



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 2, Week 9 23rd June 2023

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Reflection

End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us,
to give time and effort to help others, to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen

It's
TIME
TO
Relax



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are already halfway through the year? The first semester has gone past so quickly, and we all deserve a mid-year break.

This week, reports were accessible online and a paper copy of the report was also sent home. Congratulations to all the students on their achievements and thank you to all the teachers, Student Support Officers and families on contributing to the successes the students have made. Please take the time to look at your child's report with them. Celebrate their learning and recognize what they should try to work on. Your acknowledgment of your child's successes, strengths and challenges is an important part of your child's ability to reflect on themselves and grow as a learner. Together we can support the children be the best they can be.

Last Saturday the students celebrated their First Eucharist where they were welcomed to participate fully in the mass and receive Jesus in the most holy Eucharist. Congratulations to those children and a special thank you to Ms. Sheridan, Mrs. Shawel, Ms. Ademi, Mrs. Whitehand, Mrs. Santos and Miss Maurici for preparing and supporting these children on this special occasion.

Years Prep, One and Two have completed their swimming program for the year. It was a positive learning experience for the children which they enjoyed. Next, the Year five and six students will be participating in the swimming program. The first week will be from Tuesday July 18th to Friday July 21st and the second week will be from Tuesday July 25th to Friday July 28th. This is a compulsory part of the Victorian Curriculum. Please ensure you have given permission on Operoo. Verbal permission is not accepted.

A reminder to you all that we return to school for Term 3 on July 10th. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of all of the following:

- **ALL ABSENCES MUST BE COMMUNICATED.** This is required for the completion of our roll, which is a legal document. You can inform the school of absences via Skoolbag, Seesaw or via a phone call on the morning of the absence. This must be done by a parent or guardian in the morning. If you call before 8:00am please leave a clear message on the answering machine and include your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for absence. Medical certificates can be given to the school when the child returns to school.
- The bell goes at 8:50am. Please ensure your children are in the school grounds and ready to line up at this time.
- If you need to pick up your child early, it is easier for them to be picked up either before or after school breaks. It is hard for us to find children when they are out on the school yard. Our play times are between 11:00am -11:30am and 1:30pm-2:05pm.

Roadworks will continue next term. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation with the work done so far.

With Kaboom Sports, the feast of St Catherine of Siena, First Eucharist, incursions, and excursions we can all agree that term two has been a term of learning, spiritual growth, community events, new experiences and celebrations.

Next term we continue learning and we will also celebrate NAIDOC Week, Book Week, Father's Day, and Grandparents Day!

Now it is time to have some rest and relaxation before the next term begins. I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all your participation and support this term and wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

See you all again in term 3!

Angela Giordimaina

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Important Dates for 2023

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

Monday, 31st July - 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 12pm

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 Catherine'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 our Year 5/6 Soccer
teams that participated in the
MPSSA2 soccer tournament.
The girls team were PREMIERS!!



Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester 1 Student reports are now available through the Nforma Parent Portal. All parents and guardians should have now received an email from Nforma with a link to the Portal and a temporary password to login. If you haven't received this email please check your spam/junk folder. It is important to inform the school of any contact detail changes you may have including phone number, email address or residential address.

If you have any questions or problems accessing the Nforma Parent Portal, please contact Ben Donnelly on the following email address.

bdonnelly@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

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>



Swimming Program

Students at St. Catherine of Siena Primary School are participating in swimming lessons at Melton Swim School. These sessions go for 30 minutes and involve stroke development and water safety components. The swimming program is held in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum and Health & Physical Education guidelines on swimming and water safety for students. It states, that students should be working towards completion of the Victorian Water Safety certificate by the end of year 6. The certificate describes a range of competencies that focus on: water safety knowledge, rescue skills, survival sequences and swimming ability. This is part of the curriculum and it is an expectation all students participate and **permission is required by parents/guardians.** The 8 lessons will be held over a 2 week period.

The following classes will have their lessons take place on the following dates;

Prep / Year 1 / Year 2



Term 3 -

Year 5 / Year 6

Week 2: Tuesday 18th – Friday 21 July

Week 3: Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th July

Term 3 -

Year 3 / Year 4

Week 4: Monday 31st July - Thursday 3rd July

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 4th AUGUST

Week 5: Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th August

MPSSA2 Year 5/6 Soccer Tournament

On Thursday, 15th June, 2023, St Catherine of Siena competed at the regional MPSSA2 soccer tournament. Game day competition was played against 10 other schools at Macpherson Park and teams played five round robin matches and then finals. All students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and efforts on the day. A huge congratulations to the Girls team who won the tournament and have now advanced to the Western Ranges Division Football (soccer) competition, July 18th at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve.

