



St Catherine of Siena

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NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 3 22nd October 2021

Reflection

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, your love, and your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to you, we shall see your hand, your purpose, your will through all things.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola



Dear Families,

This week it has been wonderful to welcome many of the children back onsite, even if only for a few days. Our Preps began the return to school on Monday, they walked in quite happily and were so very excited to see friends and their teachers. Some barely took the time to wave goodbye to parents at the gate before heading in with friends. On Thursday our Year 1 and 2 children came in and again were eager to find friends and familiar faces. The excited chatter in the yard, classes and corridors throughout the day put a smile on many faces. On Friday the Year 5 and 6 children returned for the day and I'm not sure who was most excited, the children or their teachers. The ease with which all children transitioned back to school this week, after such a long time at home, is a tribute to the preparation of both their teachers and parents in managing this transition with them. On Tuesday and Wednesday next week the Year 3 and 4 children begin their return to school and we are eager to welcome them back as well.

The staggered return to school will continue for the next 2 weeks until ALL year levels return to school on the 5th November. These dates may be brought forward so please note any emails or Operoo alerts sent out to you.

Many parents have expressed concern over the wearing of masks for Year 3 - 6 children. This is a government directive and we need to do our best to comply with it as well as the intent of this direction. Having said that can I say that no child will be forced to wear a mask against their will or their parents wishes and all children will be welcomed back to school. We will encourage those children who wish to wear a mask but are a bit anxious about it and support them in this. Children who can only wear a mask for short spurts throughout the day will be able to do so. All children in Year 3 - 6 who wear a mask are able to take this off before going outside and we will provide children with a small zip lock bag to put their mask into when they have taken it off. Children who are unable to wear a mask due to medical circumstances, disability or another reason do not need to provide an exemption for this.

Take care everyone and stay well

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events

Monday 1st November - Report Writing Day

Tuesday 2nd November - Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday

Friday 5th November - All children return to school

World Teachers' Day will be celebrated across Australia on Friday 29th October 2021, a bit later than the international day due to our school holidays. It's a great chance to thank teachers.

Here are some really easy ways to thank a teacher or staff member on World Teachers' Day

1. Thank you note/drawing

A short note, email or drawing from you or your child will be sure to make any educator smile. Try thinking of something they might have done recently to make it more personal.

2. Personalised card

A personalised card/digital card is another easy and thoughtful way to say thanks.

3. Small gift ideas

Chocolates, lollies, tea, or even a packet of native plant seeds are popular small gifts to show appreciation.

4. Give a virtual 'happy' apple

We're aiming to share a million virtual apples with teachers and staff to let them know they're appreciated. Visit worldteachersday.edu.au from 14th October to add some virtual apples to our collection as a super-easy way to say thanks.

Our teachers, SSO's and Admin staff have worked harder than ever before during remote learning. They have had to plan, prepare and execute many types of learning and have had to have a Plan A, B and C on the go at all times.

I would personally like to extend my utmost thanks to the Staff of St Catherine's for doing everything they possibly can for the students and families in our learning community - You are all SUPERSTARS!!

Kirsty Moore - Community Leader



#BrightFuture

Friday 29 October 2021

Week 4 Onsite Timetable

All students at school for onsite learning are required to be in full SUMMER uniform.

Onsite supervision will continue for students on remote learning days for approved workers.

	ONSITE	REMOTE LEARNING
MONDAY, 25th OCTOBER	Prep	All other Year levels
TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER	Prep Year 3 & Year 4	Year 1 & Year 2 Year 5 & Year 6
WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER	Prep Year 3 & Year 4	Year 1 & Year 2 Year 5 & Year 6
THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER	Year 1 & Year 2 Year 5 & Year 6	Prep Year 3 & Year 4
FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER	Year 1 & Year 2 Year 5 & Year 6	Prep Year 3 & Year 4

Eucharist and Confirmation Sacrament Update

As you are aware, Victoria is currently in the process of coming out of a Statewide lockdown and this will no doubt impact the way we celebrate and gather as a community. As a result, Religious gatherings including the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation will be placed on hold until further instructions are received from the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the State Government.

Please do not contact the Parish as this information will be sent to you via the school.

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 4 and Week 5.

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

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.

School Closure Days

Monday, 1st November AND Tuesday, 2nd November

Parish Of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton
Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603
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The Parish Office is currently closed

Mass will be livestreamed at
11:00am on Sunday



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 - Theoneste Hajayandi

Prep B - Amelia Sobol

Prep D - Nina Zammit

1E - Taylah Crabtree

1F - Chelsea Hassell

2I - Semira Cabral

2K - Lucas Miller

3J - Abigail Teichelman

3L - Lucas Keer

3M - Mayen Mayan

4Q - Bernard Kakinda

4S - Harrison Sliwa

4U - Ruby Cunningham

5R - Kareena Allen

5T - Adhieu Chol

5V - Maisey Kucic & Hayden Hausfeld

6N - Ayden Brown

6O - Veronica Abela

Term 4, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25 Week 4 *Prep Onsite *Remote Learning - All other year	26 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite *Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6	27 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite *Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6	28 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite *Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4	29 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite *Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4	30	31
1 November Week 5 School Closure Day	2 Melbourne Cup	3 *Prep & Yr 3/4 Onsite *Remote Learning - Yr 1/2 & 5/6	4 *Yr 1/2 & 5/6 Onsite *Remote Learning - Prep & Yr 3/4	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
29 Week 9	30	1 December	2	3	4	5

HOW CHILDREN CAN WEAR FABRIC MASKS

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, REMEMBER TO:

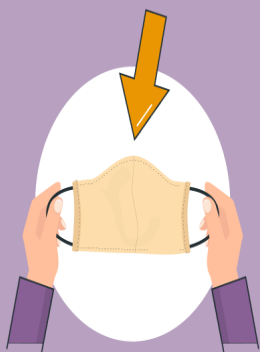
- Keep at least 1 metre distance from others
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid touching your face and the front of the mask
- Wear the mask with the correct side up and out



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



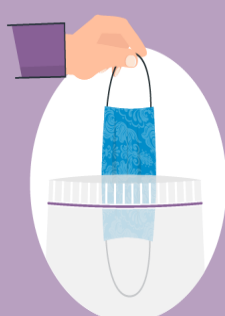
Avoid touching the front of the mask



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.

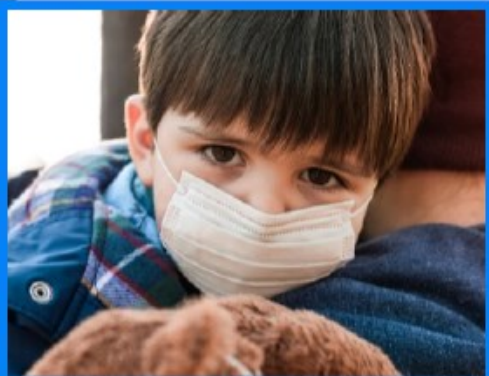




Masks come in all colors and patterns.



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.