



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 4, Week 7 18th November 2022

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Advent: Preparing for the Coming of Jesus

Sunday, November 27 marks the first week of Advent - The week of Hope.

Advent marks the beginning of a season where we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

God we ask You to guide us as people of hope this Advent. We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are hungry, lonely and in need. May they come to know that they are not alone at this time and that they continue to be people of Hope in their communities. Help us to share the hope of this season with everyone we meet and be the living Jesus in our world today.

Amen

The beginning of Advent is also the beginning of Year A in the Church's liturgical calendar. Throughout this year the church will focus on Matthew's gospel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 22nd November - Prep 2023 Transition Session 3

Friday, 2nd December - Prep Excursion

Monday, 5th December - School Closure Day

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year is fast approaching and as we head towards the ending of another school year and prepare for Advent and Christmas it is also the time of year when we say goodbye to staff who are leaving and welcome new members. Each year, for various reasons - family considerations, travel commitments or the opportunity of new challenges several staff move on to new settings and this year is no different. The following staff will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Kirsty Moore has been at St Catherine's for a number of years and has held leadership roles within the school and taught several year levels. This year she has been an important member of the Year 1 team. Kirsty has a gentle way of working with each student so that she can get to know their strengths and challenges in order to best assist them in becoming independent learners. She has been a valued staff member whom we will miss but we wish her all the very best as she heads to a new school setting to continue her teaching career.

Megan has been with us for a number of years and has been an important member of our specialist team in the Visual Arts department. Megan has brought a love of art and many creative ideas to the program which the children have all loved. In her time with us Megan has always participated in all school events and readily volunteered to assist others when needed. We will miss Megan but wish her all the very best at her new school setting.

Jamien Russell came to us several years ago and in his time at St Catherine's has been a valuable staff member and friend to many. Jamien has a gentle yet firm nature and is able to use this to get to know each child extremely well and thus is best placed to assist them in giving of their best at all times. Jamien is leaving us to further his teaching at a new school setting and we wish him every success.

Lisa Ris has only been with us a short time; however, in that time she has been a valued staff member and an important part of the Year Prep team in 2021 and the Year 1 team this year. Lisa has worked hard to support all children in Year 1 and has taken the time to get to know each child, their interests and challenges so that she can best support their learning. We thank Lisa for her contributions and wish her all the very best for 2023 at her new school.

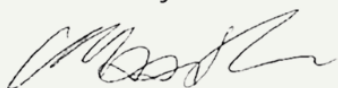
Julie Gill leaves us at the end of this year to further her teaching career overseas. Julie started with us this year and has been instrumental in ensuring our Year 6 students had a settled and constructive final year of primary school. Julie's care for the students and the way in which she has endeared herself to all staff will be sorely missed however we wish her well in this exciting new development in her teaching career.

Maya Lovancevska came to us this year as a Student Support Officer in the Prep team. She has worked with the Prep team to ensure that the children have had a settled year and are well placed to head to Year 1 in 2023. Maya is taking time to determine the next steps in her career and we wish her all the very best.

Caterina D'Andrea Walker, Sandra Potgeiter and Hugh Varga have all been employed this year to support our specialist program. Caterina in Italian, Sandra in Performing Arts and Hugh in Physical Education. We thank each of them for the work they have done in providing not only continuity of opportunities for the children in these speciality areas; but also for ensuring that the sessions provided were engaging and purposeful. We wish you all the very best.

They will all be missed and we wish each and every one of them every continued success in their new school settings. We thank them all very much for the care they have shown to the children of St Catherine's and their families in their time with us.

Have a lovely weekend everyone



Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Parish of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Saturday Evening: 6:00pm

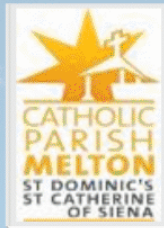
Sunday Morning: 9:00am & 11:00am

Sunday Evening: 5:00pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday: 9:15am

