



# St Catherine of Siena

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

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 1 29th April 2022

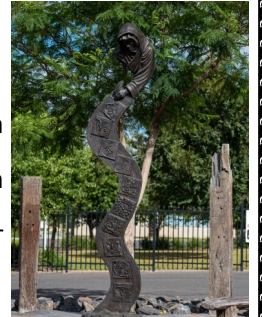
### Reflection

I gave you eyes to look at the sky and everything else and the beauty of creation through me.  
I gave you your ears to listen to my word and to pay attention to the needs of your neighbours.  
I gave you your tongue to proclaim my word, to confess your own sins, and to work for the salvation of others.

I gave you your hands to serve your neighbours when you see them sick, and to help them with alms in their need.

I gave you your feet to carry you to places that are holy and useful to you and your neighbours for the glory and praise of my name.

St Catherine of Siena, Feast Day 29th April



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful break over the Easter holidays. There are some important changes to COVID-Safe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

#### Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in year 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

#### Rapid antigen test screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

#### Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact. Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption. If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

#### Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine. This includes parents attending a meeting or coming into the office.

#### Vaccination requirements for visitors working in the schools

Workers at schools include volunteers that attend and who work in close proximity to children, students or staff are required to show proof of vaccination. This includes parent helpers, canteen or tuckshop assistants, reading helpers, excursion supervisors or classroom or working bee volunteers. As such, any volunteer performing any work at a school is as an education worker and they must be fully vaccinated including a booster or have a valid exemption.

#### RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school. The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff in mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week.

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

If you have any concerns about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe.

Carmel Marantelli

**PRINCIPAL**

## Drop Off and Pick Up Term 2 Onwards

As restrictions have eased somewhat there is no longer a need for parents and carers to line up along the front car park or to wait in the park when picking up their children. We will be reverting back to Pre COVID arrangements so please note the following -

### Morning Routine

Parents and carers can come into the yard at the beginning of the day to drop their children off. The children have developed their independence in doing this for themselves so allowing them to carry their bag and come in by themselves sometimes is an important skill to foster. GATES 1, 2 & 4 WILL ALL BE OPEN IN THE MORNING. Gate 4 will not be staffed. A staff member will be on duty at the entrance gate and church gate as well as 2 staff members in the yard from 8:30 am onwards.

Parents and carers who need to see office staff can come in without needing to wear a mask or show vaccination status. We do ask though that you not visit the school if you are unwell.

### Afternoon Routine

Parents and carers can come into the Prep asphalt yard at the end of the day to pick children up. GATES 1, 2, 3 & 4 WILL ALL BE OPEN FOR ENTRY AND EXIT.

Parents can also make appointments to see staff at these times. If entering the school for a meeting you do not need to wear a mask but may do so if you wish.

If a parent or carer is a household contact of a positive case they can still attend the school to drop off and pick up other children or to attend a meeting. If household contacts enter the building they will need to wear a mask indoors unless they have a valid exemption.

### Other Miscellaneous Items

We will be running parent helper training sessions for any parents and carers who wish to help in classes. All parent helpers MUST have a current Working With Children's Check and be fully vaccinated to work in the school.

Excursions will be occurring at various stages throughout the year. If you wish to assist please make sure you have a current Working With Children's Check and are fully vaccinated.

The map included shows the school and the 4 main entry points for your reference.



#### FRONT OF SCHOOL GATES

**Gate 1** is under the electronic sign and directly in front of the new administration building

**Gate 2** is directly in front of the church on the CRC side of the pedestrian crossing

#### SIDE OF SCHOOL GATES

**Gate 3** is on the park side of the new administration building

**Gate 4** is half way down the length of the school on the park side

## Parish Of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton

Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603

Email: [melton@cam.org.au](mailto: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

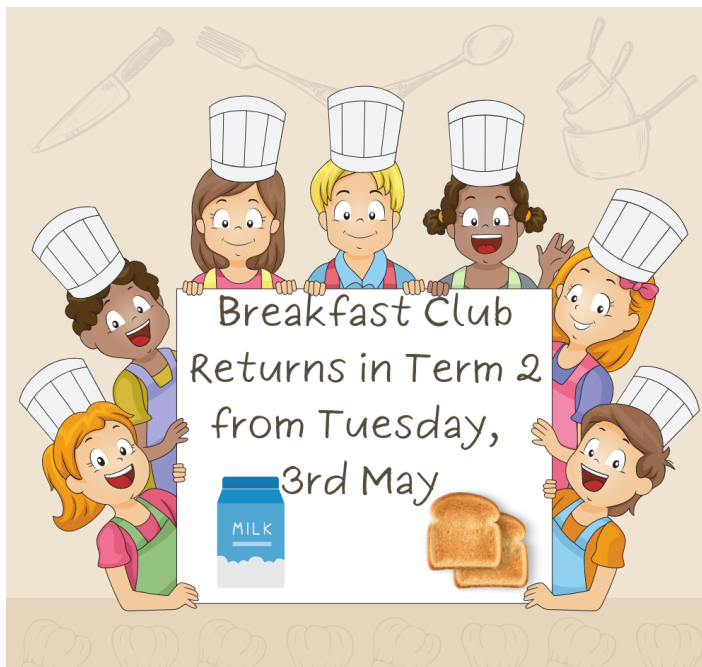
**Sunday Evening:** 5.00pm

### Mass Times - St Dominic's

**Thursday - Friday :** 9.15am



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



## Family Maths

And the winner is.....

