



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 1, Week 2 3rd February 2023

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Reflection -

The Beginning of a New School Year

As we begin this school year let us ...

Open our minds to know, think and understand the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Open our hearts to love, appreciate and belong to the St Catherine of Siena school and parish community.

Open our hands to serve, create and lead just, as Jesus taught us.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our friend and teacher.

Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 7th February - Beginning of Year Whole School Mass @ 2pm

Friday, 10th February - Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm

Monday, 27th February - Preps at School Full Time

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all for the 2023 school year. I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

To our new families and children across years 1 - 6 who have joined us this year; I hope that you are beginning to settle in and find your way. It can be rather challenging to walk into a new class where everyone else knows each other and you are the new person, however I know that the other children in your class are eager to get to know you and I am sure they have made you feel welcome. We had 58 Prep children start school this week and they are already beginning to settle in and become familiar with some of the school routines. Not long after walking into their rooms, and shortly after saying goodbye to family they were all actively engaged in a task and ready to listen to their teacher's instructions. Prep is also a time of anticipation, excitement, and anxiety for the parents of these children. You have prepared your children for this big step and we look forward to working with you over the year as they settle into school life. If at any time you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to assist you.

Over the holidays we employed some additional staff so we also welcome these new staff members. A very warm welcome to Natalie Lucchiari (Year 2), Halina Milligan (Year 5), Nathan Galea (Physical Education), Lauren Jamieson (Performing Arts) and Briana Maurici (Student Support Officer). We look forward to getting to know you all and hope that your time at St. Catherine of Siena will be a rewarding one.

We have several anaphylactic students who are allergic to a variety of food products; many of these are related to nut products. For these children this is a serious medical condition and requires constant vigilance and prompt action if an anaphylactic reaction occurs. Current advice is that a nut ban is not a recommended action and we do not ban nuts and nut products from school, however we do ask that all parents consider the extreme medical needs of these students when preparing snacks and lunches for their children, or when providing small treats to celebrate birthdays. If you can provide nut free alternatives for your children, we ask that you do so. Birthdays are special days for children and we wish to acknowledge these special milestones for them. Parents can send in items for the children to share with their class if they wish to; however, we ask that these birthday items are pre-packaged such as a bag of Freddo Frogs where every item is individually wrapped. In this way children can still feel special on their birthdays.

Have a good weekend, take care everyone and God bless.



Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Staff Contact Information

It is important that all parents and carers have the ability to contact staff. This can be done by calling the office on 9743 2166 or by emailing the staff member directly. Staff email addresses are listed below for you. Please note the following points -

- I have not included email addresses for SSOs as all queries regarding your child should go through the classroom teacher, specialist teacher or member of leadership; whichever is most relevant to your inquiry
- staff will endeavour to answer your email as soon as possible but please be mindful that they are teaching during the day
- staff do not generally monitor their school emails on the weekend or of an evening as this is their own family time – staff should not be receiving emails from parents and carers late at night or on weekends. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

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Some reminders as we begin the 2023 school year:

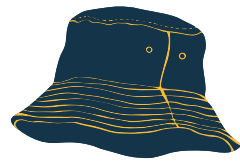
School Uniform

All children are required to always wear their full school uniform. We no longer specify a particular uniform for a particular term – children can wear the uniform appropriate for the weather conditions. The uniform is available from Academy Uniforms 10/85 Mt. Derrimut Road, Deer Park VIC 3023 Ph 8385 9111. They are open Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 2pm. Presentation in the correct uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair expresses pride in our school and upholds the standard of our school. A note is required if a child is out of school uniform. Long hair must be tied up with a navy or yellow scrunchie, dark hair tie and/or yellow or blue ribbon should be used. Ribbons and bows should be small and not excessive. Children are not to wear nail polish to school or wear jewellery, except for plain sleepers or studs.



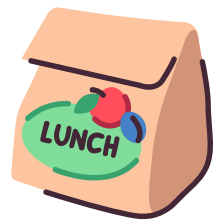
Hats

All children are required to wear a school hat from the beginning of August through until the end of April whilst outside during recess, sport or other activities. Students without a hat will be required to stay under sheltered areas. Staff have sunscreen which is to be given to children to reapply throughout the day and children are also able to bring their own to reapply as needed.



Canteen

Our canteen is run by Mrs Judi Fogarty. The canteen is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch orders and also open at recess and lunchtime for over the counter sales on these days. The canteen is closed on Monday and Wednesday. Please refer to the 2023 menu included in this newsletter.



Punctuality

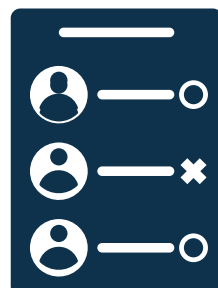
All students are required to be at school prior to the first bell. Being at school before the bell is important as it enables your child to develop social relationships with others. Coming in after the bell is not only disruptive for your child who has missed the beginning of the school day, messages and learning activities but is also distracting for the other children who are already engaged in their learning. If children are leaving school early, they need to be picked up by a parent or guardian and must be signed out at the school office. Please note:



- Children cannot be called to the office after 3:00pm as office staff are busy with end of the day items for children and classes prior to dismissal.
- The office is closed between 11:00 – 11:30 and 1:30 – 2:00 as office staff are on their break. If you need to pick children up, please do so before or after these times.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, it is important that they stay at home to recover and are not sent to school where others may then become sick as well. If your child is sick, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to their teacher, once they return to school, stating the reason for the absence. You can also alert the school of your child's absence through the Skoolbag app. These notices are kept as a formal record in the same way as a written note would be.



