



St Catherine of Siena

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

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NEWSLETTER

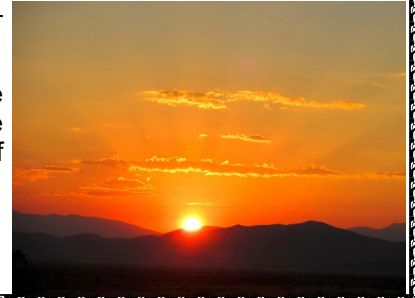
Term 1, Week 2 4th February 2022

Beginning of Year Reflection

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

As we begin this year full of hope and excitement for what is to come this quote from Henry Ford and Edward Everett reminds us all that at the very core of who we are, we are social beings who excel in collaboration with and the company of others. Let 2022 be a year where we can work together for the success of all.

This famous quote attributed to Henry Ford (1863-1947) and Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909)



Dear families,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. I hope that after the challenges of last year you were all able to spend some time with loved ones and friends.

To our new families and children across years 1 - 6 who have joined us this year; I hope that you are beginning to settle in and find your way. It can be a daunting thing to walk into a space where everyone is unknown, however I know that the other children in your class are eager to get to know you and I am sure they have made you feel welcome. We had 68 Prep children start school last week and they are already beginning to settle in and become familiar with some of the school routines. Although they have had disrupted years at kinder they have settled in quickly. Shortly after walking into their rooms they were all actively engaged in a task and ready to listen to their teacher's instructions. Prep is also a time of anticipation, excitement and anxiety for the parents of these children. You have prepared your children well for this big step and we look forward to working with you over the year as they settle into school life. If at any time you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to assist you.

Over the holidays I employed some additional staff so we also welcome these new staff members. A very warm welcome to Jasmine Shawel (Year 3), Julie Gill (Year 6) and Joy Harris (Learning Diversity Leader). We look forward to getting to know you all and hope that your time at St. Catherine of Siena will be a rewarding one.

Carmel Locaso (LoTE) and Tom Nguyen (Physical Education) both made the difficult decision to move on to another school setting over the holidays. The lure of being closer to loved ones is a hard one to ignore so we wish them both well as they begin at their new school settings. Once I have filled these additional positions I will let you know who these new staff are.

We have several anaphylactic students who are allergic to a variety of food products; many of these are related to nut products. For these children this is a serious medical condition and requires constant vigilance and prompt action if an anaphylactic reaction occurs. Current advice is that a nut ban is not a recommended action and we do not ban nuts and nut products from school, however we do ask that all parents consider the extreme medical needs of these students when preparing snacks and lunches for their children, or when providing small treats to celebrate birthdays. If you are able to provide nut free alternatives for your children we ask that you do so.

Birthdays are special days for children and we wish to acknowledge these special milestones for them. Parents are able to send in items for the children to share with their class if they wish to; however we ask that these birthday items are pre packaged such as a bag of Freddo Frogs where every item is individually wrapped. In this way children can still feel special on their birthdays.

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

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee for 2022 is \$410 per child. 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. We ask all parents to pay this fee as soon as possible. Fee statements will be mailed to all families shortly.

If, at any time, you experience difficulties paying your school fees please make an appointment to see me immediately so we can address this before it becomes too big an issue

Return to School COVID Update

Current restrictions for COVID 19 were updated during the holidays and will be in place for the first four weeks of this term. We all still need to be vigilant in maintaining social distancing and managing any colds etc. appropriately. Please note the following points -

*If your child is unwell please keep them home until they are well again. If they have cold/flu like symptoms they are to remain at home and should have a RATest or PCR test.

*We ask parents not to enter classrooms without having a pre-arranged appointment. If this is the case please enter via the office, check in and show evidence of vaccination or an approved medical exemption and wear a mask whilst indoors.

*In 2022 we will still use all 4 entry and exit points.

*RATests have been sent home for all children this week. It is recommended that all children do 2 tests a week for the first 4 weeks of this term. We recommend that all parents assist us in this however these tests are **voluntary**. Parents who wish to continue administering these tests will receive another pack in Week 3.

