



# St Catherine of Siena

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

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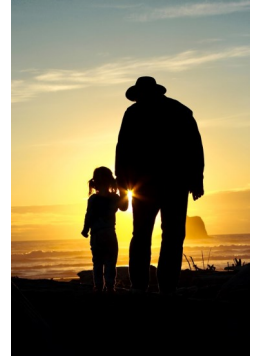
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## NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2 23rd July 2021

### *Reflection about Grandparents*

Grandparents are special people with wisdom and pride.  
They are always offering love and kindness and are always there to guide.  
They often make you feel so confident and strong.  
Their arms are always open no matter what you did wrong.  
They try to help you out in every way that they can.  
They love all their grandchildren the same whether you're a child, woman or man.  
They are always there to listen and to lend a helping hand.  
They show you respect and they try to understand.  
They give their love, devotion and so much more that's easy to see.  
Grandparents, what perfect examples of the kind of person that we should be. Author: Stacey Smith



Dear Families,

You will all have heard that the lockdown is going to continue into next week so there will be remote learning on Monday and Tuesday of next week for all children. Children of essential workers can be onsite; please let me know via email to [principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) if you require a place for your child at school on Monday or Tuesday. In the meantime I hope you are all safe and well. It is at times like these, when so much has been taken away, that we all truly learn and value the meaning of community, relationships, family, face to face contact and so much more. It is important that we are all here to support each other in such challenging times. One thing last year taught us is that we can do this and we will be able to do it again together this time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are in need or we can do anything to support you and your family.

On July 26th we celebrate the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, Jesus' grandparents. Grandparents hold a special place in every family and have a unique relationship with their grandchildren, one that usually involves a little bit of extra pampering and attention!! Each year around this time we invite the children's family and grandparents to be at school with us for a mass, concert and classroom visit to celebrate this relationship. Unfortunately due to the current restrictions we are unable to do that this year. Fr Michael is going to live stream the Grandparents Mass at 11am this Sunday. To watch this please use the following link

<https://youtu.be/jURpUmwE-4M>

Take care everyone  
God bless and stay safe

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Marantelli  
**PRINCIPAL**

#### **Upcoming Events**

\*Enrolment Interviews for 2022 Preps that were scheduled for 20th July, 21st July, 22nd July and 27th July will have to be rescheduled. At this stage interviews scheduled for 29th July will go ahead as planned but this will be dependent on the level of restrictions in place at that time. Keep a look out for emails with updates on this ever changing situation.

## Wellbeing

Dear parents, guardians and carers

### **Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, at this time, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

**Lorraine Macdonald**

**(Student Wellbeing Leader)**



**NCCD**  
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA  
ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY



## Taking a look at TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube

Join the **eSafety Commissioner's** expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 - 13.

This webinar focuses on popular apps used by young people. It will include case studies, research, and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

### Register now

**Monday 16 August**    12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

**Tuesday 31 August**    7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

[Register](#) or for more information please visit

[esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



## **Top 10 guidelines on how to help children navigate COVID-19**

*Inspired by Steve Gross from Life is Good Playmakers*

### **Keep it real**

Have a conversation - stay authentic, truthful and give real information in a developmentally appropriate way.

Do not use big words. Do not complicate.

Example: The virus called COVID-19 is making people sick. Some people can get very sick. Since it is contagious, meaning it can pass from one person to another, we need to separate ourselves from other people to protect others and ourselves. Wash your hands and try not to touch your face or put things in your mouth.

### **Reassure, reassure, reassure**

We are going to be ok! It's really important to offer a lot of reassurance.

Acknowledge the chaos and reassure that it will pass.

These changes are temporary.

There are many adults working hard to keep us safe. We, as a country and community, are going to come together to take care of each other.

### **Model calmness**

You create the environment children live in.

Kids pick up our energy. **"More is caught by kids than taught to kids."** They are always watching our body language, our energy and us.

If we are calm, it will instill calmness in them.

### **Focus on the good**

Be a real optimist; Even though this pandemic is happening, what are the good things we can find or wrap our minds around?

Look for the helpers, the good people in the world.

Focus on how being together is precious time spent.



## **Be interested in your kids**

Ask them what they know. Do not try to guess or assume.

What are their questions?

What are their fears?

Listen. It is ok to not know or have answers. It's listening that counts.

## **Allow children to be involved**

Helping kids take effective action and contribute as it gives them a sense of purpose.

Let them help. Give them a job.

Examples: Find chores they can help with, make art gifts for family/friends and ask them to check in with family via FaceTime or other communication methods.

## **Continually check in**

Conversation should be on going.

Provide opportunities to check in

Give children updates, keep them informed.

## **Comfort of routine**

Make a plan.

Create and continue structure and routine that works for you.

Make a family schedule, a new normal.

## **Monitor media**

Watch what they watch.

Be mindful of having too much news that can be scary.

Watch things that are happy, fun, light, joyful, comforting and educational.

## **Engage in the wonder of life**

Make time to create, play, read, sing, dance, explore and be in nature whenever you can.