School Visitors

When visiting the school all parents and visitors must enter through the office, sign in and receive a visitors pass which must be worn throughout your visit. The wearing of the lanyard allows children and staff to recognise that you are an authorised visitor and the register is used in an emergency to determine who is in the school; so, it is vital that you follow these procedures.



Before School

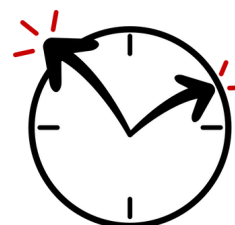
Supervision of the yard before school does not commence until 8:30am. It is important that children are not dropped off and left at school prior to this as there is no active supervision prior to this time. If you do need to drop your child early due to work commitments, we ask that you use the OSHClub facility so that your child is adequately and safely supervised. The adventure playground is out of bounds to all students and toddlers, even if parents are present, both before and after school.

After School Supervision

There are four teachers on duty after school, on the entrance gate, both park gates and the church gate area. Children who are walking home or meeting parents are to leave school promptly by the gate closest to where they are going. Children waiting to be picked up are to wait for parents at the gate parents have arranged to meet them at. Children are not to wait in the office between 3.15pm and 3.30pm as this area is very busy and office staff are unable to supervise children while they wait. Any child who has not been collected by 3.30pm will be brought into the office by duty staff and parents will be called. Children not picked up by 3:45pm will be taken to OSHClub by a staff member and signed in. Parents will then need to collect their child from OSHClub. Parents are responsible for fees charged by OSHClub. Children who attend After School Care Programs offsite wait at the church or front gate for their bus and carer to arrive.

Running Late

If you are running late and your child meets you in a place that is not supervised by staff, we ask that you call the office. Your child will be asked to wait with a staff member on duty until you arrive. If you have not arrived by the time the duty ends, they will then be brought into the office.



Parking

There is parking in the school grounds either before or after school. The drop off zone will continue to operate at the front of the school each morning before school. This area will be supervised each morning between 8:30am and 9:00am. This is only a drop off area so if you require more time to assist your child, please find a parking space close to the school.



OSHClub

OSHClub continues to run each morning and afternoon onsite to care for children whose parents pick them up and drop them off outside of school hours. You can book your child into OSHClub on their online system. Details of the program run each week are enclosed in the newsletter regularly.



Term 1 Specialist Timetable

| | Sport | Performing Arts | Visual Arts | LOTE |
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| Monday | | 5Q, 1E | | |
| Tuesday | 2G, 2K, 1E, 1F, 6O | 2K, 2I, 1F, 1H, 6P | | 2I, 2G, 1H, 1E, 2K |
| Wednesday | 6N, 6P, 5U, 3M, 3J, 2I | 6N, 6O, 3L, 3M, 2G | 5S, 4R, 6O, 6N, 1H, 2G, 1F, 1E | 4T, 6P, 6O, 5S, 1F, 3J, 3L, 3M |
| Thursday | 5Q, 5S, 4V, 4R, PREP A, PREP B, 3L | 4R, 4T, 5S, 5U, 3J | 4T, 4V, 5U, 5Q, 3L, PREP A, 2I, PREP B, PREP C, 2K | 6N, PREP B, PREP C, PREP A, 5U |
| Friday | 4T, PREP C, 1H | 4V, PREP B, PREP A, PREP C | 3J, 3M, 6P | 4R, 4V, 5Q |
| <p>For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform.</p> <p>Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.</p> <p>For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.</p> | | | | |

Operoo

Profile requests for all new students have now been emailed to parents/carers. Please follow the instructions outlined in the email as soon as possible and share completed medical profiles with the school. An Operoo profile is required for every student at St Catherine of Siena so they can attend excursions, parents can give permission for classroom activities, teachers can access student medical details and parent contact information. It is the responsibility of a parent/carer to ensure all details in Operoo are kept up to date.

If you have not received an email from Operoo please contact the school office.



Parent Communication

Newsletter

A school newsletter is sent out once a fortnight on a Friday via email. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your email address changes.

Skoolbag

The Skoolbag app is a communication platform used by parents to report student absences and find other school information.

Instructions on how to download the app can be located in the school office.



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>

Write4Fun

Congratulations to Mia Kaltner who entered the Write4Fun Summer Competition. Mia received an award of excellence as her poem was in the top 10% of entrants. What a fantastic achievement!!



Fee Statements

All families will shortly receive a statement of their 2023 school fees. Statements will be sent out in the mail, please keep an eye out for this in your mailbox. If you have had a change of address please notify the school office as soon as possible.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 of the Scholastic Book Club have been sent home with all students. All orders must be placed online and submitted by the closing date Friday, 17th February. Please note no late orders can be accepted.

