



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 1, Week 6 3rd March 2023

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Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.  
Amen



## Reflection - LENT

Any time is a good time to begin praying each day, but **Lent** is one of the best and most popular times when people make the time to become closer to God and be more like Jesus by making time to pray each day.

Prayer is one of the three pillars of Lent, trying to pray more is a wonderful thing to do during this Lenten season. It reminds us to make time for God our Father and Creator, who loves us very much.

Included is a prayer you may like to pray during Lent as a family or individually.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, 6th March - Casual Clothes Day**

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

**Tuesday, 14th March - Whole School Photo Day**

# Principal's Message

Over the first few weeks of school office staff have called parents and carers when a child is marked as absent for an unknown reason. It is important that all absences are checked and that children are where they are meant to be. If your child is going to be away please send your child's teacher a Seesaw message or email or alert the school with a phone call or Skoolbag message. In this way the absence can be coded correctly and you will not receive any unnecessary calls.

There have been some children arriving at school well before staff are on duty and waiting at the gate at the front of the school without supervision. Staff commence morning duty at 8:30am and children should not be dropped off prior to this time. If you do need to leave children early we ask that you leave them with family or friends or alternatively use OSHClub so that they can be properly supervised. Additionally, many children are arriving after the bell has gone – some days in excess of 30 children. These children miss the opportunity to play with peers prior to the bell and also miss out on the important morning routine with their class. For some children, walking in late and being the centre of attention is not a positive start to the day. I ask that all parents and carers consider morning arrangements so that children arrive at school at an appropriate time and can start the day with their peers.

At the end of this term we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews. These are an important opportunity for all parents and carers to discuss your child's progress to date and also plan ways of supporting their learning over the coming term. Information on how to book an interview time via the online portal will be sent out to all families shortly, however I ask that you keep Thursday, 30th March free for this meeting. Children will be dismissed at 1:00pm on this day and interviews will begin at 1:30pm. Interviews will also be held on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March between 8:00 and 8:30am.

On Monday, 6th March Easter raffle tickets will be sent out to all families. On Monday, 6th March the children are able to come to school in casual clothes and bring an Easter egg donation as a contribution to the Easter Raffle prizes. This raffle has been organised by our Parents and Friends group and is our first fund raising activity for the year. We ask that all families support this raffle if they can and see if they can sell these tickets to family and friends. More tickets can be obtained from the office if needed. This raffle will be drawn on Monday, 3rd April. Thanks in advance for your support and Good Luck!!

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



Carmel Marantelli  
PRINCIPAL



St Catherine's  
Parents & Friends Committee

# Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Tickets are \$1 each

All raffle tickets and money are due back to school no later than Monday, 20th March 2023.

*Prizes will be drawn Monday, 3rd April 2023*



# Casual Clothes Day

**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.





## Parish of Melton Office

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton  
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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>



## Whole School Assembly

Our next whole school assembly on Friday, 10th March will be run by the Prep year level. Prep students will perform a song they have been learning in class and family members are welcome to attend. The following assembly on Friday, 17th March will be presented by Year 6.

## Scholastic Bookclub



Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students. All orders must be placed online and submitted by the closing date Wednesday, 22nd March. Please note no late orders can be accepted.

# 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** - Connor Kynaston

**Prep B** - Bol Poundak

**Prep C** - Jayce Freeman

**1E** - Chout Mabor

**1F** - Aleeya Bowman

**1H** - Liam Mifsud

**2G** - Reighson Fajardo

**2I** - Payton Ramsey Quinton

**2K** - Abby Kensington

**3J** - Jacob Davie

**3L** - Taylah Crabtree

**3M** - Mayeno Bith

**4R** - Mason Gillespie

**4T** - Joshua Nunez

**4V** - Chloe D'Alton

**5Q** - Brody Cooney

**5S** - Benedita Pinhao-Dos Santos

**5U** - Jaxxon Portelli

**6N** - Anica Klasic

**6O** - Adam Dreaver

**6P** - Arek Giir

**Wellbeing** - Summer Jade Kors, Aleeya Bowman & Christian Tuason

# School Photo Day

# Tuesday, 14th March

mSP photography

Photo order envelopes must be returned to school by Tuesday, 14th March. No late orders can be accepted.

Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. All students are required to be in **full SUMMER uniform**.

If your child has PERFORMING ARTS or PE on this day they can bring their sports shoes in their schoolbag.

## Term 1, 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Whole School Assembly <b>Prep's to present @ 2:30pm in hall</b>	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 Whole School Assembly <b>Yr 6 to present @ 2:30pm in hall</b>	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 Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 8am - 8:30am	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 8am - 8:30am *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	29 Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 8am - 8:30am	30 Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 1:30pm - 8pm	31 NAPLAN Concludes Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall	1 April	2 Palm Sunday  <i>Hosanna!</i>
3 Week 11 Easter Raffle Drawn	4 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	5	6 Last Day Term 1	7 Good Friday  <i>Good Friday</i>	8 Easter Saturday  <i>Happy SATURDAY</i>	9 Easter Sunday  <i>Easter Sunday</i>