



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 3, Week 10 14th July 2023

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## Reflection

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### Voice Prayer

We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brothers and Sisters in prayer.

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply & celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did;

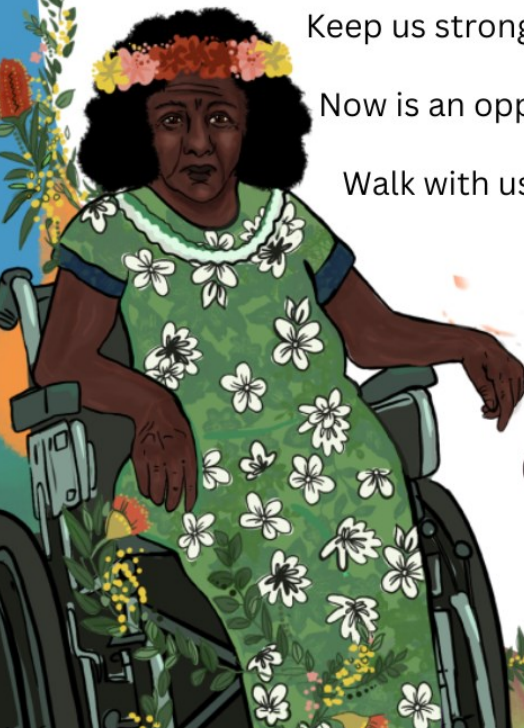
Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and may we be one in Your love.

Amen

## For Our Elders



# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Term 3 has started and it has been a positive beginning. The children have settled in very well as have the staff.

The beginning of term the students have been learning about the culture and story of the first peoples of Australia. The 2023 theme for NAIDOC week was FOR OUR ELDERS. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. Our assembly's focus was NAIDOC week and children had the opportunity to showcase some of the learning that has been happening throughout the school.

The year 5/6 swimming program has commenced and students participating in the program have had the opportunity to develop their skills in swimming and water safety. They will continue the swimming program next week. Year 3/4 will commence their swimming program on Monday, 31st July.

Students in Year 6 have commenced their preparation for Confirmation in class. As part of this preparation the children celebrating their Confirmation this year must attend one of the weekend masses on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Next week is the feast of St Anne and St Joachim who were St Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. They are considered to be the patron Saints of Grandparents. On this special feast day of the Church we will be celebrating the amazing Grandparents the children in our school community have. There will be a whole school mass in the church at 9:30am. You are all invited to attend. Following mass, the grandparents are invited onsite so children can have their recess snack with their grandparents.

Every three years, Catholic schools are reviewed and this year, St Catherine of Siena will be having our review in term 4. As part of this review process we will have a school closure day on FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST. No students are to attend school on this day.

Stay warm and God Bless.

Angela Giordimaina

ACTING PRINCIPAL



RCIA

Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation  
of Adults



## Do you know somebody who wants to become Catholic and be part of our community?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is for all those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

- This journey is for people who have never *been baptized*, and for those who have been baptized in other Christian denominations.
- The non-baptised are prepared in the parish RCIA program and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation: *Baptism*, *Confirmation* and the *Holy Eucharist*, which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.
- For those *already baptised*, they too are prepared and welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church by receiving the *Sacraments of Confirmation* and the *Holy Eucharist*, which can also take place during Easter celebrations or another suitable season.

Application forms are available on the table  
in the Gathering Area of the church. Completed forms  
can be placed into the return box at the church  
or emailed to the Parish Office.

*We will start with an information gathering on  
Sunday, July 23 at 12 pm (after the 11 am Mass)  
in St Catherine of Siena church.*

Please come along and  
see what it's all about!



## Swimming Program

This is a compulsory program and is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. All students are expected to attend the swim centre for either the swimming or water safety lessons. Permission must be completed via Operoo for all students to travel by bus to Melton Swim Centre whether they are entering the pool or not. Please attend to this as soon as possible. For any further questions or concerns please contact your classroom teacher.

<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

## Grandparents Day Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for our annual  
Grandparents Day Mass.

Wednesday, 26th July 2023 at 9:30am

*Followed by the opportunity to spend time with students in their classrooms.*



# Scholastic Book Club

The latest issue of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders must be submitted online by  
Monday, 31st July.

*No late orders can be accepted.*



# 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>



# 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** - Logan Beavis

**Prep B** - Nyanring Mabil

**Prep C** - Achucha Ngong

**1E** - Alek Bith

**1F** - Logan Evans

**1H** - Mara Dos Santos

**2G** - Patrick George

**2I** - Theoneste Hajayandi

**2K** - Agot Anyar

**3J** - Alfred Webb

**3L** - Leon Perera

**3M** - Matilda Hall

**4R** - Zac Forder

**4T** - Jaxson Seguna-Price

**4V** - Egbert Thomas

**5Q** - Whole Class

**5S** - Whole Class

**5U** - Ivy Barton

**6N** - Tobongye Bien Yeneu & Matti Babawi

**6O** - Sarah Buehler

**6P** - Joshua Morris



CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK

#CBCA2023

READ  
GROW  
Inspire

Save the Date

Book Week Parade  
Friday 25th August  
9.15am



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St Catherine of Siena  
Parents and Friends Association Presents



School  
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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, 14th September 2023

Further details to come!!



# Term 3, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 <b>School Closure Day</b>	5	6
7 Week 5	8 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	9 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass @ 12pm Yr 3/4 Swimming Program	10 Yr 3/4 Swimming Program MPSSA Yr 5/6 Basketball	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 <b>School Closure Day</b>	18	19	20
21 Week 7 Book Week	22	23	24	25 Book Week Parade	26	27
28 Week 8	29	30	31	1 September Father's Day Breakfast & Stall Footy Colours Day	2	3
4 Week 9 Parent Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	5 Parent Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	6 Parent Teacher Interviews 8 - 8:30am	7 Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30 - 8pm Students finish @ 1pm	8	9	10