Thank you to all of the families who took on the March Maths Challenge. The winner for the month of March is Audrey Thomas and her family. What an amazing flag!

The Family Maths section of the Newsletter will be back **next week** with lots of ideas for involving kids and adults in Maths, resources and tricky challenges. Until then remember Maths is all around you!



St Catherine of Siena Parents and Friends Association

## Mother's Day Stall ~ Volunteers

The Mother's Day Stall is a very popular, fun and exciting event for the students.

**HELP WANTED** - we would appreciate the extra help with sorting and selling gifts. If you are able to help please fill in the form below and hand it into the office.

### MOTHERS DAY STALL HELPERS / VOLUNTEERS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ [Please Print] PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES I am able to help on the Mother's Day Stall (Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May: 9am – 11am).

*\*\*Please note all volunteers must have a current Working With Children's Check, wear a mask, be fully vaccinated and show staff their Vaccination Passports/Certificate and Working With Children's Card on the day\*\**

**ON BEHALF OF THE PFA WE SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP**



# Family and Community Partnerships

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Charlotte in Year 4 who travelled up to Sydney during the school holidays to compete in the Australian Open Karate Championships. Charlotte competed very well and was placed 3rd in her age category, winning a Bronze medal.

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## ANZAC Day

ANZAC is such a special day for us all; a day to remember service personnel who have given so much for our country and continue to do so to this day. Sebastian, one of our Yr 3 students marched in the ANZAC Day march in Melbourne with his Australian Air League squadron. He wore his great grandfathers medals from WW2 and was extremely proud to do so. Fantastic Sebastian



## Parent Helper Program

One of the lovely aspects of primary school is the way in which parents and carers participate in the day to day life of the school. This could be on excursions, wrapping gifts for our mother's and father's day stalls, attending events, cheering on at various carnivals and sporting events or being a classroom helper.

To be a classroom helper, parents and carers need to attend an information session to familiarise you with the types of activities you may be engaged in and the protocols around this. There will also be some explanation of the types of strategies you may use with the children when working one on one with them. Please note that parents and carers do not usually work in their own child's classroom.

If you are interested in being a classroom helper at any stage this year you must attend one of these sessions. Sessions will be held on **Monday 9th May at 9:30am and again at 2:00pm**. You only need to attend one session.

All classroom helpers will need to show proof of a current Working With Children's Check or an application to receive one as well as proof of full COVID vaccination including a booster.

If you wish to attend a session please email Mrs Jenny Del Prete and let her know your name, your child's name, class and the session you wish to attend. If neither of these time suits please contact to arrange an alternative time. [jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au)





On Thursday we celebrated St Catherine of Siena Feast day by participating in

# Kaboom Sports









# CONGRATULATIONS

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

Prep A - Claire Sepulveda

Prep B - Lachlan Hastings

Prep C - Lukas Fisher

Prep D - Alex Zanniat

1E - Georgia Aquilina

1F - John Paul

1H - Ronida Gbugare

2G - Alexxander Machot

2I - Kaylee Palmer

2K - Charles Nsubuga

3J - Mia Maroun

3L - Camille Lockwood

3M - Kaiden (Meddage) Fernando

4Q - Ayen Mabil

4S - Antony Nguyen

4U - Nikita Hassell

5R - Jahdiel Roberts

5V - Max Thompson

6N - Roselyn Jojo

6O - Yier Deng (Priscilla)

6P - Allanah Raic

Wellbeing - Dane Rose, Deng Makuac,  
Emma Van Munster,

Learning & Teaching - Majok Majok

## Term 2, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Week 2	3 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	4 *Prep 2023 Information Session @ 7pm	5 *School Tours	6 *Mother's Day Stall	7	8
9 Week 3	10 NAPLAN - Yr 5 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	11 NAPLAN - Yr 5	12 NAPLAN - Yr 5	13 NAPLAN - Yr 5	14 Eucharist Presentation Mass	15 Eucharist Presentation Masses
16 Week 4 *Yr 6 Camp	17 NAPLAN - Yr 3 *Yr 6 Camp *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	18 NAPLAN - Yr 3 *Yr 6 Camp *Yr 5 Camp	19 NAPLAN - Yr 3 *Yr 5 Camp	20 NAPLAN - Yr 3 *Yr 5 Camp	21	22
23 Week 5	24 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	25 *National Simultaneous Story Time	26 *Divisional Cross Country *National Sorry Day	27	28	29
30 Week 6	31 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm *Prep 2023 Interviews	1 *Prep 2023 Interviews	2 *Prep 2023 Interviews	3	4	5 Pentecost Sunday
6 Week 7	7 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm *Year 4 excursion	8 *Prep 2023 Interviews	9 *Prep 2023 Interviews	10 *Prep 2023 Interviews	11	12

# Sibling Storytime

Bring your baby, toddler,  
preschooler to  
St Catherine's for Storytime.

