



St Catherine of Siena

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

T: 9743 2166

E: principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

W: www.scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4 25th February 2022

Reflection

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes are what remain after a fire has gone out. They are a symbol for us - of death and of grief. Many Christians today receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This cross of ashes signifies that we are not perfect; that a fire has gone out in us too and needs to be rekindled. This cross of ashes signifies that we are ready to change, and to make efforts to set our lives firmly on the way of Christ. In Australia we are familiar with fires, the devastation this can cause. We have seen ashes yet we have also seen new growth and experienced hope. May we also experience growth and hope in our spiritual lives.



Dear parents and carers,

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We often think of Lent as a time of fasting and in many ways it is. At a recent professional development activity Lent was described as a time of fasting and of feasting - fasting from those things which hurt, harm and marginalise and feasting on those things which repair, energise, engage and enliven. The text beside is from Pope Francis, calling each of us to consider what we might fast or feast on this Lent.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Fast from hurting words | ...and say kind words. |
| • Fast from sadness | ...and be filled with gratitude. |
| • Fast from anger | ...and be filled with patience. |
| • Fast from pessimism | ...and be filled with hope. |
| • Fast from worries | ...and have trust in God. |
| • Fast from complaints | ...and contemplate simplicity. |
| • Fast from pressures | ...and be prayerful. |
| • Fast from bitterness | ...and fill your hearts with joy. |
| • Fast from selfishness | ...and be compassionate to others. |
| • Fast from grudges | ...and be reconciled. |
| • Fast from words | ...and be silent so you can listen. |

At the end of this term our Year 3 children will make their First Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. These liturgies will be held on the 4th, 5th & 6th April at 7pm. In preparation for this our Year 3 children will be presented to the Parish at Masses this weekend where they will be formally enrolled in the Preparation for this Sacrament. I ask all within our school community to keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

Have a good weekend everyone

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.

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

MPSSA District Swimming Carnival

Well done to Logan Webster, Adam Dreaver, Bethany Russell, Ella Evans, Addison McKinley, Leila Eckhart, Harry Sliwa and Nadine D'Silva for representing St Catherine's at the District Swimming Carnival held at Melton Waves on Tuesday, 22nd February.

All students swam well in their events and displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day. We had some students achieve some excellent results in the pool and these are as follows:

Logan - 1st for freestyle and Backstroke

Adam - 2nd for freestyle and butterfly and 3rd for breaststroke

Nadine - 3rd for freestyle

Ella - 3rd for freestyle and backstroke

Addison - 3rd for breaststroke

We also had all of our medley and freestyle relays come 3rd and finished the day 4th overall in our District which is an amazing effort!

Congratulations to Logan, Adam, Nadine and Ella who have progressed to the next round of competition. It is a great achievement to make it to this level and we wish you the best of luck.



School Photo Day!

Monday, 7th March


msp
photography

Photo order envelopes must be returned to school by Monday, 7th March. No late orders can be accepted. Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. All students are required to be in full SUMMER uniform. If your child has PERFORMING ARTS on this day they can bring their sports shoes in their schoolbag.

Parish Of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton

Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603

Email: melton@cam.org.au

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>

Canteen closed Tuesday, 1st March - Friday, 4th March

No lunch orders or over the counter sales available during this time.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2, 2022 of the scholastic book Club has been sent home with students. All orders must be submitted online by **Friday, 25th March.**



No late orders can be accepted. **Book Club**

Reconciliation Presentation Masses

The enrolment Mass for all Year 3 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term will take place **this weekend 26th/27th February.**

Please bring in your enrolment form filled in so that it is ready to be handed in during the Mass.

Choose one of the following Masses to attend at **St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West (108 Bulmans Rd, Melton West):** Saturday - 6.00pm, Sunday - 9.00am, 11.00am, 5.00pm



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - SPECIAL JOB OF NOTE!

Looking for employment? The Archdiocese offers a wide range of employment opportunities across Melbourne. These can be found on the Archdiocese website -

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

A special job of note in this week's offerings is with Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish, St Albans - Sydenham in a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of Parish Administration Co-ordinator calls for an experienced Administration Assistant to undertake office administrative functions within the Parish. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office in St Albans. The role is 24 hours per week Monday to Friday, with some flexibility regarding hours required to worked. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. Application details including the Key Requirements & Responsibilities can be found on Archdiocese website here -

<https://melbournecatholic.org/about/job-vacancies/parish-administration-coordinator>



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE**

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Prep A - Penny Smith

Prep B - Zayden Matijas

Prep C - Athieng Ngong

Prep D - Andreana Dela Cruz

1E - Alexia Musso

1F - Abigail Vella

1H - Isaac Kalutha

2G - Nyakuol Makuei

2I - Christian Latino

2K - Nathan Scicluna

3J - Garang Garang

3L - Egbert Thomas

3M - Maya Baglieri

4Q - Akot Are

4S - Catherine Zarwue

4U - Nevin Joseph

5R - Nicholas Bigeni

5T - Aurora Archer

5V - Boniface Makuei

6N - Sama Babawy

6O - Fred Johnson

6P - Ronin Sutton

Wellbeing - Mussie Gebreyesus, Akon Yai, Lily Franksen

Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Week 6	1 March *Shrove Tuesday	2 *Ash Wednesday Mass	3	4 *MPSSA Summer Sport- Round 3	5	6
7 Week 7 School Photos	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 8 Labor Day Holiday	15	16	17 *Divisional Swimming	18	19	20
21 Week 9	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Week 10	29	30	31	1 April *MPSSA Lightning Premiership	2	3
4 Week 11 *Yr 3 Reconciliation @ 7pm	5 *Yr 3 Reconciliation @ 7pm	6 *Yr 3 Reconciliation @ 7pm	7 *Stations of the Cross	8 *Last Day of Term 1 - Students dismissed @ 1:30pm	9	10