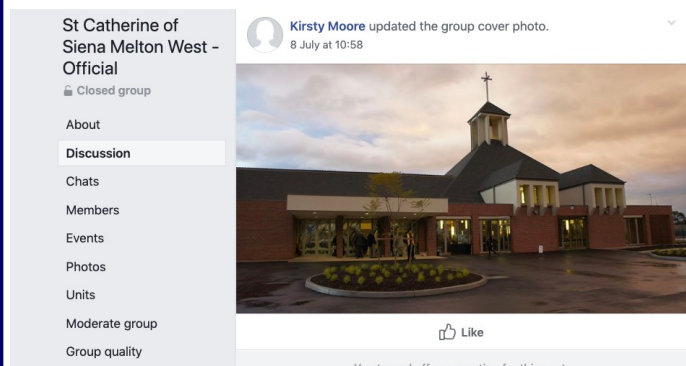


w: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>

Join our School Facebook Group!

Search for 'St Catherine of Siena Melton West - Official'

Join today, answer some simple questions and stay in touch with what's going on at school.



Reconciliation Presentation Masses

The enrolment Mass for all children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term will now take place **this weekend 20th/21st February**.

Please bring in your enrolment form filled in so that it is ready to be handed in during the Mass.

Choose one of the following Masses to attend at **St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West (108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West)**: Saturday - 6.00pm, Sunday - 9.00am, 11.00am, 5.00pm



Buddy Picnic Update

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions to outdoor gatherings the Buddy Picnic planned for Friday, 26th February has been cancelled.

We understand the Prep and Year 6 students were looking forward to this event and we will endeavour to reschedule this at a later date.



Sibling Storytime @ St Cath's

Bring your baby, toddler or preschooler to St Cath's for Storytime!

Come and join our teachers for stories, songs and fun.

****You must stay with your child/ren during Storytime****

When: Starting on Tuesday, 23rd February then every Tuesday from 2:30 - 3:00pm

Due to the limited number of spaces available you **MUST** email Mrs Moore at kmoore@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au if you wish to attend - only 1 adult per family please.

Where: If you receive an email saying that you can attend you need to sign in at the Office then make your way to the Library.

Who: Storytime is for brothers and sisters of any current St Catherine's student.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award for the beginning of the school year. These awards were presented at school today.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Tayla Camilleri

Prep B - Jax Gauci

Prep D - Bailey Maurer

1E - Macy Robbie

1F - Aguet Deng

1H - Lucian Rosales

2G - Nicholas Bigeni

2I - Semira Cabral

2K - Emma McIntyre

3J - Alexia Zannikos

3L - Jed Thompson

3M - Sienna Hausfeld

4Q - Nicholas Bigeni

4S - Adam Dreaver

4U - Ayol Anyar

5R - Sinon Fernando

5T - James Mwaka

5V - Anhiany Anhiany

6N - Annalee Torney

6O - Faith Abraham

6P - Kuel Kuel

LoTE - Class 6P

Term 1, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
22 Week 5	23 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	24	25	26 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 2	27 Reconciliation Presentation Mass	28 Reconciliation Presentation Masses
1 March Week 6	2 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	3	4	5 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 3	6	7
8 Week 7 Labor Day Public Holiday	9 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	10	11 School Photos	12 *Year 6 Summer Sport Lightning Premiership	13	14
15 Week 8	16 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm Year 3 Reconciliation	17 Year 3 Reconciliation	18 Year 3 Reconciliation	19	20	21
22 Week 9	23 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	24 MPSSA Divisional Tennis	25	26 *Prep/Yr 6 Buddy Picnic 5:30pm - 7:30pm	27	28 PALM SUNDAY
29 Week 10	30 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	31	1 HOLY THURSDAY *Last Day of Term students Dismissed at 1:30pm	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3	4 EASTER SUNDAY
5 EASTER MONDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11

DO YOU HOLD A VALID HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CSE [CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS] PAYMENT

- ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL PROCESSES THE APPLICATION, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARD HOLDER TO APPLY AND SUBMIT THE FORM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CARD BY **MONDAY, JUNE 25 2018**



Health Care Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

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Expires **21 JAN 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 1
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 2
CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME
DEPENDENT 1
DEPENDENT 2
DEPENDENT 3
DEPENDENT 4
DEPENDENT 5
CARD START 22 JUL 201X LI

Signature of cardholder

This card is NOT transferable humanservices.gov.au/healthcarecard

Issued by the Australian Government Department of Human Services on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



Keep this card with you

This card should be used when claiming concessions provided by Australian Government and state and territory governments and accounts from some private providers.

Eligibility for state, territory and private provider concessions is determined by the concession provider.

Important

- This card cannot be used after its expiry date or if you have been told by us to destroy it.
- This card is not transferable.
- You must advise us within 14 days of any changes to your circumstances that are likely to affect your entitlement to this card.

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Pensioner Concession Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Signature of cardholder

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VICTORIA

Expires **31 AUG 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS

CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME
CHILD ONE 111-111-111A
CHILD TWO 111-111-111A
CHILD THREE 111-111-111A
Card start 01 Jan 201X DSP

111-111-111A

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /



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.

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

VICTORIA
AS A LEARNING
COMMUNITY