



# 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 6 11th March 2022

### *St Patrick's Day Reflection (March 17th)*

Christ be with me, Christ within me; Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me; Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me; Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me; Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.  
(390-461 A.D.)



Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this week I had a meeting with the Operations Lead at the West Metro COVID 19 Vaccination Program. This group organises and runs the vaccination hubs in the Western Area. They have offered to run a hub here in the coming weeks to provide an opportunity for parents/carers to vaccinate their children or themselves if they wish. They would also be available during this time to answer queries you may have prior to making the decision to vaccinate or not. Please note the following important points:

- \*any child being vaccinated MUST be taken by their parent/carer who will need to give consent prior to the vaccination
- \*parents/carers and other family members who wish to be vaccinated or need a booster are also able to attend the hub during its opening hours - it is open to other school community members not just children from St Catherine of Siena
- \*you can attend the hub and ask questions/receive information from the staff without getting a vaccination
- \*there is a strong likelihood that a doctor will be present at the clinic to also assist with inquiries/vaccinations however I am waiting for this to be confirmed
- \*this is an option for anyone who wishes to take it up BUT is not a requirement for any child to attend school
- \*school staff will NOT be able to take children over to the hub for a vaccination under any circumstances
- \*the hub will be held in the school hall towards the end of this term

More information about this will be sent out to all families shortly including the 2 dates the hub will be open once West Metro COVID 19 Vaccination Program confirm the dates for me. I have also been told that information will be available in Dinka and Assyrian as well as English.

Take care everyone and enjoy the long weekend

Carmel Marantelli  
**PRINCIPAL**

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### **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>

## **Catholic Schools Guide**

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2023 and beyond, please find below a link to the 136 page 2022 edition of the Catholic Education Guide.

CLICK [HERE](#) to access the March 2022 issue.



## **Breakfast Club**

At St Catherine's we recognise that good nutrition supports good learning. We also know that breakfast is an important step in preparing for a productive day. Children who have eaten breakfast can concentrate better and have a longer attention span, helping them to learn better. They can also perform better physically after eating breakfast as there is more energy available to their muscles. Breakfast can improve behaviour and mood, as children have better concentration and aren't tired or hungry.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring a Breakfast club for St Catherine's students who do not have the opportunity to eat breakfast at home.

To start with, Breakfast Club will run on Tuesdays only. It will be staffed by SVDP volunteers and school staff.

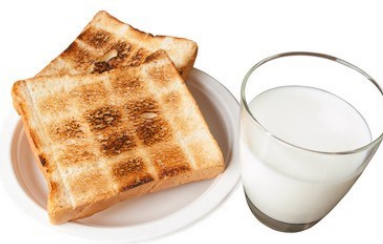
**When :** Each Tuesday morning

**Where:** Junior foyer

**What:** Toast and milk

**Time:** 8:30 - 8:45am

**Cost:** Free



## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place in Week 9 on the following days -

Monday, 28th March - Wednesday, 30th March from 8am - 8:30am and Thursday, 31st March from 1:30pm - 8pm.

Information on how to book through the online portal will be sent out shortly.

To ensure interviews can begin promptly at 1:30pm on Thursday, 31st March students will finish at 1pm and will need to be signed out by a parent or guardian on this day.

Children who can not be picked up at the earlier time will be supervised by non classroom teachers and dismissed at the usual time

# **School Closed - Monday, 14th March**

# Family Maths

## Welcome

Welcome everyone to the first edition of 'Family Maths'. 'Kitchen Table Talk' will headline each week and give you a topic to talk about around the kitchen table. There will also be puzzles to solve, links to top maths websites and a whole lot more!

## Kitchen Table Talk

### The People Who Really Count

How high have you ever counted? The cool thing is that once you learn 1 through 10 and every set of 10 - that's 20, 30, 40, up to 90 and 100 - after that you can make new numbers really easily, starting with 101. Then once you reach ten hundreds, or a thousand, you start all over again with 1,001!

What's the highest anyone has bothered to count out loud? A guy named Jeremy Harper did count out loud all the way to 1 million back in 2007. he started on June 18 and finally finished on September 14; he had to say more than 11,000 numbers a day!

How high can you count? How high can you count in 1 minute? 30 seconds? 10 seconds? What if you counted by a number other than one? Is that cheating?



## Famous Mathematician



Terry Tao (b1975)

An Australian of Chinese heritage who lives in the US, Tao won (and accepted) the Fields Medal in 2006. Together with Ben Green, he proved an amazing result about prime numbers - that you can find sequences of primes of any length in which every number in the sequence is a fixed distance apart. For example, the sequence 3, 7, 11 has three prime spaced 4 apart. The sequence 11, 17, 23, 29 has four primes that are 6 apart.

## Prime Numbers

What is a prime number? How do you work out if a number is prime? What is the lowest/highest prime number you know? Can you find a pattern with some prime numbers?

## Puzzle

How many squares are there on a chessboard? (Hint: The answer is not 64)

## This week's top maths websites

1. [Khan Academy](#)
2. [ABC TV Education](#)
3. [Maths Starters](#)

# 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 - Quillan Gormley

Prep C - Alek Bith

1E - Gabriela Mantilla-Mesa

1F - Nikola Majkic

1H - Roman Hettig

2G - Nathaniel Ah-Kee Tagaloa

2I - Isabel Rose & Moses Chol

2K - Harvey Archer

3J - Mam Makuac

3L - Ava Vukcevic

3M - Luchelle Silva

4Q - Avah McGrath

4S - Torsten Brown

4U - Christian Riefoli

5R - Ruby Cunningham

5T - Annabelle Pearmine

5V - Georgia Sorensen

6N - Mwajuma Marinjira

Wellbeing - Nolan D'Silva, Ellie Yeong,  
Zac Forder, Abel Solomon, Christian  
Latino

Performing Arts - Class 4U & 4Q

## Term 1 & 2, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	29 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	30 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	31 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30 - 8pm	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 Palm Sunday
11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17 Easter Sunday
18 Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Term 2 Week 1 ANZAC DAY	26	27	28	29	30	1 May