



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 8 25th March 2022

Reflection

A young woman lost in the desert made her way to an old weather-beaten, abandoned, home in the distance. Searching for water, she came upon a pump outside the house and began pumping furiously for water. After several attempts and seeing nothing flowing, her eye saw a small jug topped with a cork and a hastily scribbled note underneath. "You have to prime the pump with water first. When you're finished, refill the jug for someone else."

The young woman sat and pondered her options. If she drank the water, her thirst would be gone, but if she followed the note's instructions, all the water could be lost on a pump that might not work. Sweating profusely, she listened to her frightened pounding heart and chose to...

...and chose to pour the entire jug of water down the rusty pump and furiously pumped! After some time water gushed forth. She was so grateful, she corked that jug after filling it full again.

Then added these words to the note: "Just do it. It really, really works!"

National Storytelling Network newsletter By Angela Davis



Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday and Thursday next week Western Health will run a vaccination clinic in the school hall. Parents and carers will be able to take their children, those that attend St Catherine of Siena and also older siblings at other schools, to the clinic to be vaccinated. The clinic will be staffed by medical staff from Western Health and all children being vaccinated will need to be taken by a parent/carers who will need to provide consent for the vaccination. You can also attend the clinic if you want to ask the medical staff about vaccinations even if you end up not being vaccinated. The 2 links below are to You Tube videos providing information about the clinic in Dinka and Arabic.

<https://youtu.be/w4NkRpti7tY> - Dinka <https://youtu.be/xHWY0piTrQ0> - Arabic

Please note that vaccination is **not** a requirement for children to attend school. At this time it is voluntary so all children, vaccinated and not vaccinated, are able to attend school and participate fully in all activities.

The School Advisory Council will meet next week for the first time this year. The members of the council are Fr Michael (ex officio member), Carmel Marantelli (ex officio member), Angela Giordimaina, Caroline Dreaver, Linda Oliveria, Michel Makkad and Maciek Telar. The council will meet regularly throughout the year and is a forum for discussing issues affecting the school and providing advice to the principal in the decision making process.

Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend

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.



Prep 2023 Enrolments

Information Night Wednesday,
4th May at 7:00pm

School Tours Thursday, 5th May

Enrolment applications will be
available from the school office
from Term 2

St Catherine of Siena

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>

Lost Property

There is a number of unclaimed uniform items around the school. If your child is missing any jumpers/jackets etc please speak to your child's classroom teacher. We also have a pair of child size glasses handed in to the office. If you think they belong to your child please collect from the office as soon as possible.



Harmony Day

On Monday we celebrated Harmony Day - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Many children and staff wore their cultural clothing or a touch of orange to come together as a community to celebrate our diversity.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Term 1 2022 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on the following days

MONDAY 28TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

THURSDAY 31st March 1:30 - 8:00PM

Interviews will be held onsite in your child's classroom. Please note Strict COVID SAFETY measures are in place so all parents must wear masks whilst on school grounds, hand sanitising on arrival and social distance. Any parents with COVID like symptoms should contact the school before attending.

All families have received an eform via Operoo regarding the early finish time of 1:00pm on Thursday, 31st March due to Parent - Teacher Interviews. To ensure the school can plan for adequate supervision on this day please respond to the eform as soon as possible.

End of Term 1 - Friday, 8th April

Students dismissed at 1:30pm

*****Please make arrangements to collect students at the early finish time*****



HARMONY DAY





Family Maths

Monthly Maths Challenges

I hope the riddles got you talking and thinking mathematically! The answers are there for you to unpack. Maybe you know some riddles like these, please feel free to share and I will include them in the Family Maths section of the newsletter. As you know, each month, there will be a challenge set for Junior (P-2), Middle (3-4)- and Senior (5-6) students and their families. There will be 3 winners (one from each group) pulled out of a draw of correct answers.

Place your entry in the MathsTub in the office or send via email to

ckeanong@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au Entries close March 28th and winners announced March 30th.

Each family will be awarded a small prize and a certificate to acknowledge their efforts and participation.

Kitchen Table Talk

Riddles are a great way to explore maths ideas, try these.

If you buy a rooster for the purpose of laying eggs and you expect to get three eggs each day for breakfast, how many eggs will you have after three weeks?

Answer: Roosters do not lay eggs!

A duck was given \$9, a spider was given \$36, a bee was given \$27. Based on this information, how much money would be given to a cat?

Answer: Hint - count the legs! \$4.50 per leg. \$18 to the cat.

If you multiply this number by any other number, the answer will always be the same. What number is this?

Answer: 0

March Maths Challenges

Junior

Choose your favourite AFL team. Design a flag to represent your team and wave at the first match of the season! The design must include: 1 square, 2 triangles and 3 rectangles as well as the team colours and their emblem.

Middle

Choose your favourite AFL team. Go to the club website to find each player's jumper number.

Using their numbers, reach a total of exactly 100 by adding as many jumper numbers as you can. Now use the least number of player's numbers to reach 100.

Senior

Use 5 AFL player's jumper numbers, come up with a number sentence using all 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication & division that reaches or gets closest to the target number 2022.



