



# 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 2 6th May 2022

### *A Blessing for Mothers, Grandmothers and Mother-Figures*

May the Lord bless you and keep you – in times of joy and in times of trial.

May the Lord make his face shine on you – that you, in turn, may be the face of God to those you mother.

May the Lord be gracious to you – that you may be the instrument of grace in your families and communities.

And may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace – that you might bring peace to your homes, to your families, to your work and to your world. Amen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we were able to celebrate Mother's Day with an afternoon tea. It was wonderful to have many families able to attend this event and get us back on a more normal school setting. It is terrific to be able to welcome parents, carers and other family members back into school again. So keep a look out for other events as they come up throughout the remainder of the year. We certainly look forward to catching up with you all again.

### Eucharist Program

On the 13th & 15th May we have the Presentation Masses for all children in the Parish who will be receiving their First Communion later in the term. Attending the Presentation Mass is an important part of the program as this is their formal enrolment and is also an opportunity for the children to stand with the other members of the Parish and ask for prayers and support during their time of preparation. All children in Year 4 as well as others in Year 5 or 6 will receive their First Communion on the 18th June are to bring their enrolment form to one of this weekends masses.

### NAPLAN 2022

The NAPLAN assessments for our Year 3 & 5 students will be held from the 10th - 20th May and this year will be conducted online with the exception of the Year 3 writing task. These national tests will assess student achievement in both Literacy and Numeracy.

- ♦ Literacy: Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (which is spelling, grammar and punctuation).
- ♦ Numeracy: Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Space and Measurement, Chance and Data.

It is anticipated that all children in Years 3 & 5 will complete these assessments unless they are exempt or parents choose to withdraw them. Children can only be exempt if they have been in Australia for less than 12 months and have yet to acquire adequate English **OR** if they have a learning difficulty which would compromise their ability to complete the assessments independently. Parents and guardians can choose to withdraw their children for a number of other reasons. If a child is exempt and their parents would prefer that they not sit the tests or if parents/guardians choose to withdraw their child from sitting these tests, a signed parental authority must be obtained and retained at school. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests, or about your child sitting these tests, please see your child's classroom teacher. Results from these assessments will be available to parents later in the year. **It is essential that parents keep the NAPLAN assessment in a safe place when it arrives as Secondary schools often ask for this when enrolling students for Year 7.**

Have a lovely weekend and a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday

Carmel Marantelli

**PRINCIPAL**





# 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



# 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**

# Family Maths

## Monthly Challenge

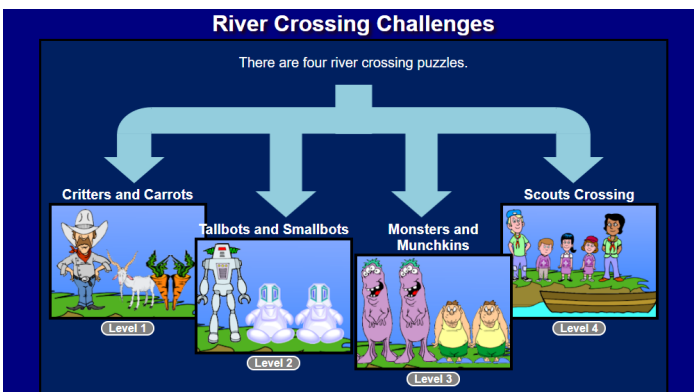
Welcome to Term 2! This month's challenge is a Scavenger Hunt. This is your opportunity to stay inside where it is warm and go on a hunt around the house for all things Maths! Children can collect a Scavenger Hunt checklist from their teacher starting next Monday.



## Maths Puzzle

River Crossing challenges are an old Maths idea. When you try to solve these 'river crossing' puzzles, you are attempting some of the same problems that were set by Alcuin, an ecclesiastic from the 9th century, for the Emperor Charlemagne. Tap the link below and try one or all of the four levels of this logic game.

[River Crossing Challenge](#)



## Maths Games Days News

The MAV (Maths Association of Victoria) are back face-to-face with their annual Games Days.

The aim of this program is to challenge students in a fun, challenging, collaborative and competitive mathematics-based games day. Teams of students compete for a variety of prizes including individual prizes for creativity, contribution to group work, and lucky door prizes. Lateral thinking wins the day!