Buy a book from
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Book Club
to help build
our classroom
resources

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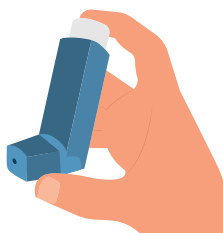
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Asthma/Anaphylaxis

Any student with asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies or other medical conditions MUST have an up to date action management plan completed by their medical practitioner and a copy given to the school along with the appropriate medication.

All medication that is required to be administered at school must have a signed authorisation form. Medications need to be supplied in the original packaging clearly labelled with your child's name.



Term 1, 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 6 Week 3 Preps here till 3:15pm this week | 7 Beginning of Year Mass @ 2pm | 8 No Preps at School | 9 | 10 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Week 4 Preps here till 3:15pm this week | 14 Shrove Tuesday | 15 No Preps at School | 16 | 17 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Week 5 Preps here till 3:15pm this week | 21 | 22 No Preps at School Ash Wednesday | 23 | 24 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Week 6 Preps at school full week | 28 | 1 March Yr 3 Class Mass @ 9:15am | 2 | 3 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Week 7 | 7 | 8 Yr 3 Class Mass @ 9:15am | 9 | 10 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 11 Presentation Mass for Reconciliation | 12 Presentation Masses for Reconciliation |
| 13 Week 8 Labour Day | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Week 9 | 21 | 22 | 23 Staff Conference - School Closed | 24 Staff Conference - School Closed | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Week 10 | 28 | 29 | 30 Parent/Teacher Interviews | 31 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall | 1 April | 2 Palm Sunday  |
| 3 Week 11 | 4 | 5 | 6 Last Day Term 1 | 7 Good Friday  | 8 Easter Saturday  | 9 Easter Sunday  |

St. Catherine of Siena



CANTEEN MENU - Term 1 2023



- To order:**
- * Child's name, grade & order to be written clearly on a lunch bag with money enclosed
 - * If a lunch bag is required, please include an extra 10c
 - * Please indicate on lunch order if tomato sauce/mayo/soy sauce is required
 - * No icy poles or frozen foods to be ordered with lunch order

The canteen is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday



Indicates approved "GREEN" category (EVERYDAY) foods as based on the "Dietary Guidelines for Children & Adolescents in Australia". All other foods listed are "AMBER" category (select carefully).

All menu items are Healthy Kids registered or Canteen approved products.

| COLD FOOD | | Sand | Roll |
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| 😊 | Vegemite | 2.00 | 2.50 |
| 😊 | Cheese | 2.00 | 2.50 |
| 😊 | Cheese & Vegemite | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| 😊 | Ham | 3.00 | 3.50 |
| 😊 | Ham & Cheese | 3.30 | 3.80 |
| 😊 | Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo | 3.80 | 4.30 |
| 😊 | Fresh Chicken | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| 😊 | Ham/Chicken & Salad | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| 😊 | Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber) | 4.00 | 4.50 |
| 😊 | Boiled Egg | | 1.00 |
| Toasted Sandwiches add 50c | | | |
| All sandwiches made on white hi-fibre bread. Multi-grain also available. All spreads are low-fat. | | | |

- * Paper Bags – 10c extra
- * Tomato Sauce – 30c extra



| DRINKS | | |
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| 😊 | Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple) | 2.30 |
| 😊 | Water 600ml | 2.00 |
| 😊 | Nippy's Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry) | 2.60 |
| 😊 | Chill Sparkling Fruit Water (Cola, Raspberry, Orange Passion, Grape) | 2.50 |

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| FRUIT | | |
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| 😊 | Seasonal Fruit as available | 1.00 |

| HOT FOOD | | |
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| | Hash Brown (oven baked) | 1.20 |
| | Party Pies | 1.50 ea |
| | Meat Pie | 4.30 |
| | Jumbo Sausage Roll | 3.80 |
| | Hot Dog & no sauce | 3.70 |
| | Hot Dog & sauce (Cheese extra .30c) | 4.00 |
| 😊 | Buttered Corn Cobette | 1.00 |
| 😊 | Chicken Nuggets | 4 for \$3.00 or \$1.00 ea |
| | Steamed Dim Sims | 1.00 |
| 😊 | Cheeseburger (Beef pattie, cheese & sauce) | 4.50 |
| 😊 | Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo) | 4.50 |
| 😊 | Hot Chicken Roll (Mayo extra 30c) | 4.00 |
| 😊 | Lasagne | 4.80 |
| 😊 | Macaroni & Cheese | 4.80 |

| SNACKS | | |
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| 😊 | Mini Muffins (Blueberry or Chocolate) | 1.30 |
| | Mamee Noodle Snacks (Chicken or BBQ) | 1.00 |
| | Red Rock Chips (Honey Chicken or Plain) | 1.50 |
| | Popcorn (Cheese) | 1.30 |
| | Jumpy's (Chicken) | 1.00 |
| | Ovalteenies | 1.00 |
| | Cookie | 1.00 |
| | JJ's (Chicken) | 1.30 |

COUNTER SALES ONLY

ASSORTED ICY POLES FROM \$1.00