



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

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ASH WEDNESDAY- *The Beginning of Lent*

This coming Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY. On This day Christians all over the world will stop to celebrate this very first day of the Church Season called Lent. On Ash Wednesday, many Catholics receive the ashes, which are traced on their foreheads to remind them how much Jesus loves them and that, as his disciples, we are called to live like him.

During Lent we are asked to **PRAY** more, **FAST** from being unkind or from wants we indulge in, and we **GIVE** to others that we love, that we know are struggling or to a Charity like Caritas. As A family create a TO DO list for Lent.

Here is a prayer for you to pray as a family this Lent.

God our Father,

Thank you for giving us this special time of Lent.

Thank you for giving us hands to pray, work and to do good things.

Thank you for giving us a voice to speak to You, sing with You and to speak to others like Jesus taught us

Thank you for giving us our hearts to feel your love and to share your love.

Thank you God.

Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 27th February - Preps at School Full Time

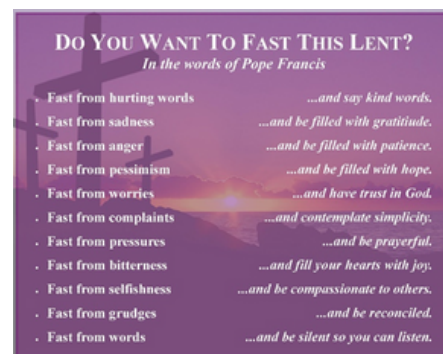
Monday, 6th March - Casual Clothes Day

Saturday, 11th & Sunday 12th March - Reconciliation Presentation Masses

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We often think of Lent as a time of fasting and in many ways it is. One way of thinking about this is fasting and feasting. Fasting from those things which hurt, harm and marginalise and feasting on those things which repair, energise, engage and enliven. The text beside is from Pope Francis, calling each of us to consider what we might fast or feast on this Lent.



At the beginning of next term our Year 3 children will make their First Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. These liturgies will be held on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th of May at 7pm. In preparation for this our Year 3 children will be presented to the Parish at Masses on Saturday the 11th and Sunday 12th of March where they will be formally enrolled in the Preparation for this Sacrament. Please note these dates if your child is in Year 3 or in Year 4, 5 or 6 and has not received this Sacrament and wishes to do so this year.

Each year students in Year 3 & 5 sit the NAPLAN assessments. These online assessments are conducted over a 2 week period from the 14th to the 23rd March in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. They are conducted in all schools across Australia with the expectation that all children sit these unless they have a valid exemption or are withdrawn at a parent's request. Any child who has an exemption or is withdrawn must have a form filled in by the school and signed by the parent. If you think your child should be exempt or withdrawn please see the valid reasons below and then make a time to discuss this with me.

- Valid Exemptions are - Students with a language background other than English who have arrived from overseas and have been attending school for less than a year before the test may be exempted OR Students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the national tests.
- Reasons for Withdrawal - students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer for reasons such as religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing.

On the 23rd and 24th of March the school will be closed as all staff will be attending a 2 day staff conference offsite. This will be an important professional development opportunity for all staff so I ask that you make a note of these school closure days

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

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

2023 Staff

Leadership Team



Carmel Marantelli
Principal



Angela Giordimaina
Deputy Principal / RE



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ICT Leader



Jenny Del Prete
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Prep Team



Jodie Russell
Teacher



Alicia Hambleton
Teacher



Angela Grech
Teacher



Sharni Thomas
Teacher



Melissa Gauci
SSO



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SSO



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SSO

Year 1 Team



Seona Payne
Teacher



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Teacher



Christina Krajnovic
Teacher



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SSO



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SSO

Year 2 Team



Natalie Lucchiari
Teacher



Jake Franze
Teacher



Holly Phillips
Teacher



Bridget Battaglia
SSO



Jenny Davis Patrick
SSO



Karen Scicluna
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Year 3 Team



Leanne Sharpe
Teacher



Effie Malamatinas
Teacher



Daniella Jovancevski
Teacher



Caitlin Walker
Teacher



Katie Webster
SSO



Abraham Joongoor
SSO



Sukhjit Kaur Brar
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Year 4 Team