Thankyou to PE teachers, Kate Landry and Nathan Galea who coached and umpired the school teams on the day. Also, Jessica's dad, Danny who assisted and umpired the girls finals game for us.

GIRLS TEAM Nadine D'Silva, Ceara Goundar, Marrisa Sant, Loretta Sant, Arek Girr, Madison McGrath, Jessica Cardamone, Nyaguon Joseph, Sarah Lieba, Ayen Thuc, Asha Anhiauy, Diing Mabor, Akon Yai, Sarah Bueher.



Term 3 Begins - Monday, 10th July

Academy Uniform Update

Academy Uniforms are excited to be implementing a major systems upgrade during the School Holidays which will see the introduction of a brand new Point of Sales (POS) system across all stores as well as a brand new website which will have many new features and benefits for parents.

To implement this major upgrade Academy Uniforms will be closing all stores from Thursday 29th June and re-opening 9am Tuesday 4th July. Online ordering will also be unavailable during this time.

Academy Uniforms have chosen the quietest few days of the year for this rollout to minimise the inconvenience to families.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this week.
These awards were presented to children at school today.

Keep up the terrific effort!!

Prep A - Gloria Mwaka

Prep B - Zac Kavanagh

Prep C - Dakota Strathdee

1E - Andreana Dela Cruz

1F - Evie Calleja

1H - Deng Garang

2G - Hailey Cini

2I - Morgan Gillespie

2K - Ayen Are

3J - Nathaniel Ah-Kee Tagaloa

3L - Whole Class

3M - Johnny Scaringi

4R - Sage Thompson

4T - Kelsey Bartolo

4V - Nandana Davis

5Q - Patrick Bui

5S - Antony Nguyen

5U - Adhuony Dau

6N - Ava Wolfe & Marissa Sant

6O - Maggie Michael

6P - Annabelle Pearmine

Term 3, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Week 2	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
24 Week 3	25 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	26 Grandparents Day Mass @ 9:30am Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	27 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	28 Yr 5/6 Swimming Program	29	30
31 Week 4 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	1 August Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	2 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	3 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	4 School Closure Day	5	6
7 Week 5	8 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	9 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass @ 9:30am Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	10 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	11 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	12 Confirmation Presentation Mass	13 Confirmation Presentation Masses
14 Week 6	15 Feast of the Assumption Celebration	16	17 School Closure Day	18	19	20
21 Week 7 Book Week	22	23	24	25	26	27



St Francis
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

MELTON & COBBLEBANK

Let us help you enrol your child for 2025

Tuesday 18 July

anytime between 2pm - 8pm

109-141 Bulmans Road, Melton West

Enter via Gate 4

Our staff and interpreters will be there to help you complete your application for both our campuses.

Please turn over for more information about what to bring on the day.

When you come along to enrol please bring with you:

- Your child's **birth certificate** (required).
- Your child's **Baptism certificate** (if applicable).
- Your child's most recent school reports and **NAPLAN** results (required)
- Your child's **passport and visa** (required if they were born overseas).
- **Court orders** including family court orders and intervention orders (if applicable). If both parents cannot sign the application, a Statutory Declaration must be provided stating the reason why.
- **Two** separate documents confirming your residential address (required).

A non-refundable application fee (paid via credit card or EFT) of \$50 is required for each child.

There will be Dinka, Arabic and Burmese interpreters (various dialects) available on-site to help families.

Applications for Year 7 2025 close on Friday 18 August 2023



Soup Van

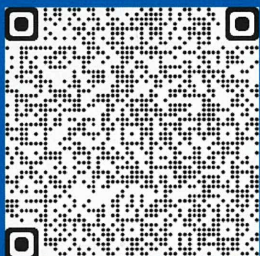
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you:

- Have a passion for giving a 'hand up' to individuals experiencing food and financial insecurity?
- Love giving back to your local community?
- Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life?

What could I be doing on the Soup Vans?

Preparing and packing food, assisting with loading the Soup Vans, distributing food on a 'Soup Van Run' and assisting in cleaning up the kitchen and soup van vehicle as a team.



Sign up now using our QR code!



Mental Health First Aid Course

Brought to you by

Zonta Club of Melton Inc.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an evidence-based course that teaches community members how to provide a helpful and supportive initial response to someone experiencing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis

Costs: \$60.00 (includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea)

2 Days Training: Saturday 19th August and Saturday 26th August 2023
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Melton Country Club
28-30 Reserve Road
Melton 3337

Bookings: Please email Jane at janemargy@gmail.com for registration. You will be invoiced by return email and all payments must be received by 1st August.

Note that numbers are limited to 22 attendees.



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