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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 7 10th June 2022

Reflection - Solemnity of the Trinity - 12th June

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, animate our living.
Help us to forget ourselves, to get caught up in the
mystery of your love and life.
Let us never forget the need to care for the good of
others.
Never let us take for granted the mystery of life.
Amen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently, we have had to split classrooms and reallocate students to a different teacher when a teacher is absent for either health, personal or professional reasons. There is currently a state-wide shortage of teachers impacting upon the ability of Catholic, State and independent schools to fill teaching positions or replacing teachers absent on any given day. The shortage of casual replacement teachers has come about as a result of high numbers of teachers retiring or leaving the profession, the lack of overseas teachers available to be recruited due to COVID restrictions and many not being well enough due to illness, or not having received their third COVID vaccination, to be available to work.

When staff are away we first attempt to employ casual relief teachers; when this is not successful we would look to deploy specialists or leadership staff to take the class however this is not always possible. The practice of splitting a classroom is something we would not normally do and is only done as a last resort. When this occurs, children are sent to another class with a few peers from their class and work supplied by their classroom teacher. While this shortage remains in effect your child may come home and inform you that they were in a different classroom for part or the whole day or had a specialist or leadership member teach them. If this is the case, please know that the teacher they have been allocated to will do all they can to assist and support your child's continued learning in consultation with your child's teacher. If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning on such days, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, or myself, as like you, we want the best outcome for your children and are doing all we can, within the current conditions, to ensure this occurs.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Mrs Anderson

Today we say goodbye but not farewell to Mel Anderson. Mel and her husband are soon to become parents to 2 little girls who will be placed with them in a permanent care placement. As such Mel will need time to focus solely on these girls as they transition to a new environment so she will be on leave for the remainder of the year.

This year in her role as wellbeing leader Mel has been across all classes supporting the children in settling back to school, firming up friendships and managing the sometimes difficult periods of anxiousness and anxiety. She has a way of relating to all children and getting the very best out of them. While we will all miss her terribly, these skills will be just what the 2 little girls she is soon to be a parent to will need in helping them manage such a huge transition. As parents you will all understand what is in store for Mel and her husband. While I am sure there will be challenging times ahead I also know that there will be plenty of fun, laughter and love. Mel is such a generous beautiful person; these little girls have found a loving home where they will be nurtured to become the very best versions of themselves.

I know you will join with me in wishing Mel and her husband all the very best as they begin their parenting journey and we look forward to welcoming Mel back to St Catherine's next year.



MATHS AT HOME

TOP 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

Helping your kids to do maths at home can be a positive experience.

Here are our top five tips to help you stay calm and carry on!

1. LEARNING MATHS IS ABOUT STRATEGIES

Much of the actual maths is the same as what you may have learnt. Although learning maths is becoming more about understanding the reasoning and using a variety of different



strategies to do maths.

The strategies you learnt at school are still valid too!

Teachers value students using many strategies to solve problems and develop thinking.

2. ASK QUESTIONS



You don't have to know the answers! Nor do you have to know how to get there. Just ask questions and let your child think it through. Here are some of our favourites:

- What thinking did you use to get this far?
- What else could you try, is there another way?
- What could a next step be?
- How could you find out more about what to do?
- Do you think others may do something different?

3. BE PERSISTENT, LEARN TOGETHER



Maths can be challenging. Rather than saying 'I can't do that', or 'It's too hard', say 'I can't do that yet,' or 'We will work it out together'. Research shows parental support is a major factor

for student success at school. Celebrate achieving small steps in solving a problem.

Persist, be supportive and remember to focus on the thinking, not getting answers.

4. SEE MATHS EVERYDAY

There is plenty of maths around you to develop numeracy skills, such as calculating, measuring, using numbers, interpreting data and graphs, recognising patterns, and using language to develop mathematical understanding. Ask questions about the maths in activities like cooking, exercise, sport, budgeting and shopping. Playing games is also a fun way to practice and experience maths.



