



St Catherine of Siena

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

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NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 2 15th October 2021

Reflection

This Sunday is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. In the past 2 years when there have been so many people unable to work the number of people experiencing poverty has increased dramatically. The following link is to the United Nations Site which has information on this. [Eradication of Poverty](#)

This verse from Micah 'And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?' (Micah 6:8) is a reminder to us all to always do what we can, when we can to ensure that all people have access to the basic requirements necessary to live a good and full life.



Dear Families,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the Prep - Year 2 children back to school next week. We understand that they may be feeling excited to see their friends but also a tad nervous about being away from home where they have been safe and comfortable for the past term. They may also be nervous and wondering how they will reconnect with their friends after not seeing them for so long. Their teachers are excited to reconnect with them and will do all they can to make this transition back to school as easy as possible. Our focus on their return will be their transition, revisiting school routines and expectations and re-engaging with friends so that they can settle in quickly.

Many parents and children will be anxious about the need for Year 3 - 6 children to wear masks when inside. For young children this can be a challenge. We have included in this newsletter some information on this which may allay a few of their fears. The social story may be particularly useful in discussing this with young children. If you know that this will be a challenge for your child please reach out to their teacher or myself so that we can support you and your child in this. There will be some children who, because of their particular medical circumstances will be exempt from wearing a mask. If you think this applies to your child please contact me to discuss this further.

To ensure that we can maintain as safe an environment for everyone as possible we ask that all children who are sick remain at home until they are well. Any child who has cold and/or flu-like symptoms should have a COVID test and isolate whilst waiting for results. If children present at school with these symptoms we will call you to come and pick them up. We ask for your continued assistance in this.

Over recent weeks we have been working on reversing the camp, swimming and excursion charges applied to your accounts at the beginning of the year. These will be reversed as children did not receive the benefit of these events across the year. If these have not been reflected they will be very shortly.

Take care everyone and stay well

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

MACSSIS



School Improvement Survey

In 2021, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school. MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that each school can focus on. Our school believes it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

The school has invited many families to respond via this survey and participation is completely voluntary. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers – all responses are completely anonymous and at no point are any of the responses from students, families or staff identifiable by the school. Families invited to complete the survey have been chosen at random and been sent an email with further information on how to complete the survey along with a personal family PIN.

The survey is available online, can be accessed from **Thursday, 7th October** and needs to be completed by **Thursday, 28th October 2021**. This survey may only be completed once.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

School Hats Required

A reminder that in line with our Sun Smart Policy all students are required to wear a **school hat** during Term 4. Hats must be worn whilst outside during recess, sport or other outside activities. Students without a hat will be required to stay under sheltered areas. Please ensure your child has a school hat when they return to onsite learning.



Canteen Update

Please note the canteen will remain closed until all students return to onsite learning. There will be no lunch orders or over the counter sales during Week 3, Week 4 and Week 5.

The canteen will reopen for lunch orders and over the counter sales from Monday, 8th November.



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Mass will be livestreamed at
11:00am on Sunday

The Parish Office is currently closed



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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this week. These awards will be posted to children who are not onsite.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Zakaria Alumbulwa