*It is also recommended that children aged 5 - 11 get vaccinated, again this is voluntary and not mandated. All children, both vaccinated and not vaccinated are able to attend school every day unless they are unwell.

*Children in Year 3 - 6 are mandated to wear masks while inside, these should be brought from home as we only have an emergency supply at school. For some children, in special circumstances, this is a medical or sensory challenge, a medical exemption is NOT required for these children who cannot wear a mask in these instances, just a letter from their parent to the teacher.

*Children in Prep - Year 2 are encouraged to wear a mask but this is not mandated for this age group.

Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5.00pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday : 9.15am



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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1, 2022 of the scholastic book Club has been sent home with students. All orders must be submitted online by **Friday, 18th February.**

No late orders can be accepted.

Operoo

Profile requests for all new students have now been emailed to parents/carers. Please follow the instructions outlined in the email as soon as possible and share completed medical profiles with the school. An Operoo profile is required for every student at St Catherine of Siena so they can attend excursions, parents can give permission for classroom activities and teachers can access student medical details and parent contact information. It is the responsibility of a parent/carer to ensure all details in Operoo are kept up to date. If you have not received an email from Operoo please contact the school office.

Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Any child with asthma or anaphylaxis **MUST** have an asthma or anaphylaxis plan completed by their medical practitioner and given to the school with the appropriate medication. Please make sure that the medication and plan are both up to date.

Some reminders as we begin the 2022 school year:

School Uniform

All children are required to wear their **correct summer uniform at all times** this term. The uniform is available from Academy Uniforms 10/85 Mt. Derrimut Road, Deer Park VIC 3023 Ph 83859111. They are open Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 2pm. Presentation in the correct uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair expresses pride in our school and upholds the standard of our school. A note is required if a child is out of school uniform. Long hair must be tied up with a navy or yellow scrunchie, dark hair tie and/or yellow or blue ribbon should be used. Ribbons and bows should be small and not excessive. Children are not to wear nail polish to school or wear jewellery, with the exception of plain sleepers or studs.

Hats

All children are required to wear a **school hat** from the beginning of August through until the end of April whilst outside during recess, sport or other activities. Students without a hat will be required to stay under sheltered areas. Staff have sunscreen which is to be given to children to reapply throughout the day and children are also able to bring their own to reapply as needed.



Canteen

Our canteen is run by Mrs Judi Fogarty. The canteen is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch orders and also open at recess and lunchtime for over the counter sales on these days. The canteen is closed on Wednesday. Please refer to the 2022 menu included in this newsletter.



Punctuality

All students are required to be at school prior to the first bell. Being at school before the bell is important as it enables your child to develop social relationships with others. Coming in after the bell is not only disruptive for your child who has missed the beginning of the school day, messages and learning activities but is also distracting for the other children who are already engaged in their learning. If children are leaving school early they need to be picked up by a parent or guardian and must be signed out at the school office. Children will not be called to the office after 3:00pm.

Attendance

If your child is unwell it is important that they stay at home to recover and are not sent to school where others may then become sick as well. If your child is sick, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to their teacher, once they return to school, stating the reason for the absence. You can also alert the school of your child's absence through the Skoolbag app. These notices are kept as a formal record in the same way as a written note would be.

School Visitors

When visiting the school all parents and visitors must enter through the office, sign in and receive a **visitors pass which must be worn throughout your visit**. The wearing of the lanyard allows children and staff to recognise that you are an authorised visitor and the register is used in an emergency to determine who is in the school; so it is vital that you follow these procedures. This register may also be used if it becomes necessary for DHHS to contact trace visitors, staff and students of the school.



Before School

Supervision of the yard before school does not commence until 8:30am. It is important that children are not dropped off and left at school prior to this as there is no active supervision prior to this time. If you do need to drop your child early due to work commitments we ask that you use the OSHClub facility so that your child is adequately and safely supervised. The adventure playground is out of bounds to all students and toddlers, even if parents are present, both before and after school.