Letitia Sheridan
Teacher



Jasmine Shawel
Teacher



Drita Ademi
Teacher



VeraLisa Dos Santos
SSO



Michelle Whitehand
SSO



Briana Maurici
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Year 5 Team



Stephanie Downey
Teacher



DeAnna Taneski
Teacher



Halina Milligan
Teacher



Brendan Coleiro
Teacher



Michele Harrison
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Jakleen Hajjar
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Joanne Vella
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Year 6 Team



Tayla Giordimaina
Teacher



Rachel Simmons
Teacher



Shanthi Di Falco
Teacher



Heather Cunningham
SSO



Nyibol Manyok
SSO

Specialist Team



Deirdre O'Reilly
Teacher



Monica Martino
Teacher



Lauren Jamieson
Teacher



Angela Auricchio
Teacher



Margaret Schiavone
Teacher



Nathan Galea
Teacher



Milos Cugurovic
Teacher

Congratulations to the following students who have all been elected as our Student Leaders for 2023

School Captains

Congratulations to Nadine D'Silva and Aotearoa J Leota-Seiuli Seufatu on being voted in as our School Captains for 2023 and Maggie Michael and Bernard Kakinda who are our School Vice Captains. I look forward to working with you in your leadership role this year and congratulate you on being voted in by your classmates. You have clearly shown them that you have the qualities of a leader - responsibility, trustworthiness, integrity and a sense of community. We wish you well as you commence the year and know that you will always endeavour to be a wonderful role model for our school community.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the following SRC representatives and their deputy who were chosen, by their class mates, to represent their class on the Student Representative Council for 2023. We look forward to working with you all to run events and projects to engage students and develop our school.

Prep A = James Softley & Arsema Girma

Prep C = Mariah Abela & Luwayne Silva

1E = Liam Davie & Bailee Wemyss

1H = Zechariah Byapha & Aurora Blackshaw

2G = Hailey Cini & Deng Jur

2K = Sienna Papazoglou & Georgia Aquilina

3J = Isabella Todaro & Harvey Archer

3M = Lucian Rosales & Mariam Babawy

4R = Ira Gardoce & Mason Gillespie

4V = Alivia Stead & Yaqoob Babawi

5Q = Lily Harrison & Peter Dau

5U = Dominic Talavera & Ngashida Chimann

6N = Bernard Kakinda & Matti Babawi

6P = Aotearoa J Leota-Seiuli Seufatu & Kuek DeKuek

Prep B = Suzanna Jambari & Denzel Savea

1F = Peyton- Ivy Fifita & Logan Evans

2I = Jai Matiasik & Morgan Gillespie

3L = Leon Perera & Wyatt Paraskevas

4T = Zion Thomas & Harper Kynaston

5S = Meyen Mialual & Ruby Spence

6O = Nadine D'Silva & Maggie Michael

Christian Service Team

Congratulations to Apai Dhal, Maja Vukcevic, Madison McGrath, Loretta Sant, Talia Juresic & Cecilya Zanniat who will be our Christian Service Team for 2023. These children will work with Mrs Giordimaina to promote Prayer, Liturgy and Social Justice initiatives within the school.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children who are our Sports Captains for 2023. Mr Cugurovic and Mr Galea look forward to your assistance and contributions throughout the year.

Green (Freeman) = Harry Sliwa & Marissa Sant

Blue (McKillop) = Dengich Keer & Ceara Goundar

Gold (Hollows) = Adam Drever & Bella Boyd

Red (Roberts) = Liv Thorneycroft & Bonface Makuei

Specialist Monitors

Congratulations to Paige Farrugia, Nicholas Bigeni, Alicia Cauchi, Harper Osborne who will be our Library Monitors; to Bronte O'Connor, Georgia Sorensen, Melissa Ishak, Ava Wolfe & Jahdiel Roberts who will be our Art Room Monitors; to Ruby Cunningham & Harish Katuwal-Chhetri who will be our Performing Arts Monitors and Josh Gallagher, Saxyn, Jessie, Jaymee Cutajar, Abiar Jur & Jessica Cardamone who will be our ICT Monitors. I know that you will be of great assistance to Mrs Taylor, Ms O'Reilly, Mrs Martino, Mrs Jamieson and Mr Donnelly throughout the year.

