



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 4, Week 5 4th November 2022

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Reflection -

On November 1st the Church celebrates the solemnity of All Saints where we remember those saints who have followed Jesus and are now sharing the joy of heaven.

On November 2nd the Church celebrates All Souls where we remember and pray for our loved ones and the members of the Christian community who have died.

Pope Francis tells us that saints are not born perfect. They chose to follow Jesus with all their heart in everything they did. We can all be saints!

On these special days, remember and pray to the saints, especially St Catherine of Siena, our patron saint and for all those you know who have died.

Dear Jesus,

We prayerfully remember the saints and our loved ones who have died and have been raised to a new life with you in heaven, resting peacefully in God's arms.

We are grateful for the saints who lived a life of faith and now rest eternally in heaven in reward for their holiness.

May we look to them as examples of the living Word by sharing their lives, struggles, faith, courage and acts of mercy so that we might today live in joyful service to others.

We remember our loved ones and all those who have died and have risen to a new life with you in heaven.

Through the intercessions of these saints and souls, may our faith may be deepened so that we may be the face of Jesus in the world today and create your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven so that one day we may rest peacefully with you in heaven.

Amen



To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone.

— Pope Francis —

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Friday is Remembrance Day. On the 11th of November at venues all across our land, we remember that others laid down their lives so that we might be able to live with the freedom that we now enjoy. We remember the end of the first World War on 11th November 1918 when the guns fell silent and four years of fighting ended. Every year, on 11th November at 11am – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we stop to remember service personnel who have died or suffered, not only in the First World War but in all other wars, conflicts and peace operations since the beginning of the 20th century. Next Friday we will hold a Remembrance Day liturgy commencing at 10:45am and ending with a minutes silence at 11:00am. Our senior leaders will represent the school in the ceremony at the Cenotaph conducted by the Melton branch of the RSL and lay a wreath on our behalf.

Our Prep 2023 Orientation sessions commence next Tuesday, these will be held over the next 3 weeks and are an opportunity for the children to become a little familiar with the school prior to commencing next year and to meet their teacher prior to 2023. Information is also provided to parents about their child's transition from kindergarten to school so it is important that you attend these sessions.

A reminder to all families of the school closure day on Monday, 5th December. This day has been previously advertised and will be a 2023 planning day for all staff so there will be no school for children on this day.

An additional closure day will be Monday 19th December. This day would have been the last day for children with an early 1:30pm finish but will now be a school closure day. The last day of the 2022 school year for children will now be Friday the 16th December. This will be a normal day and children will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

Have a lovely weekend everyone



Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL



Lest We Forget

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 8th November - Prep 2023 Transition Session 1

Wednesday, 9th November - Italian Day

Friday, 11th November - Yr 3/4 District T20 Competition

Parish of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton
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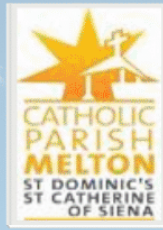
Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

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>



PREP 2023

TRANSITION

DAYS

IN THE HALL

Tuesday
8th
November
9am-11am

Tuesday
15th
November
9am-11am

Tuesday
22nd
November
9am-11am

Parents will have a meeting in the hall while children are in classes.

Children are asked to bring a small snack on the last transition day (22nd Nov.)

Please bring

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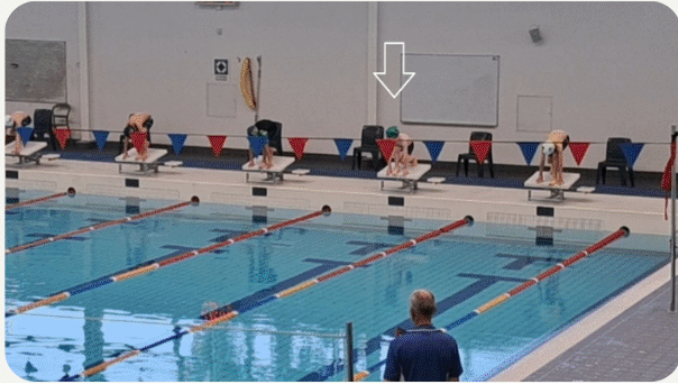
your child

for display
(Name on back)



Student Achievement!

On Sunday, 16th October Sebastian from Year 3 competed in the Metro West Junior District Swimming selection trials. The top swimmers in each age group were then selected to compete in the Swim Victoria Metro Junior Competition.



Sebastian qualified in all 4 of his events & will now compete at MSAC on Sunday, 6th November, representing Metro West district.



What an amazing achievement at only 8 years of age! Good luck for the competition Sebastian, we can't wait to hear all about it.

Write4Fun

Congratulations to all our students who entered the Write4Fun competition. This was the first time our school entered this competition and we had 29 students successfully progress through the first round of judging in the 'Unleashed' 2022 Schools Writing Competition. Some students were listed in the last school newsletter and here are some more successful entrants: Nolan D'Silva, Jaiden Gounder, Julia Tat, Mireille Irakoze, Ruby Spence and Macie Cowan. Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to more fantastic writing in next year's competition.

Jen Del Prete
Literacy Leader



Italian DAY
9/11/22

INCURSION

PERFORMANCE

Students can wear something Italian like an Italian soccer top or dress in the Italian colours of red, white and green.

