



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 2, Week 5 26th May 2023

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Reflection

PENTECOST

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after
Easter, it is celebrated this Sunday
the 28th of May



In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion
of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles
and the other followers of Jesus Christ

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Principal's Message

Dear families,

On Monday/Tuesday we had a fundraiser for Exford Primary School. This was organised with St Francis Catholic College and St Anthony's, St Bernard's, St Dominic's and St Lawrence Catholic Primary Schools as a collective show of support for the Exford Primary School Community, which has suffered such terrible trauma recently. Together we raised \$9000 which has been sent to Exford Primary School to support the children and their families in whichever way is most appropriate. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Exford community by contributing to this fundraiser.



Monday, 5th June is [World Environment Day](#). The theme this year is #BeatPlasticPollution. Plastic has infiltrated all aspects of our lives and it is very easy to not even notice the amount we use each and every day. On Monday, 5th June, we will have a plastic bag/glad wrap free day so we ask that all families try to use reusable items for lunch and snacks on this day.

Last week we had a School Advisory Council Meeting. At that meeting, questions around the school calendar were discussed. While we have about 4-5 weeks of events listed each week on the calendar families often need more time to plan for major events. To enable this, a full list of known events to date are listed in this week's newsletter for you and will be included in the next newsletter as well.

I will be going on leave today, returning in Term 4. In my absence, Angela Giordimaina will be Acting Principal. You can contact Angela by calling the office or emailing her via principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au Angela will be working out of my office and will be able to assist you with any queries you may have. Other leadership staff will assume responsibility for the roles Angela would normally attend to.

Take care everyone

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmel Marantelli'.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Calendar for 2023

Monday, 12th May – Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 13th - Thursday, 22nd June - Year Prep/1/2 Swimming Program

Wednesday, 14th June – Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday, 16th June – Semester 1 Reports go live on NForma Parent Portal

Saturday, 17th June - Year 4 First Communion 11am & 1pm

Friday, 23rd June - Last Day of Term 2 Students Finish at 1:30

Monday, 10th July – Term 3 Day 1

Tuesday, 18th July - Friday, 28th July - Year 5/6 Swimming Program

Wednesday, 26th July – Grandparents Mass 9:30 and activities

Tuesday, 1st August - Friday, 11th August - Year 3/4 Swimming Program

Friday, 4th August - School Closure – School Review Preparation

Wednesday, 9th August – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass 9:30

Saturday, 12th & Sunday, 13th August – Confirmation Presentation Masses

Tuesday, 15th August – Feast of the Assumption Year Prep – 2 to visit St Dominic's. St Dominic's Year 3-6 to visit St Catherin's

Thursday, 17th August - School Closure – School Review Preparation

Friday, 1st September – Father's Day breakfast & stall and footy colours day

Thursday, 7th September – Parent Teacher Interviews, early finish at 1pm for children

Thursday, 14th September – School Disco

Friday, 15th September - Last Day of Term 3 Students Finish at 1:30

Monday, 2nd October - Term 4 Day 1

Wednesday, 4th -Thursday, 5th October – Year 3 camp

Thursday, 5th – Friday, 6th October – Year 4 camp

Saturday, 14th October – Year 6 Confirmation 11am & 2pm

Monday, 16th – Friday, 20th October – Art Show

Monday, 23rd – Wednesday, 25th October – Year 5 camp

Wednesday, 25th – Friday, 27th October – Year 6 camp

Monday, 6th November – School Closed

Tuesday, 7th November – Melbourne Cup Day – school closed

Tuesday 14th, Tuesday 21st & Tuesday 28th November – 2024 Prep Orientation

Thursday, 23rd – Friday, 24th November – School Review

Thursday, 7th December – Colour Run

Friday, 8th December – School Picnic

Monday, 11th December – Semester 2 Report go live on nForma Parent Portal

Tuesday, 12th December – Christmas Concert – *To Be Confirmed*

Wednesday, 13th December – Year 6 Graduation 7pm

Friday, 15th December – End of Year Mass 11:40am

Friday, 15th December - Last Day of the Year Students finish at 3:15pm

Congratulations

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

These awards will be presented to children at school today.

Keep up the terrific effort!

Prep A - Mary Zanniat

Prep B - Anthony Giarrusso

Prep C - Evelyn Payapilly

1E - William McIntyre

1F - Eden Fraser

1H - Jason Dominic-Lea'ana

2G - Ellie Thorneycroft

2I - Jai Matiasik

2K - John Paul

3J - Lucas Nguyen

3L - Piath Ngong

3M - Indy McDermott

4R - Ira Gardoce

4T - Sean Magro

4V - Egbert Thomas & Dor Telar

5Q - Lexi Sanchez

5U - Dudi Adour

6N - Madison Griffith & Bella Boyd

6O - Charlie Howell

6P - Liv Thorneycroft

Changes To NAPLAN

Now that the tests are undertaken fully online parents and schools are scheduled to receive individualised reports in July 2023. Benchmarks will be more meaningful and clearer to reflect the personalised online tests that students undertake.