Top Tips for Parents

- Encourage children to think flexibly about numbers
- Encourage drawing whenever you can (mathematicians draw sketches all the time!)
- When you help your children, do not lead them through step by step, as this takes away important learning opportunities for them.
- Encourage children to work on problems that are challenging for them, so that they can learn from their mistakes
- Encourage students to make sense of maths at all times (As they work, keep asking does that make sense to you? Why/Why not?)
- Praise children by rewarding effort
- Always have a positive outlook on maths
- Never time children or encourage faster work
- When children answer questions and get them wrong, try and find the logic in their answers
- Give children maths puzzles
- Play games! (For young children any board game with dice will help)

YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENTS

*Valuing God,
Nurturing the Individual,
Excelling in Education*



Catholic Regional College, Melton is a Year 7-12 co-educational secondary school. It provides education for students from the Parishes of Bacchus Marsh, Melton & Melton South.

At Catholic Regional College Melton, we nurture the faith development of our students, focus on their individual needs and strive to develop their academic potential.

Applications for Year 7 2024 at our Melton West and Cobblebank campuses are now open.

Applications are due by Friday 19 August 2022.

COLLEGE TOURS WILL BE HELD ON:

Wednesday 23 March 12pm

Tuesday 3 May 2pm

Wednesday 25 May 9am

Wednesday 1 June 12pm

Tuesday 19 July 2pm

Wednesday 10 August 9am

**You can register for a tour of the College on our website
www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours**

**109-141 Bulmans Road, Melton West
Ph: 03 8099 6000**

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 - Eden Fraser

4Q - Antonio Knezevic Tabakovic

Prep B - Ivana Fernando

4S - Jed Thompson

Prep C - Liam Mifsud

4U - Meyen Mialual

Prep D - Zakai Thomas

5R - John Abraham

1E - Harry Philpin

5T - Talia Juresic

1F - Nina Zammit

5V - Abok Bol

1H - Emily Davis

6N - Best Nnajeze

2G - Jayden Lomani

6O - Leila Eckardt

2I - Aaliyah Quijano

6P - Anhiany Anhiany

2K - Sienna Alberto Godsell

Wellbeing - Harry Philpin, Catherine Zarwue & Dominic Abraham

3J - Athieei Thuoc

3L - Abby Walsh

3M - Emma McIntyre

Term 1 & 2, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Week 9 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	29 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am *Vaccination Hub Open 3pm - 7pm	30 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	31 *Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30 - 8pm *Vaccination Hub Open 2pm - 8pm	1 April	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 2023 Enrolment Applications Open	27	28	29 St Catherine of Siena Feast Day	30	1 May
2 Week 2	3	4 *Prep 2023 Information Session @ 7pm	5 *School Tours	6	7	8
9 Week 3	10	11	12	13	14	15

Vacation Care Program - Autumn

April 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, Strathtulloh.

Cost

\$75 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)

Excursions and Incursions may incur an additional cost.

We have many FREE activities; however, some Excursions may cost \$34.70 and Incursions \$23.80.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Monday, 14th March 2022

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 1st of April 2022

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

Reminder... absences are charged unless you notify us in advance.

Contact

E: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9747 7200 Website: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 11th April – Roo Keepers Incursion

Ocean Day

Come join us learning about sea life with The Roo Keepers! As well as making our own ocean in a bottle and sand art.

Tuesday, 12th April – Free Incursion

Carnival Day

Think coin drops, think ball toss, think hot dogs, think popcorn, think prizes, think the best day of your life!!!

Wednesday, 13th April - Excursion

Roaring Wednesday

In the morning we will make chocolate chip muffins and then we are off to see all our favourite animals at the Werribee Zoo. Please arrive at 8:45am, as we are leaving 9:15am sharp. Return 4pm.

Thursday, 14th April

Hoppy Thursday

Celebrating all things Easter! Come have fun with us as we bake chocolate crackles for afternoon tea, make easter crowns and an easter egg hunt.

Friday, 15th April

Good Friday – Public Holiday – Centre Closed

Monday, 18th April

Easter Monday – Public Holiday – Centre Closed

Tuesday, 19th April - Airoworld Excursion

Today we are headed to Airoworld for a day of bounce, ball play and exercise, an indoor trampoline park in Altona North. Please arrive at the centre by 8:45am, as we are leaving 9:15am sharp. Return 4pm.

Wednesday, 20th April - Free Parks Excursion

Wanderlust Wednesday

Today we set off on an adventure! We have 4 sessions of visiting two different parks. We will take a bus to Frontier Park, Arbourton Park with 2 staff members and 8 children at a time for 1.5 hours. Bring your drink bottles and hats.

Thursday, 21st April - Dance Incursion

Working Together Thursday

Today we will be in teams and play group games while scoring points for our team and make Easter Egg Slice. Between 130pm-345pm we are having a dance incursion with Steph!

Friday, 22nd April - Incursion

Bee Yourself – Earth Day

Holly's Backyard Bee's is joining us today to teach us about Australian native bees and help us design our own insect hotel to take home.

** Activities are subject to change*



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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