**Despite the uncertainty, try to find and create joy in hopes that our children will remember this time -- not as a scarring, scary time -- but as a time we persevered. You create the world your child lives in.**





# YEAR 7 2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications for  
Year 7 2023 at our West  
Melton and Cobblebank  
campuses are due on Friday  
20 August 2021

Apply online now at  
[www.crcmelton.com.au/  
join-us/  
enrolment](http://www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/enrolment)



We welcome you to join one  
of our College tours to see  
our West Melton campus  
first hand.

Reserve your place at  
[www.crcmelton.com.au/  
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## Swimming Program

Please check emails regularly for updated information regarding the swimming program. The program is dependent on State Government directions and planned sessions are subject to change with the evolving restrictions. We will keep you updated with all information as it becomes available.

## Prep 2022 Enrolment Interviews

Due to the extended lockdown, the enrolment interviews have been rescheduled for the following dates; Tuesday 3rd August, Thursday 5th August, Tuesday 10th August and Wednesday 11th August. Please contact the school office on 9743 2166 to rebook your interviews with Carmel and Fr Michael. At this stage interviews booked for Thursday, 29th will go ahead as planned. Updates will be sent via email as new information is received.

## Book Club

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club was recently sent home with all students.

All orders must be completed online by **Friday, 30th July.**

*Please note no late orders can be accepted.*

## Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

**Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena**

**Wednesday Morning:** 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>

# School Closure Day - Friday, 6th August

## Term 3, 2021

| Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                              | Sun  |
|---|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 26 Week 3<br>*St Anne & St Joachim<br>Feast Day<br>*Remote Learning | 27<br>*Remote Learning  | 28<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming<br>- to be confirmed<br>*Grandparents Day<br>Mass | 29<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming<br>- to be confirmed<br>*Prep 2022<br>Enrolment Interviews | 30<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming -<br>to be confirmed | 31                               | 1 August<br>*Year 6 2020 -<br>Confirmation |
| 2 Week 4<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming  | 3<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming<br>*Sibling Story time<br>2:30pm-3:00pm                   | 4<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming  | 5<br>*Yr 3/4 Swimming   | 6<br>School Closure<br>Day                  | 7                                | 8  |
| 9 Week 5  | 10<br>*Sibling Story time<br>2:30pm-3:00pm<br>*Yr 4 Eucharist<br>Reflection Day | 11<br>*St Mary of the Cross<br>Mass                                      | 12<br>*Yr 4 Eucharist<br>Information Evening<br>@ 7pm                             | 13  | 14<br>*Year 4 First<br>Communion | 15   |
| 16 Week 6   | 17<br>*Sibling Story time<br>2:30pm-3:00pm                                      | 18<br>*MPSSA District<br>Athletics Day - Track<br>Events                 | 19<br>*MPSSA District<br>Athletics Day - Field<br>Events                          | 20  | 21                               | 22   |
| 23 Week 7   | 24<br>*Sibling Story time<br>2:30pm-3:00pm                                      | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28                               | 29   |
| 30 Week 8<br>*Prep - Yr 2<br>Swimming                               | 31<br>*Prep - Yr 2<br>Swimming<br>*Confirmation Information<br>Evening @ 7pm    | 1 September<br>*Prep - Yr 2<br>Swimming                                  | 2<br>*Prep - Yr 2<br>Swimming   | 3<br>*Prep - Yr 2<br>Swimming               | 4                                | 5  |



# Newsletter



Our favourite activity this week...  
Toothpick Star Experiment



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### Here is what we have done these last two weeks

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely break and a big warm welcome to all our OSHClub families and children in Term 3, 2021. We are missing all our OSHClub children because of lockdown. Hopefully, we will get out of lockdown soon and have all our smiling faces returning to OSHClub.

Last week children enjoyed doing art and craft, boomerangs painting, marshmallow building and outdoor play. Our theme for this week is building trusting and respectful relationships with children and Community celebration. We celebrated Crazy hair day on Tuesday, 20th July. Children enjoyed doing some crazy hair drawing. Children show interest in making pipe cleaner monsters, toothpick star experiment, muscular system hand craft and lots more.

Our theme for next week is Olympics – Focusing on Physical Health and Wellbeing



## PHOTO GALLERY



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# Newsletter



## COMING UP

23<sup>rd</sup>  
– 8<sup>th</sup>

### Community Engagement

- Tokyo Olympics

30<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

### Special Events

- International day of Friendship
- Schools Tree day



## COORDINATOR CORNER

Dear Families,

We are focusing on Physical Health and Wellbeing during this Term. Children will encourage to join in/ play group games outside, Adventure playground and Oval . Also, we are maintaining healthy hygiene practices at Oshclub during Covid -19 outbreak by washing and Sanitizing our hands. Children will be learning more about the importance of washing our hands by doing Germ Experiment next week.



## Procedures

### Booking and Cancellations during Lockdown period

Please note, if you have current bookings, you are not required to remove them. These bookings can remain in the system to ensure places are secured. You will not be charged for these sessions should your child not attend during this lockdown period.

