



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 1, Week 8 17th March 2023

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Lent



Reflection -

Lent is a time of RENEWAL. Many think of Lent as a time of fasting from things like chocolate, coffee or computer games. These may test our temptations but when we think of Lent as time to renew ourselves to be more like Jesus we need to think of this season as a time of fasting AND feasting!

Take time to reflect on the ideas below and contemplate 'What do I need to improve in myself to be more like Jesus?'

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ understanding them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thinking about what you want; feast on gratitude for what you have.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that hurt; feast on phrases that are compassionate.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on trusting God.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from pressures of daily life; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that give hope.

May Lent be a favourable time for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 23rd & Wednesday 24th March - Staff Conference SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday, 30th March - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday, 3rd April - Easter Raffle Drawn

Principal's Message

Recently the school entry gate has been open of an afternoon to provide various trades with access to the school. On some occasions parents/carers have driven into the school to park when there were no available parking spots outside the school grounds. There is to be no parent/carer parking in the school grounds at any time during the school day. It is far too dangerous and we cannot have cars driving in or out when children are walking through the school grounds. While I understand the difficulty of finding a park, I ask your co-operation in this so that their safety of the children is not compromised.

Many families have asked about the upgrade to Bulmans Road. There has been a delay in relocating power services prior to the commencement of works however the most recent communication from council indicates the following:

- Powercor relocation works (power poles and underground infrastructure) to commence March 2023. Anticipate completion August 2023.
- Council to commence works on Bulmans Road Stage (Section 1) between Sovereign Blvd and Centenary Ave. Anticipated construction timeframes are July till Sept 2023 (TBC – Council will track Powercor's relocation progress before finalising).
- Council to commence works on Bulmans Road Stage (Section 2) between the boundary of Arthur Westlake Reserve to Westlake Drive. Anticipated construction timeframes between Sept till Nov 2023.
- Council to commence works on Bulmans Road Stage (Section 3) between Sovereign Blvd and the boundary of Arthur Westlake Reserve (School frontage). Anticipated construction timeframes between Nov 2023 till March 2024. Council has decided to maximise the delivery of this section during the summer school holiday period to minimise traffic disruption.

In the last week of term we have our Parent Teacher Interviews. All families should have received information on how to book an appointment time. If you did not receive this please contact the office so staff can send this information on to you. These are an opportunity for parents, staff and children to come together to discuss your child's progress and to make plans for future growth and support. Interview times will be Monday 27th March 8:00 - 8:30am, Tuesday 28th March 8:00 - 8:30am, Wednesday 29th March 8:00 - 8:30am and Thursday 30th March 1:30 - 8:00pm. Children will be dismissed at 1pm on Thursday 30th March to allow these interviews to take place. Supervision will be available for those children whose parents cannot pick them up at the earlier time on Thursday.

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school will be closed on Thursday 23rd March and Friday 24th March for a staff conference. The school will close at the usual time on Wednesday 22nd March.

All children in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessments unless they have an exemption or have been withdrawn by their parents or carers. So that children in these years can have the appropriate time to settle prior to starting these assessments it is vital that they are at school on time, every day, but especially over the NAPLAN assessment time.

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



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PRINCIPAL

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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

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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.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Term 1 2023 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on the following days

MONDAY 27TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 8:00 - 8:30AM

THURSDAY 30TH March 1:30 - 8:00PM

Interviews will be held onsite in your child's classroom.

All families have received an eform via Operoo regarding the early finish time of 1:00pm on Thursday, 30th March due to Parent - Teacher Interviews. To ensure the school can plan for adequate supervision on this day please respond to the eform as soon as possible.



School Closure Days

Thursday, 23rd March & Friday, 24th March

Canteen Update

The canteen will be open on Thursday, 30th March for over the counter sales and lunch orders for students remaining at school on Parent-Teacher Interview day.

**** Please Note - The canteen will be CLOSED for over the counter sales and lunch orders on Thursday, 6th April****

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



Easter Raffle Volunteers

The Easter Raffle is a very popular and exciting event for the students.

HELP WANTED - we would appreciate some extra help with sorting and preparing the
Easter Prize Hampers.

If you are able to assist on Monday, 3rd April please fill in the form below and hand it
into the office.

Easter Raffle Helpers / Volunteers

NAME: _____ [Please Print] PHONE: _____

☐ YES I am able to help prepare the Easter Hampers (Monday, 3rd April: 9am – 11am).

****Please note all volunteers must have a current Working with Children's Card and show their WWCC
on the day****

ON BEHALF OF THE PFA WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP

Parish of Melton

2023 Lent / Holy Week Liturgies

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1

Communal Reconciliation - 5pm

Mass - 6pm

Sunday, April 2

Mass - 9am, 11am & 5pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7

Stations of the Cross - 10:30am

Individual Reconciliation - 11am

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

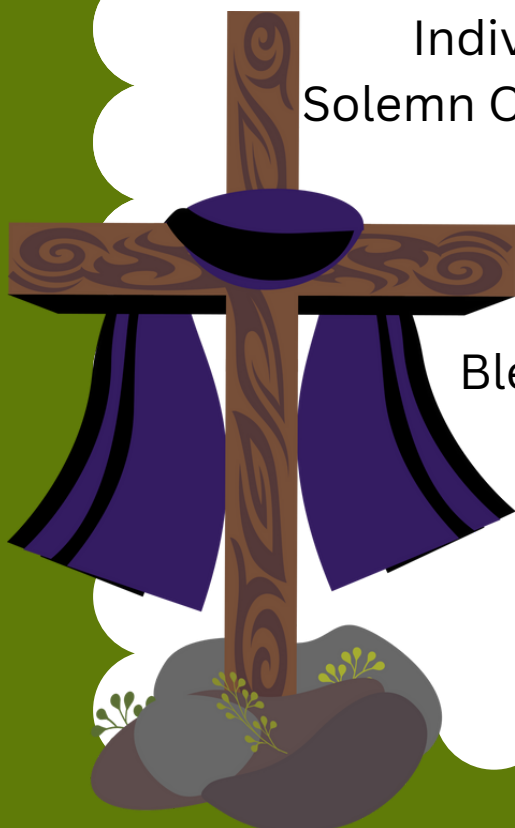
Saturday, April 8

Blessing of the Food - 10am

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9

Easter Vigil - 6:15am



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 - Arsema Girma

Prep B - Jason Perera

Prep C - Mathew Palackalody

1E - Gracie Wieu

1H - Mathias Kalutha

2G - Marques Giir

2I - Harrison Philpin

2K - Liberty German

3J - Whole Class

3L - Whole Class

3M - Whole Class

4R - Mussie Gebreyesus

4T - Sean Margo

4V - Ava Vukcevic

5Q - Sienna Lewis

5S - Owen Maguire

5U - Alexia Zannikos

6N - Chol Agear & Paige Orr




6O - Josh Gallagher

6P - Paige Farrugia

Wellbeing - Liam Morris, John Abraham
& Mariah Abela

Principal's Award - Ivan Dressler & Aluel Ajak

Term 1, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 
3 Week 11 Easter Raffle Drawn	4 *Breakfast Club *Sibling Storytime @ 2:30pm	5	6 Canteen Closed Last Day Term 1 - Students Dismissed @ 1:30pm	7 Good Friday 	8 Easter Saturday 	9 Easter Sunday 