



St Catherine of Siena

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NEWSLETTER

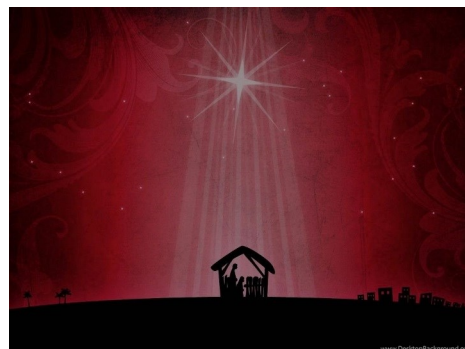
Term 4, Week 10 10th December 2021

Christmas Reflection

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the wise men from Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend

Truly He taught us to love one another, his law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name
O Holy Night by John S Dwight



Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this week there was an announcement that COVID vaccinations will become available for children aged 5-11 years of age. Some of you may welcome this news while others may be feeling anxious about this announcement. I have already had a few queries from parents about what this will mean if they are either unable to vaccinate their child or choose not to for a variety of reasons. At this stage I am unable to answer these questions for you as it will depend on the Health Direction that is given and what the Department of Education and Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools response is to this. I can only imagine that they will be working on this currently and it will be communicated to us in due course. If this becomes available over the holiday period I will email it out to you on the newsletter email group so that you have all of the information as it becomes available in order to make the best decision for you and your family.

As we come to the end of the year can I give a very sincere and well deserved shout out to all of the families who supported school staff in ensuring that school continued throughout home schooling. I know that it was difficult for many in terms of juggling your own work commitments with the children's school work, access to technology, internet dropping out - possibly at the worst moment, to say nothing of the anxiety felt by many in missing vital social connections with friends. We could not have achieved what we did without everyone doing their part and making the best of a difficult situation so thank you all for your efforts in making this work.

Wishing you all the peace and joy of Christmas as, on the 25th December, we remember that night so long ago when Jesus came into the world in a stable - a baby who would change the world and bring hope to many. With what we have gone through over the past 2 years may we all be filled with that very same hope this Christmas, hope for the year ahead of us and what 2022 may be.

Take care and Merry Christmas to you all

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

Monday, 13th December - Yr 6 Big Day Out

Tuesday, 14th December - Yr 1-6, 2022 Transition Morning

Tuesday, 14th December - Yr 6 Graduation @ 7pm

Thursday 16th December - Last Day for children, dismissal 1:30pm

Dee-Ann Tuckerman leaves us at the end of this year to continue her teaching career at another local school. Dee-Ann has been a much valued member of the St Catherine of Siena school community for many years. She has predominately worked in the junior levels and has ensured that the children in her care have had a good start to their school journey. Dee-Ann has always been able to develop strong and effective relationships with the children in her care and has communicated with families to make sure that school and home worked as one to support the students. Many of you will have had children Dee has taught and I'm sure you join me in wishing her every success as she heads off to her new school.

Danielle Jackson also leaves this year to continue her teaching career in another school setting. In recent years Danielle has been employed on a part time basis to work with children from EAL backgrounds and New Arrivals from overseas or to support the Year 1s in catching up due to time in home schooling. In working with our EAL and New Arrival students Danielle planned exciting and innovative activities to engage the children and assist them in acquiring the necessary language skills. The children enjoyed these sessions immensely and soon developed the skills and confidence to converse with friends and other staff. Danielle also made valuable connections with their families and made them feel welcome as they joined our school community. I know that Danielle will soon become a much valued member of her new school community.

Sarah Prendergast is leaving us to work at a school much closer to home. Sarah has thoroughly enjoyed her time with us and if not for the long commute may have remained. Sarah is a valued staff member and an important part of the Year 2 team. She has worked hard to support all of the children in Year 2 and has taken the time needed to get to know each child, their interests and challenges so that she can best support their learning. I'm sure you join with me in thanking Sarah for her contributions and wish her all the very best for 2022 at her new school.

They will all be missed and we wish each and every one of them every continued success in their new school settings. We thank them all very much for the care that they have shown to all of the children of St Catherine's and their families in their time with us.



The Birth of Christ



It's beginning to look a lot like...

Christmas at St Cath's

Each Classroom, the Specialist Team, our SSD's and the Leadership and Administration Team have all come together to create a magical display for you all to enjoy.

Please come by the the front of the school office and have a look - all are welcome!

Kirsty Moore - Community Leader



Prep B

**The Rhyming
Truffula Tree**



2G

**The Light for
Santa**



Prep A

**The 'ELF'abet
Tree**



3L

**Santa Lost in
Space**





SSO's
**Twelve Days
of Christmas**



4Q
**Tree Down
Under**



3M
**The Gratitude
Tree**



1E
**The
Christmas Pig**



Leadership
**The Star of
Bethlehem**



Prep D
**'Oh Deer' The
Most Famous
Reindeer of All**



Year 5
Mary (Jesus), Joseph and an Angel



1F
**Macca the
Alpaca**



3J
**Elf on the
Shelf**



4S
**Don't be a
Grinch**





2I

**Christmas
Monster**



1H

Aussie Xmas



4U

**A Silent &
Holy Night**



Specialist Team
**A Very Special
Christmas**



2K

**A Jolly Aussie
Christmas**



Year 6 - **Three Wise Men**



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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Masses have returned!

