



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

## Reflection

Term 2, Week 7 9th June 2023

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Please keep the following children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, 17th June 2023.

Daniel Abraham	Ngong Agear	Chol Agear	Aguer Aguer	Alana Alford
Jacob Allen	Joel Antony	Yara Babawy	Maya Baglieri	Amelie Baglieri
Sabina Balebanga	Kelsey Bartolo	Annabelle Borg	Torsten Brown	Semira Cabral
Zoe Cooney	Chloe D'Alton	Nandana Davis	Gabrienna Dominic-Lea'Ana	Liam Dreaver
Nolan D'Silva	Sebastian Duyvestyn	Benjamin Eastwood	Isla Evans	Aaliyah Farrugia
Meddage Fernando	Miron Fernando	Zac Forder	Garang Garang	Ira Gardoce
Nazar Gawam	Mason Gillespie	Jaiden Goundar	Chelsea Griffith	Kuei Jur
Anna Kakinda	Mia Kaltner	Harper Kynaston	Chadhor Mabor	Sean Magro
Majok Majok	Julian Makhraz	Marita Makkad	Mam Makuac	Mia Maroun
Wel Mayen	Emma McIntyre	Lewis Michael	Rose Molnar	Liam Morris
Puor Ngong	Jamie Nobin	Joshua Nunez	Leona Perera	Charlie-Ryiah Portelli
Jaxson Seguna-Price	Andrew Savea	Luchelle Silva	Alivia Stead	Avalon Sutton
Egbert Thomas	Sage Thompson	Braxton Vella		
Ava Vukcevic	Abby Walsh	Logan Webster		
Dhieu Yel	ZionThomas			

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have definitely had a busy start to my role as acting principal while Carmel is on leave. Having support from all the staff, students and families has made my transition a positive one. Thank you for all the welcoming *hellos*, the encouraging smiles and for checking in to see how things are going. I can also assure you all that the children are following Carmel's instructions and are keeping an eye on me!

Last week the Year 1 students went to the museum and to IMAX. As they have been learning about minibeasts. They watched a 3D movie at IMAX called 'Flight of the Butterflies' and they all thought it felt like they could catch the butterflies in their hand! They then went to the Melbourne Museum 'Bugs Alive!' exhibit where they saw, heard and smelled everything about BUGS! They could read about what bugs eat and why they are important for us. They even saw giant models of different parts of an insect. It was a wonderful day of exploring and learning.

Next week, our swimming program for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 at Melton Swim School, Genesis Health & Fitness will begin. It will be held every day from Tuesday, 13th June until Thursday, 22nd June. Children need to wear their bathers under their uniform and bring a towel, goggles, slides/thongs and a plastic bag for wet clothes. The program will run for 8 days and it is **COMPLULSORY** that all children attend. Any children who have not been given permission on Operoo will not attend the program and will have to stay at school. Therefore, please ensure you have given permission.

On Saturday, 17th June, our Year 4 students will be celebrating their First Eucharist. At this sacrament the students will receive the Body of Christ for the very first time. It is at mass that we experience the real presence of Jesus through the **PRIEST**, the **WORD**, the **PEOPLE** and in the **BREAD** and **WINE**. When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as Christians we gather together with our community to remember and give thanks for the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please pray for these children as they prepare for this most holy sacrament.

As all technological devices are taken to the office at the beginning of the day I remind all students and parents that this includes all smart watches. These can be taken to the office in the morning and picked up after school.

Finally, a reminder that on Monday, June 12th we have a public Holiday for the King's Birthday. On this day the school is closed. Enjoy your long weekend!

Angela Giordimaina  
ACTING 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

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 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**

# Swimming Program

Students at St Catherine of Siena Primary School will participate in swimming lessons at Melton Swim School, Genesis Health and Fitness, Melton. 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.

Lessons take place on the following dates;

<b>Prep / Year 1 / Year 2</b>	<b>TERM 2 – last 2 weeks of term.</b> <b>Week 8:</b> Tuesday, 13th June - Friday, 16th June <b>Week 9:</b> Monday, 19th June - Thursday, 22nd June
<b>Year 5 / Year 6</b>	<b>Term 3 –</b> <b>Week 2:</b> Tuesday 18th – Friday 21 July <b>Week 3:</b> Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th July
<b>Year 3 / Year 4</b>	<b>Term 3 --</b> <b>Week 4:</b> Monday 31st July - Thursday 3rd July <b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 4th AUGUST</b> <b>Week 5:</b> Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th August

This is part of the curriculum and it is an expectation all students participate. To participate in this swimming program permission is required by parents/guardians. The 8 lessons will be held over a 2 week period, at the cost of \$100 per student. This includes the bus fare and lesson costs with qualified swim instructors.

More information about the Victorian Water Certificate can be found on the Life Saving Victoria website [www.lsv.com.au](http://www.lsv.com.au)

More information about swimming and water safety in the Victorian Curriculum can be found on the webpage

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/swimming-instruction-and-water-safety-education/policy>

Ms. Kate Landry  
Physical Education Teacher

# Parent Helper Program

Next term we will once again offer a Parent Helper Program session for parents and guardians. If you are interested in assisting students at our school please send an email to [jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdelprete@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au)

You will need to have a Working With Children Check before you can volunteer at school. Please remember you will be working with students at school and not necessarily your own child.

Thank you, Jennifer Del Prete.  
*Learning and Teaching Leader*

## Parish of Melton Office

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Tel:9743 6515, Fax: 9747 8603  
Email: [melton@cam.org.au](mailto:melton@cam.org.au)

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>



# 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** - Miabek Mabok  
**Prep B** - Eldana Aschale  
**Prep C** - Ryan Ashamalla  
**1E** - Andrew Mai  
**1F** - Khai Blackshaw  
**1H** - Khiani Setiu  
**2G** - Isaac Kalutha  
**2I** - Roman Hettig  
**2K** - Sienna Papazoglou  
**3J** - Caitlyn Sammut

**3L** - Leon Perera  
**3M** - Kara Torney  
**4R** - Gabrienna Dominic-Lea'Ana  
**4T** - Isla Evans  
**4V** - Amelie Baglieri & Zoe Cooney  
**5Q** - Peter Dau  
**5S** - Nyaguon Joseph  
**5U** - Ivana Majkic  
**6O** - Nadine D'Silva  
**6P** - AJ Leota-Seiulu seufatu

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



# Term 2 & 3, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 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