A Maths Games Day is an opportunity for students to:

- develop their mathematical talents and thinking skills in a setting where maths is regarded as fun and worthwhile
- work with like-minded students from a diverse range of schools
- participate in mathematical activities without the usual class room pressures
- win prizes and rewards
- get excited about maths!

We will be taking two teams of 4 to the Games Days this year. Due to the nature of the activities on the day, students will be selected on their strengths reflected in their current Maths data.

Families will be notified if their child has been selected to attend and further details about date, time, location and transport arrangements will be shared.



## **Parish Of Melton Office**

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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>

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 3, 2022 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with students. All orders must be submitted online by **Friday, 11th May.**

**Click [here](#) to place your order online**

*No late orders can be accepted.*

# Book Club LOOP

## LOGIN



## Book Club

## **Mother's Day Stall**

A very big thank you to the Parents & Friends Association for organising and running the Mother's Day stall today, your time in preparing for this is very much appreciated. Thank you also to all the volunteers who assisted today. Without your help the Mother's Day stall would not be possible.



## **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.

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# 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 - Khiana Setiu

Prep B - Amelia Gray

Prep C - Lachie Borg

Prep D - Bailee Wemyss

1E - Achuach Garang

1F - Stephanie Makuei

1H - Lual Makuac

2G - Alannah Farrugia

2I - Annabell Grech

2K - Isabella Todaro

3J - Semira Cabral

3L - Mason Gillespie

3M - Benjamin Eastwood

4Q - Charlotte Stead

4S - Austin Brown

4U - Taylor Steyn

5R - Harper Osborne

5T - Maggie Michael

5V - Nikita Kotongo

6N - Alessio Riefoli

6O - Natasha Puccio

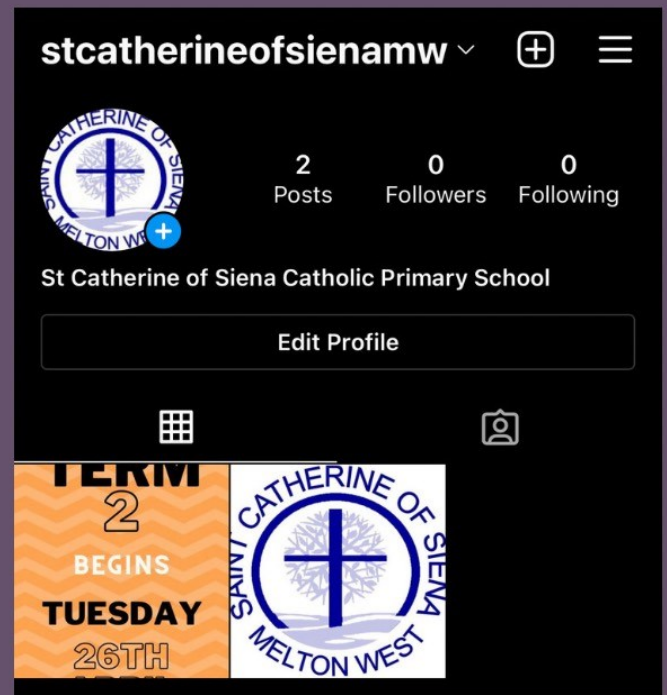
6P - Emma Van Munster

Wellbeing - Nicholas Bigeni, Fatuma  
Jambari, Nathan Mendonca

## Term 2, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 Week 3 *Parent Helper Sessions @ 9:30am & 2pm	10 NAPLAN - Yr 5 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	11 NAPLAN - Yr 5	12 NAPLAN - Yr 5	13 NAPLAN - Yr 5 *MPSSA Interschool Sports - Round 2	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 *2023 Prep Enrolments Close	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
13 Week 8	14 *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm	15	16	17	18 First Communion Year 4	19

# Family and Community Partnerships



Follow our **Facebook page** & **Instagram account** for all the latest news and events.



# 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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Sparkways



Community Child Management System



Education  
and Training





# 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.

**Taylor's 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!

**Taylor's Hill, 3037**

6.30pm – 8pm | Free  
Bookings required

MORE EVENTS





# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

Free events start Monday 9 May 2022



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## 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)