5. STAY POSITIVE, KEEP CALM

Don't pass on your baggage, this is not about you! Let your children experience maths positively, we need maths for everyday life, and maths graduates have excellent career opportunities.

Don't say 'I was never good at maths' or 'I never liked maths'.

Maths can, and should be, really fun!



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Swimming Program

The swimming program for Year 3 and 4 will begin on Tuesday, 14th June. Further information and permission forms have been sent out via Operoo.

Students need to bring a towel, drink bottle and plastic bag for wet bathers. Students may also bring goggles and a swimming cap if they wish.

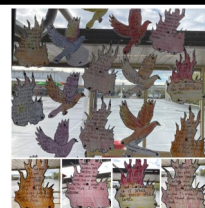
It is the policy of Melton Swim School that parents do not accompany their child to the pool.



Pentecost in the Classroom

1H students have worked hard to learn all about Pentecost during the last week and have shown their understandings in these writing pieces.

Mrs Moore



School Closed Monday, 13th June

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE MELTON

Information evening for grade 5 parents – Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Enrolments are now open for **Year 7 2024** at our Melton West and Cobblebank Campuses. Learn more about our campuses, developments at our College and our learning and wellbeing programs at an information evening on **Tuesday, 14th June from 7pm** at the Melton West campus.

To register, visit www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/events

Applications for 2024 are due by Friday, 19 August 2022.

Our new Cobblebank campus will open in January 2023 for up to 200 Year 7 students and grow to accommodate 1500 Year 7 to 12 students by 2028. The expansion of the College brings with it other changes, including a new name - St Francis Catholic College – to be launched at the start of 2023 school year. Throughout this period of significant growth, our commitment to nurture the faith development of students, focus on their individual needs and strive to develop their academic potential remains as strong as it has for more than 40 years.

To join us in Year 7 2024, visit <https://www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/enrolment>. Limited places for Year 7 2023 are also available at our Cobblebank campus.

College tours will be held at the Melton West Campus on:

Tuesday, 19th July 2pm

Wednesday, 10th August 9am

To register, visit www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours

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CANTEEN UPDATE

**For the remainder of Term 2
please note the canteen will be
open on the following days,**

Tuesday, 14th June

Friday, 17th June

Tuesday, 21st June

Thursday, 23rd June.

***The canteen will be closed all
other days***



Last Day of Term 2 - Friday, 24th June

Students Dismissed at 1:30pm

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 - Jason Dominic Lea'ana

3J - Zion Thomas

Prep B - Lachlan Howell-Cation

3L - Annabelle Borg

Prep C - Chout Mabour

3M - Maya Baglieri

Prep D - Evie Calleja

4Q - Ruby Spence

1E - Audrey Thomas

4S - Asha Anhiany

1F - Aditya Ullas

4U - Ngashida Chimann

1H - Heath Peck

5R - Abiar Jur

2G - Gok Thuc

5T - Harish Katuwal-Chhetri

2I - Isabella Margeta-Moran

6N - Sama Babawy

2K - Kai McKnight

Kindness Award - Mrs Anderson

Term 2 & 3, 2022

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-----|
| 13 Week 8 Queens Birthday Public Holiday School Closed | 14 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm | 15 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program | 16 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program | 17 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program *Semester 1 Reports available online | 18 First Communion Year 4 | 19 |
| 20 Week 9 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program | 21 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program *Sibling Story Time @ 2:30pm | 22 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program | 23 *Year 3/4 Swimming Program | 24 Last day of term, children finish at 1:30pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 July | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Week 1 Term 3 Begins | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Week 2 | 19 *Prep/Yr 1/Yr 2 Swimming Program | 20 *Prep/Yr 1/Yr 2 Swimming Program | 21 *Prep/Yr 1/Yr 2 Swimming Program | 22 *Prep/Yr 1/Yr 2 Swimming Program | 23 | 24 |