Thursday & Friday 9:15am - St Dominic's Church

Saturday 6pm - St Catherine's Church

Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm - St Catherine's Church



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



Semester 2 Reports

Student Semester 2 Reports will be released today, Friday 10th December through the nForma Parent Portal. Please click [here](#) to access the Portal Homepage and enter your Username and Password. If you have forgotten your password, this can be reset online. New users will receive an email containing a link and a temporary password to access the Portal.

Please email ict@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au if you have any issues with accessing your child's report.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation date and location has been confirmed for **Tuesday, 14th December** and will take place in the Church. Graduation will begin with mass at 7:00pm followed by the Graduation ceremony.



Canteen

The last day for canteen lunch orders and over the counter sales will be **Tuesday, 14th December**. The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 17th December.

The canteen will reopen in 2022 from Monday, 31st January.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this week.
These awards will be presented to children at school.

Well done to all students for a terrific effort throughout 2021!!

Prep A - Payton Quinton Ramsey

Prep B - Roman Hettig

Prep D - Jai Matiasik

1E - Joseph Chol

1F - Moses Chol & Kai McKnight

1H - Christian Latino

2G - Lewis Michael

2I - Sage Thompson

2K - Mussie Gebreyesus

3J - Ayen Mabil

3L - Antony Nguyen & Austin Brown

3M - Nikita Hassell & Diya Matti

4S - Luke Palmer

4U - Whole Class

5R - Ella Evans

5T - Suzie Brown

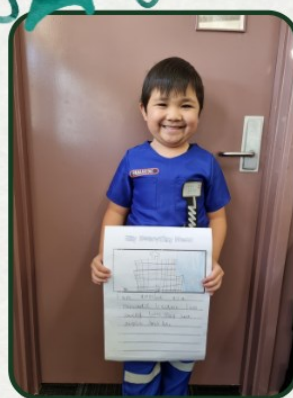
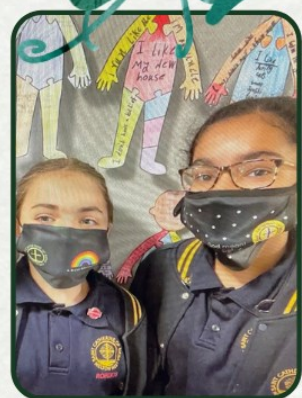
5V - Whole Class

6O - Sebastiana Sant

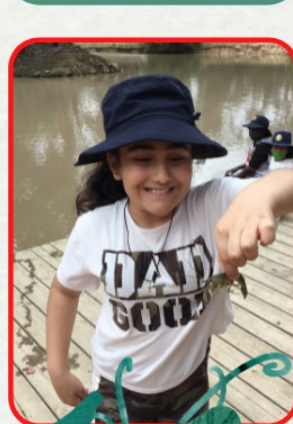
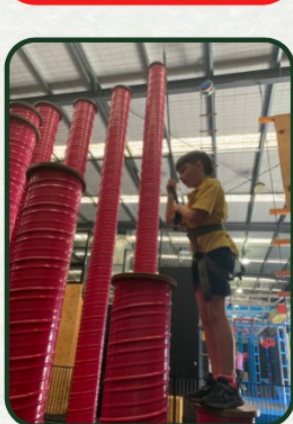
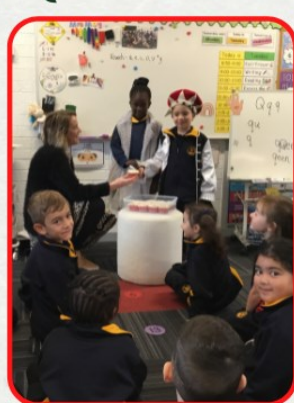
Performing Arts - Prep D

Art - Class 3M





2021 Has Been A Year To Remember



Christmas Mass Timetable 2021

St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Rd Melton West

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December,
6.00pm, 8.00pm & 10pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December,
9.00am & 11.00am

Boxing Day

Sunday 26th December
9am, 11am & 5pm

Anointing of the Sick

11th December - 6pm Mass
12th December—9am Mass
19th December—11am & 5pm Mass

Individual Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 11th December	5.15pm—5.45pm
Sunday 12th December	4.15pm—4.45pm



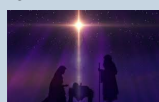
Saturday 18th December	5.15pm—5.45pm
Sunday 19th December	4.15pm—4.45pm

Please note— There will be no Sacrament of Penance on Christmas Eve.