**When:** Starting Tuesday 3rd of May  
then every Tuesday from 2.30-3pm.

**Where:** In the school library

**Who:** Storytime is for siblings of  
current St Catherine's students.



**\*You MUST stay with your child/ren during  
Storytime, wear a mask and be fully vaccinated**

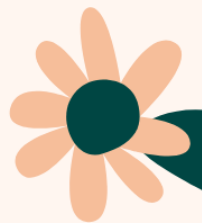




# MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 6th May  
2.15-3pm  
in the Hall

*When you arrive, please  
go to the office so that  
your child/ren can be  
called to meet you for  
afternoon tea*







*St Catherine of Siena  
Parents & Friends Association*

*2022*

*Mother's Day Stall*  
**Friday, 6th May**

Gifts are priced between \$1 and \$4

Please bring along a plastic  
bag to put your gifts in.

*\*children will have the opportunity  
to purchase 1 or 2 gifts.*





# 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



# 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](http://www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours)**

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



# City of Melton

## Early Years to Foundation Network Meeting



**An opportunity to network, share information and further develop professional skills and knowledge**

This meeting will cover:

- Role of the KESO worker
- Introduction to the Kindergarten Engagement Officer
- Djerriwarh Community Health - Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist

**WHEN:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**WHERE:** Online via Zoom. Link will be sent prior to session.

**TIME:** 5.30pm to 7.00pm

**BOOKINGS:**

[evnetworkmay22.eventbrite.com.au](https://evnetworkmay22.eventbrite.com.au)

**Bookings are essential**



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# Neighbourhood House Week

9-15 May 2022

Building resilience by bringing people together

## NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

Free events start Monday 9 May 2022



BOOK NOW

### MONDAY 9 MAY

#### Soy Candle Making Workshop

Learn how to prepare, make and pour your own soy candles using eco-friendly natural ingredients in this exciting workshop.

**Taylors Hill, 3037**

11am – 12.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

### TUESDAY 10 MAY

#### Green Homes

Learn how you can turn everyday household items into inexpensive cleaning products that are kinder on the planet and safe and natural.

**Eynesbury, 3338**

10am – 11.30am | Free  
Bookings required

#### Making your Budget work for You

With the cost of living increasing, the need to control your finances is so important. Learn how to remove stress and build your financial fitness.

**Melton South, 3338**

1pm – 2pm | Free  
Bookings required

#### Messy Play for Kids

Enjoy a fun afternoon of messy play with your pre-school children. Bring along your own afternoon tea and art smock.

**Caroline Springs, 3023**

2pm – 3.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

#### Native Floral Canvas Art

Be expertly guided to paint a stunning protea on canvas. At the end of the class, you'll have a completed masterpiece on canvas to take home!

**Taylors Hill, 3037**

6.30pm – 8pm | Free  
Bookings required

MORE EVENTS





# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

Free events start Monday 9 May 2022



BOOK NOW

## WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

### Get your Garden Ready for Winter

Join the experts from Bunnings Warehouse to get all the insider knowledge on how to successfully prepare your garden for winter.

**Caroline Springs, 3023**

10am – 11am | Free  
Bookings required

### Chair Yoga & Meditation

Open to all abilities and fitness levels enjoy an afternoon of gentle moves, stretching and mindful relaxation in an easy seated position.

**Hillside, 3037**

1pm – 1.50pm | Free  
Bookings required

### Writing Workshop with Demet Divaroren: 'Own your Voice'

Learn from renowned author Demet Divaroren about how to craft compelling non-fiction stories by finding and owning your writing voice.

**Caroline Springs, 3023**

4pm – 5.30pm | Free  
Bookings required

## THURSDAY 12 MAY

### Create your own Macrame Plant Holder

In this small group you will learn how to use rope with knots to create and take home a small plant wall hanging.

**Brookfield, 3338**

1pm – 3pm | Free  
Bookings required

## FRIDAY 13 MAY

### How to Live at Home Longer

Learn how to access government funding to help you stay living at home for longer and the types of support services that are available.

**Fraser Rise, 3336**

10am – 11am | Free  
Bookings required

### Line Dancing

Learn all the current line dancing moves while enjoying a fun, safe and effective workout in a friendly atmosphere.

**Hillside, 3037**

10am – 1pm | Free  
Bookings required

### Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa and something to eat while supporting a great cause. All funds donated to Cancer Council.

**Taylors Hill, 3037**

10.30am – 11.30am | Free  
Bookings required

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, VISIT THE  
MELTON LEARNING DIRECTORY WEBSITE  
[MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU/NHW2022](https://MELTONLEARNING.COM.AU/NHW2022)