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



PREP 2023

TRANSITION

DAYS

IN THE HALL

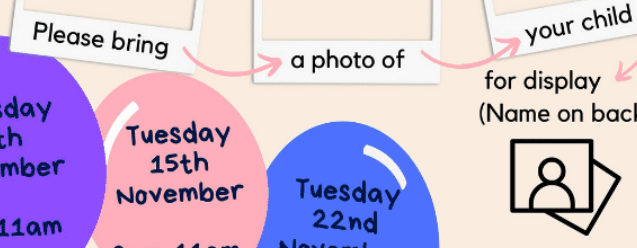
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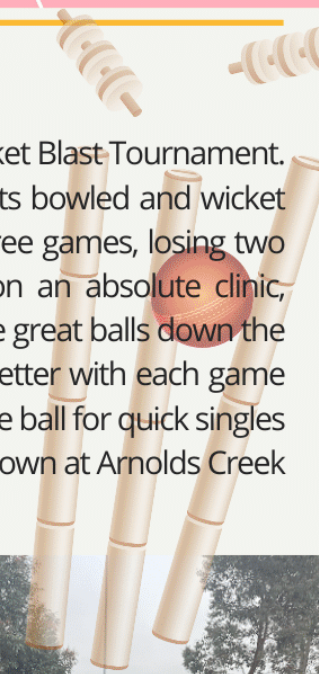
Parents will have
a meeting in the hall
while children are
in classes.

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



3/4 Cricket Blast Tournament

On Friday, 11th October, 16 students from year 3 and 4 competed in the MPSSA District Cricket Blast Tournament. They played against other schools in the District in a round robin style competition. Students bowled and wicket kept in pairs and then batted with each other in a 16 over game. The boys team played three games, losing two and winning one comfortably against Coburns Primary School. In this game, they put on an absolute clinic, smashing balls over the boundary and making lots of single runs too. They also bowled some great balls down the pitch making it hard for the opposition to make runs. The girls played two games, getting better with each game they played, winning both and progressing to the grand final. They played really well hitting the ball for quick singles and bowling on target but just fell short, losing by 5 runs. Overall, it was a fun day had by all down at Arnolds Creek Reserve. Well done everyone!



Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Bookclub has been sent home with all students. This will be the final bookclub for 2022. All orders must be submitted online at www.scholastic.com.au by

Friday, 2nd December.

**No late orders can be accepted.



Remembrance Day

Thank you to our school leaders Kristy, Lily, Dale and Benjamin for representing St Catherine of Siena at the Remembrance Day Memorial service held at the Cenotaph on High Street on Friday, 11th November.

Thank you also to Miss Marantelli for accompanying our school leaders on the day.



Catholic Regional College
Melton

www.crcmelton.com.au

Launching in
January 2023



St Francis

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

sfcc.vic.edu.au

From January 2023, Catholic Regional College Melton will change its name to **St Francis Catholic College**, after St Francis of Assisi.

A new logo, branding and uniform will be launched at the start of next year for our existing Melton West campus and new Cobblebank campus.

Drawing on the rich history and strong foundations established in the past 40 years at CRC Melton, St Francis Catholic College will continue to provide strong academic outcomes and outstanding pastoral care for all students.

For more information about all the changes, please visit:

www.crcmelton.com.au/our-story/new-in-2023



Whole School Picnic

This year our Whole School Picnic will be held on

Friday, 9th December.

A note has been sent out via Operoo with further details. Permission must be given for students to attend this event.

Family members are welcome to join us on this day.

Save the Date...

End of Year Concert

This year the end of year school concert will be held on

Monday, 12th December.

The concert will be held at Catholic Regional College Melton in the Sports Stadium and begin at 6:30pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone join us for this much loved event!

St. Catherine of Siena Poetry Competition

A BIG thankyou to everyone who entered our poetry competition. There are definitely talented poets at our school! It was a great experience for students to read their poems in front of an audience and everyone who was there was really impressed by the variety and quality. Students were invited to submit their poems for the school newsletter as well as present the poems at assembly. The poems and winners will be announced at assembly next week, Friday 25th of November. Please see below poems that students wanted to share.

FAKE FRIENDS by Sama, Year 6

The sound of gossip haunts me like a bad dream.
The words spread like steam

The disgusting words that come out of their horrid self
Spreads around to come back to
Haunt yourself

The backstabber they are.
The bad liar they are.

They want to see you do good but never better than them.
Just remember that.

Faking smiles covered with hate inside.
They have different faces with many things to hide.

Once they stop chatting to you.
They start to chat about you

Enemies remain enemies
But friends they change
So keep an eye on both
'Cause friends can turn strange

The mean and dirty things they spread
To make you feel depressed

The deep words they will keep you down
You keep a smile on your face
But deep down they make you frown

The things they say that are unhelpful
Make you feel distressful

They take stuff away from you is as easy as
Taking candy from a baby

POOF just like that and they are faker than a bad baker

The fake honesty and the fake loyalty they pretend to have
It's not even surprising to whom it's from, don't worry. It's just the reality.

The way they look at you and don't have anything to say ,
but it's funny how the words come out when you walk away

In the end we always find out who's fake, whose
True and who would risk it all for you

An Ordinary Day by Leona, Year 3

The people next door went to the shore.
We tumbled down the hill as we mumbled.
The people next door came back from the sea
As we count to three.
The birds fly through the bright blue sky.