End of Term 4

Thursday, 16th December - Students Dismissed at 1:30pm
All students return to school on Monday, 31st January
2022

Term 4, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
13 Week 11 *Yr 6 Big Day Out	14 Christmas Liturgy *Yr 1 - Yr 6 2022 Transition Morning *Yr 6 Graduation 	15	16 Advent 4 - Love *Last day Term 4 - Students dismissed at 1:30pm	17	18	19 
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 January 2022	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Week 1 *All Students Return *Preps here 9am - 1:30pm *Canteen Reopens	1 February *Preps here 9am - 1:30pm	2 *Preps Not at School	3 *Preps here 9am - 1:30pm	4 *Preps here 9am - 1:30pm	5	6
7 Week 2 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	8 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	9 *Preps Not at School	10 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	11 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	12	13
14 Week 3 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	15 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	16 *Preps Not at School	17 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	18 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	19	20
21 Week 4 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	22 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	23 *Preps Not at School	24 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	25 *Preps here 9am - 3:15pm	26	27

Vacation Care Program - Summer

January 2022



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6:30am – 6.30pm.

Monday to Friday, during school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathulloh.

Cost

\$75 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Monday, 29th November 2021

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 17th December 2021

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Contact

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Ph: 9747 7200

Website: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 3rd January

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 4th January

Willy Wonka Day

Wednesday, 5th January

Wizard Fun and Mad Scientist Day

Thursday, 6th January

Movie Mania- [Excursion](#)

\$34.70

Friday, 7th January

Aussie Wildlife Displays- [Incursion](#)

\$23.80

Monday, 10th January

Marveless Monday - [Incursion](#)

\$23.80

Cobblebank Stadium - [Free excursion](#)

Tuesday, 11th January

Ocean Day

Wednesday, 12th January

Carnival Day- [Free Incursion](#)

Thursday, 13th January

Pirate and Fairy Day

Friday, 14th January

Bee Yourself Day - [Incursion](#)

\$23.80

Monday, 17th January

Ice Cream Monday

Tuesday, 18th January

Sensory Day- [Free Incursion](#)

Wednesday, 19th January

To Bumper or Not to Bumper Day- [Excursion](#)

\$34.70

Thursday, 20th January

Around the World Day

Friday, 21st January

Fri-yay

**Activities are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions*



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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



Monday, 3rd January
CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 4th January

Willy Wonka Day

Let's start our week off in good spirits come along and enjoy a day filled with chocolate activities.

Wednesday, 5th January

Wizard fun and Mad scientist day

Whether you're a wizard or a scientist there will be plenty of activities to explore.

Thursday, 6th January

Movie Mania

Excursion to the movies at Hoyt Watergardens

Who doesn't love a day at the movies?! We can smell the popcorn and excitement already! We are going to see Sing 2. We can't wait to hear all your singing voices. Please be at the centre by 9am.

Friday, 7th January

Aussie Wildlife Displays

Incursion

Come learn about Aussie wildlife. We will get to see snakes, lizards, a wombat and crocodile.

Monday, 10th January

Marveless Monday

Incursion and Excursion Day

Today we are ready to see your best dance moves at our dancing incursion. Then we will walk to Cobblebank Stadium for a tour and a play at Atherstone Park.

Tuesday, 11th January

Ocean Day

Come dive into ocean day by wearing your best beach outfits. Create an ocean in a bottle, sand, water, and beach games to play.

Wednesday, 12th January

Carnival Day – Free Incursion

Carnival games: coin, ring, and bean bag toss games, guess how many, hot dogs for afternoon tea and bring your swimmers or a change of clothes for water play in the afternoon.

Thursday, 13th January

Pirate and Fairy Day

Enjoy all things pirate and fairy today. Come dressed as a pirate or fairy and have fun creating a pirate ship out of boxes and water colour crowns.

Friday 14th January

Bee Yourself Day

Incursion – Holly bees

We will start our day of by learning all about bees with Holly and make our own insect homes. We also play get to know you games so we can learn about ourselves and our friends.

Monday, 17th January

Ice Cream Monday

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. Enjoy all things ice cream, even making your own ice cream sundae. Bring a change of clothes for some water play in the afternoon.

Tuesday, 18th January

Sensory Day

Free Incursion – Bunnings

Sensory day you will enjoy engaging in activities for all the senses. As well as Bunnings coming in to help us brush up on our skills.

Wednesday, 19th January

To bumper or not to bumper day

Excursion to Xplosions Bowling

Come show us your bowling skills, enjoy a hot dog, small drink and five tokens to play in the arcade. Please be at the centre by 945am.

Thursday, 20th January

Around the world day

Come join us for an American breakfast treat, Italian pizza, and a British tea party.

Friday, 21st January

Fri-yay

Come in your best dress for our dance and party games and our very own photo day (props available to use).