



# 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 4 20th May 2022

*I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples. John 13:34*

Loving God, fill my heart with the love that you freely give.

Make love my first and last thoughts.

May I love others and freely give to them.

Make my spirit a spirit of joy, happiness and love for both my friends and my enemies.

Help me love as abundantly as you have loved me.

Amen.

Based in John 13:34  
(DailyPrayerGuide.net)



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the arrival of colder weather, cases of the flu are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

### What to do if your child gets sick

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- take a COVID-19 test and follow the current [Department of Health isolation requirements](#) if a positive result is shown
- keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

### COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

It is important that children and young people have the best possible protection against the flu and COVID-19 and getting vaccinated is one way of doing this. Ensuring your children are protected against serious illness helps to protect everyone in our community, including older family members who may be at higher risk, along with younger children who can't receive vaccinations yet.

You can book COVID-19 vaccinations through the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 or at a participating GP, pharmacy, or community health service.

Some local schools are also holding walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics on school grounds. Vaccination settings can be found at the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

### Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from the flu and are eligible for free vaccination under the [National Immunisation Program](#). Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the [Better Health Channel](#).

Have a lovely weekend

Carmel Marantelli

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## 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>



## CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN  
WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.  
PLEASE ENSURE STUDENTS ARE  
PROVIDED WITH A SNACK AND  
LUNCH EACH DAY.



## CLASS 3J HAVING FUN USING IPADS TO PROGRAM ROBOTS TO DO TRICKS





# Family Maths

## Monthly Challenge

One week to go until the monthly challenge is closed. There have been so many entries from across the school and lots of interesting discoveries about maths in the houses of St Cath's families.

Remember to get your entry in. Entries can be placed in classroom office tubs. The challenge ends on Tuesday May 31st and the winners will be announced in the Newsletter on Friday, June 3rd.



## Maths Puzzle

Pentominoes are excellent in helping young mathematicians explore concepts in Geometry as well as develop Problem Solving skills! The word "Pentominoes" is a combination of pent and -ominoes, where pent means "five", and -omino means "all together". They are the geometric shapes that are formed by joining five squares edge-to-edge. There are twelve pentominoes, named after letters of the alphabet. They can be put together to form many interesting shapes.

The first known pentomino puzzle was published in 1906, but the shapes were rediscovered and named by Solomon W. Golomb at Harvard in 1953.

Tap the link below and try one or more of the four puzzles of this logic game. Perhaps try a Tangram or two to warm up. Have fun!

[Pentominoes](#)



## 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 classroom 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.

# 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 - Spencer Rose

3L - Isla Evans

Prep C - Charlie Schreck

3M - Liam Morris

1E - Lexi Thorneycroft

4Q - Olivia Sobol

1F - Fennet Tesema

4S - Dylan Kalusevicius

1H - Theoneste Hayajandi

4U - Alexia Zannikos

2G - Mayen Bith

6N - Whole Class

2I - Jayden Rodrigo

6O - Fabulous campers of 6O

2K - Stephanie Fisher

6P - Whole Class

3J - Amelie Baglieri

Performing Arts - Ayol Anyar

## Term 2, 2022

| Mon   | Tue   | Wed                                     | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                          | Sun                   |
|---|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 23 Week 5<br>*2023 Prep Enrolments Close                  | 24<br>*Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm                          | 25<br>*National Simultaneous Story Time | 26<br>*Divisional Cross Country<br>*National Sorry Day | 27  | 28                           | 29                    |
| 30 Week 6   | 31<br>*Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm<br>*Prep 2023 Interviews | 1<br>*Prep 2023 Interviews              | 2<br>*Prep 2023 Interviews                             | 3   | 4                            | 5<br>Pentecost Sunday |
| 6 Week 7  | 7<br>*Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm<br>*Year 4 excursion      | 8<br>*Prep 2023 Interviews              | 9  | 10<br>*Prep 2023 Interviews                       | 11                           | 12                    |
| 13 Week 8<br>Queens Birthday Public Holiday School Closed | 14<br>*Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm                          | 15                                      | 16   | 17  | 18<br>First Communion Year 4 | 19                    |
| 20 Week 9   | 21<br>*Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm                          | 22                                      | 23   | 24<br>Last day of term, children finish at 1:30pm | 25                           | 26                    |
| 27  | 28  | 29                                      | 30   | 31  | 1                            | 2                     |





**Prep 2023 Enrolments**  
**Applications closing**  
**Monday, 23rd May**  
**2022**



# 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.

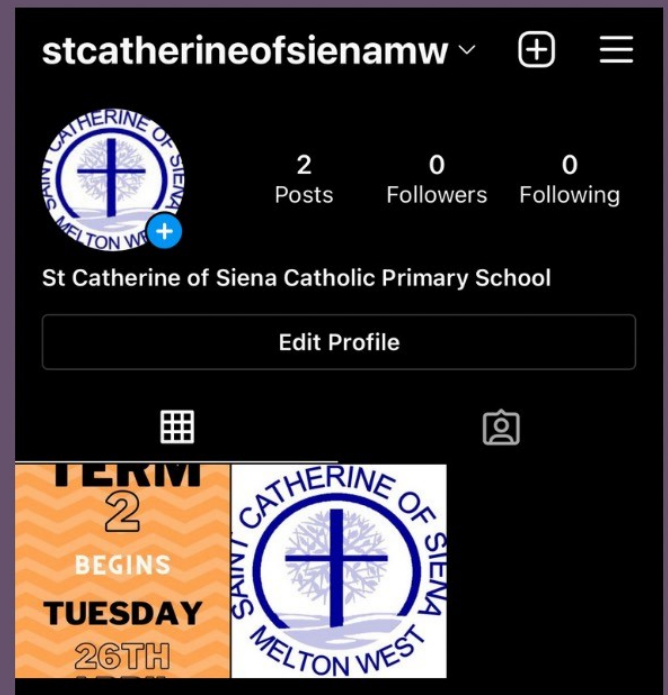
**Where:** In the school library

**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 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)**

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