Gold coin donation

Lunch time treat: Gelato which is gluten, nut and egg free. Two varieties of flavours are also dairy free.

For dietary concerns email:
cdandrea-walker@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au
aauricchio@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au
Please remember to respond to the note on Operoo!

Expressions of Interest - Free English Language Lessons

Djerriwarrh, Community and Education Services Melton offer an Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP). The AMEP is available to migrants and humanitarian entrants aged 18 years and over. This includes all permanent visa holders, some temporary visa holders and citizens who previously held an eligible visa. These sessions are held at their offices in Melton.

However we are now taking expressions of interest from parents who would like to participate in free language lessons to be held at our school during school time.

This program is being trialed at St. Anthony's Melton this term. If we have enough interest from parents we may be able to start a program at school in 2023.

If you are interested in English Language Lessons to be held at school in 2023 please contact

Jenny Del Prete (Literacy Leader) via email: jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

Please include your name, contact details and name/class your child is in.

Djerriwarrh also offers a variety of free courses (yoga, home maintenance, cooking etc as well as subsidised courses to assist with pathways to employment. They also run a school holiday program in January. For more information please visit

www.djerriwarrh.org.au or <https://www.facebook.com/DjerriwarrhNeighbourhoodHouse>

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who received a class award this week.

These awards were presented to children at assembly today.

Keep up the terrific effort!

Prep A - Isaac Mangok

Prep B - Sanaya Davis

Prep C - Mello Zabriskie

Prep D - Jairus-Leonard Roberts

1E - Ivan Dressler

1F - Stephanie Makuei

1H - Ava Kavanagh

2G - Sifa Alumbulwa

2I - Isabel Rose

2K - Tatiana Tejo

3J - Athieei Thuoc

3L - Nandana Davis

3M - Zoe Cooney

4Q - Antonio Knezevic Tabakovic

4S - Euan Morales

4U - Achigam Poundak

5R - Abiar Jur

5T - Talia Juresic

6N - Benjamin Saliba

6O - Leila Eckardt & Addison McKInley

6P - Emily Kaltner

Year 3 Excursion to the MCG

"On Tuesday the 18th of October, the Year 3s went on an excursion to the MCG. We got to meet Dean Hewitt. He is an Olympian in the sport of Curling. He told us all about curling and never giving up on trying to achieve your dreams. We played games at 'Game On' which is an interactive zone, visited the sports museum and went on a tour around the MCG. It was a really fun day! We learnt lots of cool facts about the MCG and sports".



Chelsea and Chadhor 3L



Year 4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo



ZOO

Family Maths

October Monthly Challenge

Congratulations to this month's winners who worked independently or with their family to solve this month's problem.

Winner

Paige 5T Ellie 2G Logan 2G Noah 2G Alex 2G

November Monthly Challenge

This month is all about the Maths in your house - both inside and out! Just a little hint there!

Your task is to score as many points as you can by using the list below to check what is in your house. When you have your total points, write them on a piece of paper and include the items you found and your name and grade and put them in your grade's office tub. Entries close Wednesday, November 3rd. Can't wait to see who has the most points.

1 Point for each of these items

Shows the time

Something with numbers on it

Hint: don't forget to check outside!

Containers that measure liquid

Pairs of items

A device that weighs something

Hint: check the kitchen or the bathroom

Containers that measure ingredients for cooking

Something with Roman numerals

Things that come in groups of 4

A sphere

Things that are red

The Brightest Day at School



The big day is coming and we are so excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on **Thursday, 8th December**. On the day, make sure your child brings a white t-shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle and their hat.









Remember to create your online profile and set your fundraising goal at www.australianfundraising.com.au!!

Thank you to everyone who has already started to collect sponsors and donations.

Well done to class 2K who is currently on top of the leader board for raising the most money so far.

Term 4, 2022

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

7 Week 6	8 Yr 3/4 Basketball Training Prep 2023 Transition Session 1 Sibling Story time @ 2:30pm	9  Italian Day	10	11 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30am Yr 3/4 District T20 Cricket Competition Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm	12	13
14 Week 7	15 Yr 3/4 Basketball Training Prep 2023 Transition Session 2 Sibling Story time @ 2:30pm	16	17	18 Yr 3/4 District Basketball Competition Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm	19	20
21 Week 8	22 Prep 2023 Transition Session 3 Sibling Story time @ 2:30pm	23	24	25 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm	26	27 Advent Week 1 Hope 
28 Week 9	29 Sibling Story time @ 2:30pm	30	1 December	2 Yr Prep Excursion Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm	3	4 Advent Week 2 Love 
5 Week 10 School Closure Day	6 Sibling Story time @ 2:30pm	7 Yr 6 Big Day Out!	8 Opening & Blessing of Administration Block PFA Colour Run 4 Fun 	9 Whole School Picnic 	10	11 Advent Week 3 Peace 
12 Week 11 Semester 2 Reports available online End of Year Concert @ 6:30pm	13 Yr 1 – 6 2023 Step Up Morning	14 End of Year Mass @ 9:30am	15 Yr 6 Graduation @ 7pm 	16 Last Day of Term 4 Students Dismissed @ 3:15pm	17	18 Advent Week 4 Joy 
19 Week 12 School Closure Day	20	21	22	23	24	25 