After School Supervision

There are four teachers on duty after school, on the entrance gate, both park gates and the church gate area. Children who are walking home or meeting parents are to leave school promptly by the gate closest to where they are going. Children waiting to be picked up are to wait for parents at the gate parents have arranged to meet them at. Children are not to wait in the office between 3.15pm and 3.30pm as this area is very busy and office staff are unable to supervise children while they wait. Any child who has not been collected by 3.30pm will be brought into the office by duty staff and parents will be called. Children not picked up by 3:45pm will be taken to OSHClub by a staff member and signed in. Parents will then need to collect their child from OSHClub. Parents are responsible for fees charged by OSHClub. Children who attend After School Care Programs offsite wait at the church or front gate for their bus and carer to arrive.

Running Late

If you are running late and your child meets you in a place that is not supervised by staff we ask that you call the office. Your child will be asked to wait with the staff member on the basketball court until you arrive. If you have not arrived by the time the duty ends they will then be brought into the office.

Parking

There is **no parking** in the school grounds either before or after school. The drop off zone will continue to operate at the front of the school each morning before school. This area will be supervised each morning between 8:30am and 9:00am. This is only a drop off area so if you require more time to assist your child please find a parking space close to the school.



OSHClub

OSHClub continues to run each morning and afternoon onsite to care for children whose parents pick them up and drop them off outside of school hours. You can book your child into OSHClub on their online system. Details of the program run each week are enclosed in the newsletter regularly.



Staff Contact Information

It is important that all parents and carers have the ability to contact staff. This can be done by calling the office on 97432166 or by emailing the staff member directly. Staff email addresses are listed below for you. Please note the following points -

*I have not included email addresses for SSOs as all queries regarding your child should go through the classroom teacher, specialist teacher or member of leadership; whichever is most relevant to your inquiry

*staff will endeavour to answer your email as soon as possible but please be mindful that they are teaching during the day

*staff do not generally monitor their school emails on the weekend or of an evening as this is their own family time

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2022 Specialist Timetable

	Sport	Performing Arts	Art	LoTE
Monday		2K		
Tuesday	2G, 2K, 1E, 1H, Prep D	2I, 2G, 1H, 1F, Prep B		2K, 2I, 1F, 1E, Prep A
Wednesday	5R, 5T, 6P, 6O, 1F	5V, 5R, 6O, 6N, 1E	2I, 5R, 5V, 5T	5T, 5V, 6N, 6P, 3M, 3L, 3J, 2G
Thursday	Prep A, Prep B, 4Q, 4S, 2I, 3M, 3J, 3L	Prep C, Prep D, 4U, 4Q, 4S, 3L, 3M, 3J	Prep D, Prep A, 6O, 3M, 6N, 2G, 4U, 3J, Prep C, Prep B	Prep B, Prep C, 4S, 4U
Friday	5V, 6N, 4U, Prep C	5T, 6P, Prep A	4S, 4Q, 6P, 2K, 1H, 1E, 1F, 3L	5R, 6O, 1H, Prep D, 4Q

For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.

Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Week 3	8	9	10	11 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 1	12	13
14 Week 4	15	16	17	18 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 2	19	20
21 Week 5	22 *MPSSA District Swimming	23	24	25 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 3	26 Reconciliation Presentation Mass	27 Reconciliation Presentation Masses
28 Week 6 *Year 6 Camp	1 March *Year 6 Camp	2 *Year 6 Camp *Year 5 Camp	3 *Year 5 Camp	4 *Year 5 Camp	5	6
7 Week 7 School Photos	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 8 Labour Day Holiday	15	16	17	18	19	20

St. Catherine of Siena



CANTEEN MENU - Term 1 2022



- To order:**
- * Child's name, grade & order to be written clearly on a lunch bag with money enclosed
 - * If a lunch bag is required, please include an extra 10c
 - * Please indicate on lunch order if tomato sauce/mayo/soy sauce is required
 - * No icy poles or frozen foods to be ordered with lunch order

The canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



Indicates approved "GREEN" category (EVERYDAY) foods as based on the "Dietary Guidelines for Children & Adolescents in Australia". All other foods listed are "AMBER" category (select carefully).