Life's Questions by Mia, Year 3

Have you ever wondered what you would believe
If questions were never answered, how would it be?
Questions and theories can be quite old,
If the answers were already told.
Life, oh life can be a tricky thing,
But you don't know what life can bring.
Calm down and rest,
I think it would be best.

BUNNIES by Marita Year 3

Bunnies are so sensitive in so many ways, for example their sensitive hearing is obvious when there is rain and wind.

On that same topic, what if they are hot or cold, I mean yes they are fluffy but not all of them. But does this mean that those unfluffy ones wish they had fur, yet those that have fur wish they didn't have fur.

Things I like are hard to list. There is a lot, tapping of nails, chewing, fluffiness, relaxing poses, tricks and that they are playful.

No one has nothing they don't like about bunnies. For example I don't like that their fur flies and makes me sneeze, they bite hard, can jump out of their cages easily and are hard to catch.

They are messy, stinky yet still so cute.

They also affect your mood in different ways like sad to calm, frustrated to happy, and energetic to sleepy.

But why, just why... Why did the world have to be so harsh? What if one day we were the bunnies? How would we feel?

Why do we have to treat them like this? I just don't understand.

Would we like to be chucked in a cage, have no more water and no one will fill it up, if you run out of food as a bunny you can't just run to the shop.

How would we feel if we can't run freely without anyone there, or staying trapped in a cage or being held wrong.

But sometimes they can be treated correctly, when they live inside the house with us, it can also happen outside for example making a toy out of a paper towel roll.

But other than that I love my bunny Milo.

Poetry by Nyaleng, Year 6

Changing my ways because of society even though I am a little child.

My imagination threw to the unknown and never came back.

I don't act and dress my age to be like one of them.

My addictions and habits have changed. You need to understand when I say I want to be like them.

Glued to my phone as it will never end.

My anxiety starts to build like a tower in a city about to crash just like my emotions.

Worried about people judging me and treating me like trash on the sidewalk.

Has my life turned upside down when I asked to be like them?

Is this what life is like when you're grown?

All this time has wasted everything my childhood deserved.

It can't come back, it is over. faded away like the shadow that hides in the corner.

I fooled myself into thinking it was a great idea to be like them.

Expressions of Interest - Free English Language Lessons

We have had some expressions of interest but we need to know ASAP if you are interested and have not been in touch with me. Please either call the school on 9743 2166 or email me: jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

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>

The Brightest Day at School

Thank you to everyone who has already collected donations in support of our Colour Run 4 Fun Fundraiser. A reminder that the final day for collecting donations and go into the draw to win a Lenovo Tablet is Sunday, 20th November.

Well done to class Prep B, 2G, 2K and 3M who have collectively raise over \$1000 so far. A fabulous effort!!

The big day for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Thursday, 8th December. On the day, make sure your child brings a white t-shirt as 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.

Create your online profile and collect your donations at www.australianfundraising.com.au!!



Christmas Mass Timetable 2022

St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulmans Rd Melton West

Simbang Gabi (Na Ulit) Sa Melton

Christmas Novena Masses

15th -23rd December 2022 at 8pm each evening

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th December

6.00pm [Family Mass], 8.00pm & 10pm

Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December

9.00am & 11.00am

** No Christmas Mass at 5.00PM **

Boxing Day

No Masses on Boxing Day

Individual Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 10th December 5.15pm–5.45pm

Sunday 11th December 4.15pm–4.45pm

Saturday 17th December 5.15pm–5.45pm

Sunday 18th December 4.15pm–4.45pm

Please note— There will be no Sacrament of Penance on Christmas Eve.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS





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 - John Hoodi
- 3L - Braxton Vella
- Prep B - Ivana Fernando
- 3M - Liam Morris & Logan Webster
- Prep C - Sabrina Sesay
- 4Q - Nyaguon Joseph
- Prep D - Evie Calleja
- 4S - Lexi Sanchez
- 1E - Victoria Kiir
- 4U - Luke Houghton
- 1F - Ellie Thorneycroft
- 5R - Ava Wolfe
- 1H - Olivia Schwartz- Nicart
- 5T - Matti Babawi
- 2G - Shayla Makuei
- 6N - Ella Evans
- 2I - Jobe Garcia
- 6P - Violet Suraci & Emily Kaltner
- 2K - Sienna Alberto Godsell
- Wellbeing - May Thornton, Kara Torney, Abel Solomon
- 3J - Marita Makkad

Term 4, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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! Yr 2 Christmas Feast	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 