Term 1 Specialist Timetable

	Sport	Performing Arts	Visual Arts	LOTE
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, 3L	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	4R, 4T, 5S, 5U, 3J	4T, 4V, 5U, 5Q, 3M, 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, 3L, 6P	4R, 4V, 5Q

NAPLAN 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are now held in March each year. In 2023, the NAPLAN test window is between Wednesday 15 March and Monday 27 March.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

Last year was the first time the NAPLAN tests were delivered in an online format. This year all tests will be online except for Year 3 Writing which will be written on paper.

A public demonstration site is available for schools, teachers, parents, carers and students to familiarise themselves with the online tests. Students will also be completing trial tests at school before the actual test.

All eligible students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks. Some students may be exempt from the test and parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

For more information about NAPLAN, please visit the VCAA website or the ACARA NAPLAN website.

Thank you,

Jen Del Prete

Learning and Teaching Leader

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Sunday Evening: 5:00pm

Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday: 9:15am

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



Ash Wednesday Celebration

Please join us to for our whole school Ash
Wednesday Mass.

When: Wednesday, 22nd
February

Time: 9:30am

Where: St Catherine of
Siena Church



Congratulations

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

These awards will be presented to children during assembly today.

Keep up the terrific effort!

Prep A - Ava Farrugia

Prep B - Ebony Borg

Prep C - Aaron Aschale

1E - Charlie Schereck

1F - Evie Calleja

1H - Levi Spence

2G - Eli Smith

2I - Fennet Tesema

2K - Bunny Marsh & Irah

Katuwal-Chhetri

3J - Aleth Anhiany

3L - Sophie Carneiro

3M - Noah King

4R - Ivo Juresic

4T - Luchelle Silva

4V - Liam Morris

5Q - Peter Dau

5S - Summer-Jade Kors

5U - Diyar Matti

6N - Harish Katuwal-Chhetri

6O - Macie Cowan

6P - Joshua Morris & Blake Williamson

Wellbeing - Grace Adel, Jayden Rodrigo
& Ivo Juresic



Monday, 6th March 2023

Come dressed in your casual clothes and bring either an Easter egg or bunny to put towards the Easter Raffle Hamper Prizes.



Term 1, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 Week 5 Preps here till 3:15pm this week	21 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	22 No Preps at School Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:30am	23	24 Yr 6 Summer Sports Rd 2 @ Arnold's Creek <i>Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall</i>	25	26
27 Week 6 Preps at school full week	28 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	1 March Yr 3 Class Mass @ 9:15am	2	3 Yr 6 Summer Sports Rd 3 @ St Cath's <i>Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall</i>	4	5
6 Week 7 Casual Clothes Day	7 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	8 Yr 3 Class Mass @ 9:15am	9	10 Yr 6 Summer Lightning Prem <i>Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall</i>	11 Presentation Mass for Reconciliation	12 Presentation Masses for Reconciliation
13 Week 8 Labour Day	14 Whole School Photo Day *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	15 NAPLAN for Yr 3 & Yr 5 Begins	16	17 <i>Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall</i>	18	19
20 Week 9	21 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	22	23 Staff Conference - School Closed	24 Staff Conference - School Closed	25	26
27 Week 10	28 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	29	30 Parent/Teacher Interviews	31 NAPLAN Concludes <i>Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall</i>	1 April	2 Palm Sunday 
3 Week 11 Easter Raffle Drawn	4 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	5	6 Last Day Term 1	7 Good Friday 	8 Easter Saturday 	9 Easter Sunday 