The standards for NAPLAN 2023 and for all testing moving forward are as follows:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

These will be accompanied by detailed descriptions that are useful for teachers and families. They will simplify reporting, replacing the current 10 NAPLAN bands and national minimum standard, allowing parents and carers to know at-a-glance whether their child is where they need to be in literacy and numeracy, which are skills that underpin all other learning. These updates to NAPLAN mean that students who need it can get more targeted support from teachers and parents, recognising that NAPLAN is only one of many ways in which schools track student progress.

Jenny Del Prete

Learning and Teaching Leader.

Prep 2024 Enrolments

When lodging an application please ensure all supporting documents are attached. All siblings of current students as well as new applicants are required to submit an application and attend an interview with our Principal and Fr Michael.

****Applications close 26th, May 2023****



Melton Library Short Story Competition

Melton City Libraries are proud to present their annual Short Story Competition, now entering its 18th year. This is a great opportunity for budding creative students to showcase their talents and have their work reviewed by a popular author.

Entries are now open.

Here is some key information:

- The short story can be presented in any format, including text, illustrations, video, verse, voice, or a combination of any of the above.
- Written entries should be no more than 1500 words for juniors (Prep – Year 6). For other story formats, aim for something that takes no more than 5 minutes to experience.
- One entry per person.
- The author's name must NOT appear on the submitted work.
- Prizes are awarded to the best entries in the Junior category.
- A cash prize for the local school with the most student entries submitted in the Junior category.
- Entries close at midnight, Friday 14 July 2023.
- All entries must be submitted online at www.melton.vic.gov.au/shortstory.
- This year, our judge for the Junior category is Michael Wagner.



More information can be found on the [Melton City Libraries website](http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/shortstory).

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students. All orders must be submitted online by **Monday, 12th June**.



World Environment Day

Monday, 5th June

Help reduce the amount of plastic pollution by packing lunchboxes free from plastic and commercial wrappers!

#BeatPlasticPollution



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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

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

MPSSA 2 Sports Dates For 2023

Sport	Date
Term 2	
5/6 Girls AFL Day- MPSSA	Thursday 17th May
5/6 SOCCER MPSSA 2	Thursday 15th June
Term 3	
5/6 BASKETBALL MPSSA 2	Wednesday 16th August
3/4 BASKETBALL MPSSA 2	Friday 1st September
3 – 6 MPSSA 2 DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY	Thursday 24th August
Term 4	
AFL 9's 3/4 MPSSA 2	Thursday 12th October
3/4 TOUCH RUGBY MPSSA	Wednesday 25th October
3/4 T-20 CRICKET MPSSA 2	Friday 10th November
3/4 SOCCER MPSSA 2	Thursday 16th November

MPSSA 1&2 Girls AFL Day

On Thursday, 18th May, as part of the Melton Primary School Sports Association, (MPSSA), 21 Grade 6 girls represented the school and competed in an AFL day. The girls played four, 30 minute matches against Melton South, Wedge Park, Coburn and St. Anthony's at MacPherson Park. It was an enjoyable day and a fantastic result to be awarded Runners-Up in the Grand Final against Wedge Park primary school!

Congratulations to the following Team members;

Ebony Barrow, Abok Bol, Jessica Cardamone, Alicia Cauchi, Nadine D'Silva, Paige Farrugia, Arek Giir, Madison Griffith, Abiar Jur, Denni Keer, Anica Klasic, Maggie Michael, Bronte O'Conner, Paige Orr, Hiruki Rodrigo, Loretta Sant, Georgia Sorensen, Liv Thorneycroft, Ava Wolfe, Mia Wolfe, Cecilya Zanniat.

Sport Awards;



Liv Thorneycroft; Liv was team captain. She showed good leadership and skill level as a pocket rocket all around the ground.

Abok Bol; Abok played most games in the ruck for our team. She was fearless and determined.

Kate Landry
PE Teacher



Term 2, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 Week 6	30	31 4T Class Mass @ 9:30am	1 June *Yr 1 Excursion to IMAX & Melbourne Museum	2 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall	3	4
5 Week 7 World Environment Day 	6	7	8	9 Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall	10	11
12 Week 8 King's Birthday	13 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	14 Mass for Feast of the Sacred Heart Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	15 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	16 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program Whole School Assembly @ 2:30pm in hall Semester 1 Reports live on Parent Portal	17 Yr 4 Sacrament of Eucharist @ 11am & 1pm 	18
19 Week 9 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	20 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	21 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	22 Yr Prep/1/2 Swimming Program	23 End of Term 2 - Students Dismissed @ 1:30pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 July	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Week 1 Term 3 Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	19 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	20 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	21 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	22	23



YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2025 at St Francis Catholic College are now open.

**You can apply online at
www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment**

Applications close on Friday 19 August 2023.



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



We welcome you to join one of our College tours.

**Reserve your place at
www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/college-tour**