Prep B - Georgia Aquilina

Prep D - Grace Abraham

1E - Mayeno Bith

1F - Jedidiah Roberts & Gok Thuc

1H - Nathan Scicluna

2G - Braxton Vella

2I - Xena Freitag

2K - Benji Eastwood

3J - Julia Tat

3L - Lily Harrison

3M - Tiffany Sesay

4Q - Ceara Goundar

4S - Adam Dreaver

4U - Boniface Makuei

5R - Monique Kalutha

5T - Allanah Raic

5V - Anhiany Anhiany & Alat Ngong

6N - Patrick Makhraz

6O - Faith Abraham

6P - Nermeen Eskandar

Performing Arts - Nathan Mendonca & Gabriela Galileos

Term 4, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
18 Week 3 *Prep Return to School <i>*Remote Learning - All other year levels</i>	19 *Prep Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - All other year levels</i>	20 *Prep Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - All other year levels</i>	21 *Yr 1/2 Return to School <i>*Remote Learning - Prep, Yr 3/4 & 5/6</i>	22 *Yr 1/2 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Prep, Yr 3/4 & 5/6</i>	23	24
25 Week 4 *Prep Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - All other year levels</i>	26 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6</i>	27 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6</i>	28 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4</i>	29 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4</i>	30	31
1 November Week 5 School Closure Day	2 Melbourne Cup	3 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6</i>	4 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite <i>*Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4</i>	5 All Students Onsite!	6	7
8 Week 6 *Canteen Reopens	9 *2022 Prep Orientation - TBC	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 7	16 *2022 Prep Orientation - TBC	17	18	19	20	21
22 Week 8	23 *2022 Prep Orientation - TBC	24	25	26	27	28

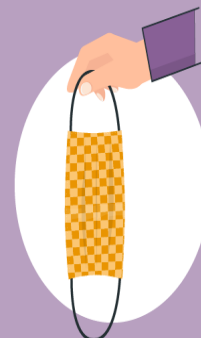
HOW CHILDREN CAN WEAR FABRIC MASKS

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, REMEMBER TO:

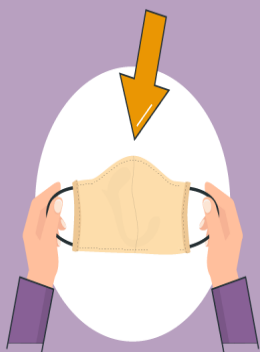
- Keep at least 1 metre distance from others
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid touching your face and the front of the mask
- Wear the mask with the correct side up and out



Clean hands before touching the mask



Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty



Identify the inside of the mask which will touch the face and the upper part that will cover the nose



Adjust the mask without leaving gaps on the sides



Cover mouth, nose and chin



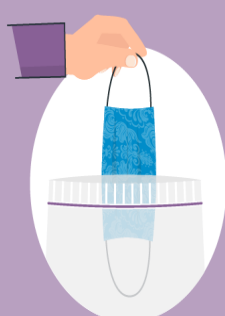
Avoid touching the front of the mask



Clean hands before removing the mask



Remove the mask by the straps



Store the mask in a clean bag or container



Clean hands after removing the mask



Wash the mask at least once a day, preferably with hot water



Do not share masks with others

WEARING MASKS

Keeps Everyone Safe!



People all around me are wearing masks to keep each other safe from germs.



I can also wear a mask, so I do not catch or spread these germs. If I need help putting it on, I will ask for help.



I can practice wearing a mask at home. I can even try to put it on my favorite doll or stuffed animal.



My mask should cover my nose, mouth and chin, and will tie in the back of my head or have elastic to go around my ears.

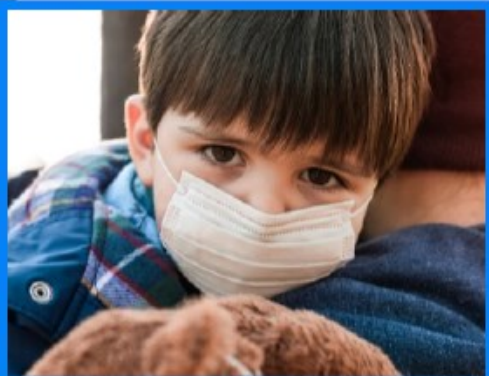




Masks come in all colors and patterns.



If it is difficult or uncomfortable wearing a mask I can try for short periods of time first and then build up to longer amounts of time.



If it hurts to have the elastic behind my ears, I can try it with buttons on my favorite hat or headband.



The more I practice wearing my mask, the easier it will be.
Wearing masks helps to keep everyone safe.



REMEMBER:

stay safe and wear a mask.