All menu items are Healthy Kids registered or Canteen approved products.

COLD FOOD		Sand	Roll
😊	Vegemite	2.00	2.50
😊	Cheese (lite)	2.00	2.50
😊	Cheese & Vegemite	2.50	3.00
😊	Egg & Lettuce	2.50	3.00
😊	Tuna	2.50	3.00
😊	Ham	3.00	3.50
😊	Ham & Cheese	3.30	3.80
😊	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.80	4.30
😊	Fresh Chicken	3.50	4.00
😊	Ham/Tuna/Chicken & Salad	4.50	5.00
😊	Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber)	3.50	4.00
😊	Boiled Egg		1.00
😊	Cold Chicken Wrap (Chicken, mayo & lettuce)		4.00
😊	Salad Wrap		4.00
😊	Meat & Salad Pack Choice of Chicken, Ham or Tuna with lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese, cucumber, ½ egg, bread & butter all in a container with a fork		4.60
😊	Salad Pack As above without meat		4.00

Toasted Sandwiches add 50c

All sandwiches made on white hi-fibre bread. Multi-grain also available.
All spreads are low-fat.

DRINKS		
😊	Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple)	2.30
😊	Water 600ml	2.00
😊	Nippy's Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	2.60
😊	Chill Sparkling Fruit Water (Cola, Raspberry or Orange Passion)	2.40
FRUIT		
😊	Seasonal Fruit as available	1.00

COUNTER SALES ONLY	
ASSORTED ICY POLES	FROM \$1.00

HOT FOOD		
	Hash Brown (oven baked)	1.00
	Party Pies	3 for \$3.00 or \$1.20 ea
	Meat Pie	4.20
	Jumbo Sausage Roll	3.60
	Hot Dog & no sauce	3.50
	Hot Dog & sauce (Cheese extra .30c)	3.80
😊	Buttered Corn Coblette	1.00
	Potato Wedges (Sour Cream extra .30c)	4.00
😊	Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$3.00 or \$1.00 ea
	Steamed Dim Sims	1.00
😊	Cheeseburger (Beef pattie, cheese & sauce)	4.50
😊	Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo)	4.50
😊	Hot Chicken Roll (Mayo extra 30c)	4.00
	Hot Chicken Wrap (with mild salsa & cheese)	4.50
😊	Lasagne	4.50
😊	Macaroni & Cheese	4.50

* Paper Bags – 10c extra

* Tomato Sauce – 30c extra



SNACKS		
😊	Mini Muffins (Blueberry or Chocolate)	1.30
	Mamee Noodle Snacks (Chicken or BBQ)	1.00
	Red Rock Chips (Honey Chicken or Plain)	1.50
😊	Delites	0.90
	Popcorn (Cheese)	1.20
	Jumpy's (Chicken)	0.90
	Ovalteenies	1.00
	M&M Cookie	1.00
	JJ's (Chicken)	1.20



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School Uniform

1st Sep 2021 – 31st Aug 2022 GST Inclusive

Everyday Uniform

PULLOVER	Size	6 – 22		
	Price	\$65		
SUMMER DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$50		
WINTER PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$52		
GIRLS TROUSER	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$23		
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$33		
S/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$31		
L/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$34		
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$10	\$10	\$10
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$20	\$20	\$20
BAGS		Everyday	Library	
	Price	\$44	\$15	
HATS	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$14	\$14	\$14
BEANIE	Size	One Size		
	Price	\$15		
RAIN JACKET	Size	4-6 – 12-14	XS – M	
	Price	\$55	\$55	



Sports Uniform

ZIP JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$47
TRACK PANT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
HOUSE POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$30
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$25
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$26
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$10

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.