



St Catherine of Siena

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

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NEWSLETTER

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Reflection

Loving God, help us to be more, to give more.

As the forty days of Lent progress guide us in your loving compassionate ways so we may see the vulnerable and marginalised within our midst.

We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



Dear parents and carers,

During the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, social and supportive environment. The Victorian Government is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect socially and make new friends. Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away. While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bushwalks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students, and will list their facilities and available supports on the Positive Start website.

Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible. Registrations close on Friday 25 March 2022. For further information, including how to register, visit <https://vacsdta.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps> or scan the QR code. Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.

Information about free camps for eligible students—Which students are eligible for free holiday camps?

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of five days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021
- have an approved Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- reside in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- are students with a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are Indigenous students.

When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays – Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September).

How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camps. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations; however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

How old does my child need to be?

Students in Years 3 to 12 from the start of the 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there and a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year, and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have Working with Children Checks, and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.

What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a COVIDSafe Plan that aligns with Department of Health advice. This includes operating under up-to-date COVIDSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service, and accommodation density and layouts.

Have a good weekend everyone

Carmel Marantelli

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Sunday Evening: 5.00pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday : 9.15am



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Canteen Back Open this Week!

Lunch orders and over the counter sales available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

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**



School Photo Day!

Monday, 7th March



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.

Boys Summer Uniform

Short sleeve polo shirt

Navy blue shorts

Navy blue socks

Black leather shoes

Girls Summer Uniform

Summer dress

White Socks

Black leather shoes

Navy blue, yellow or white hair ribbon



Wellbeing

Throughout the term, as a school we have been focusing on being kind.

The following pages are images of displays in our learning spaces showing how we can be kind. What does it mean to be kind? How can I be kind in my words and actions? How can I encourage others to be kind? As they say 'kindness is free, sprinkle it everywhere' and 'a little bit of kindness goes a long way'.







ALL ABOUT US

KINDNESS matters!

Our Inquiry

Kindness is caring for the earth

KINDNESS matters!

Today is a great day to be kind!

Throw kindness around like confetti!

Be kind to the earth and its creatures

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Today is a great day to be kind!

EVERYBODY CAN SHOW KINDNESS

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KINDNESS matters!

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Kindness is your super power!
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Kindness way matters!

Everyday is a great day to show kindness

Today is a great day to be kind!

KINDNESS matters!

Kindness begins with me!

YOU ARE A STAR!

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Kindness is the best!

BE POSITIVE

Be the best you!

WORLD PEACE

THE BEST SUPER POWER IS KINDNESS
ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST!

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 - Joshua Oliver

Prep B - Aleeya Bowman

Prep C - Sabrina Sesay

Prep D - Kenneth Pais

1E - Eli Smith

1F - Jai Matiasik

1H - Ava Kavanagh

2G - Sifahonorina Alumbulwa

2I - Judah Thomas

2K - Mariam Babawy

3J - Liam Dreaver

3L - Nandana Davis

3M - Logan Webster

4Q - Benedita Pinhao-Dos Santos

4S - Adhuony Dau & Lily Harrison

4U - Achigam Poundak

5R - Maja Vukcevic

5T - Harish Katuwal-Chhetri

5V - Paige Orr

Wellbeing - Sarah Buehler, Peter Dau & Alfred Webb

Term 1, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Week 6 School Photos	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Week 7 Labor Day Holiday	15	16	17 *Divisional Swimming	18	19	20
21 Week 8	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Week 9	29	30	31	1 April *MPSSA Lightning Premiership	2	3
4 Week 10 *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
11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17 Easter Sunday