



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 3, Week 6 18th August 2023

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## Reflection

### Feast of the Assumption

St Catherine of Siena and St Dominic's Primary Schools joined forces on Tuesday to commemorate and reflect on the Assumption of Mary, which is the day that marks Mary's ascent into heaven. The children attended mass together and it was a beautiful sight seeing blue, yellow, red and green. The students joined in singing songs about Mary and reflecting on Father Michael's words. It was a reminder of how the structure of mass brings people of all walks of life together.

The organised activities was a great way for the students of both schools to interact and get to know each other in an informal setting. It was heartening to see new connections being made and a good reminder of the power of a connected community. I am positive that many students slept well last night.



*It was a great opportunity to work and celebrate together as a community with St. Dominics.*



*Father showed us a representation of what Mary's Assumption might have looked like in a painting, I really liked that.*



*I made a new friend at Saint Dominic's because she was my partner for tiggly for the whole time.*

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just over half way through the term and the school is buzzing with learning! We also had a special visitor come in for her milestone birthday. Ms Carmel Marantelli came in to share morning tea with staff and she wanted to visit the children in their grades. She had a beautiful day and everyone was pleased to see her back at school.

Last week we concluded our swimming program. This was a success and participants had the opportunity to develop their water safety and swimming skills. Thank you to Ms Landry and Mr Galea for organising this program.

The Year 5's had their Space Incursion on Friday, 11th August. They learnt about the solar system and looked at facts about each of the planets. They also learnt about star constellations and what they can currently see in the night sky. This learning was all done in a space dome and the children had the opportunity to ask these experts questions they were wondering about. What an engaging way to learn about space!

On Tuesday, 15th August we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This was celebrated with mass and fun activities with St Dominic's. You will see more photos from this day included in this newsletter.

The Year 6 students who are celebrating their Confirmation in October were presented to the community at masses last weekend. If your child is celebrating their Confirmation in October and they did not attend they MUST attend mass this weekend.

Staff worked with MACS on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August as part of the school's Review. This has been a reflective and exciting time for staff to discuss what we do here at St Catherine's and how we can make it even better.

There are surveys that will be sent out to all families that give us important data regarding all aspects of our school. We would like as many families to complete the survey so that we can use the data to continue to develop our school. Mr Ben Donnelly will communicate how this will happen.

On Friday, 18th August the Preps celebrated being at school for 100 days! The children dressed up and participated in fun activities throughout the day. It was great to see the prep area decorated and filled with balloons that were generously donated and set up for us by the Abela family. There was even a sweet treat for all of the children for being 100 days brighter. The teachers and SSO's also got into the spirit. It was a **FUN**tastic day for all involved. Congratulations to the amazing children in Prep who have made 100 of our days brighter too.

Next week we will celebrate book Week. On Monday there is an author visiting the school and he will meet with all grades. The children will have a dress up day on Friday, 25th August. This day will begin with a Book Week Parade in the hall at 9:15am. Parents/guardians and siblings are welcome to join in the festivities. Feel free to dress up too... my costume is ready!!

Finally, I have included an update form MACS regarding the principal appointment.

We look forward to a fun filled fortnight!

Angela Giordimaina



ACTING PRINCIPAL

# Principal's Appointment

## Principal Appointment Update

As reported last month the position was advertised over two weekends ending on the 29th July with applications closing on 7th August.

The selection panel has met on a number of occasions inducted into the process, established the local school - based selection criteria and are now screening applications.

The panel is most grateful to the numerous staff members, parents and selected students who took the time in completing their respective survey, responses that have been most beneficial to the panel in the formation of the selection criteria. The surveys are now closed, thank you.

In keeping with the appointment process protocols, full confidentiality will be maintained, however community updates to the progress of the appointment process will continue over the coming weeks.

It is anticipated the selection process will conclude by the end of term.

Thank you for your patience and support with this most important process.

EDN - Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) representative



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Catholic Schools



## Feast of the Assumption Celebration Day



# 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** - Whole Class

**Prep B** - Anthony Giarrusso

**Prep C** - Mariah Abela

**1E** - Nova Harris

**1H** - Joshua Oliver

**2G** - Jax Gauci

**2I** - Lily Marsh

**2K** - Bunny Marsh & Nikola Majkic

**3J** - Sifa Alumbulwa

**3L** - Ella Pearmine

**3M** - Mace Zabriskie

**4R** - Sebastian Duyvestyn

**4T** - Kelsey Bartolo & Nolan D'Silva

**4V** - Aguer Aguer

**5Q** - Ayen Thuc

**5S** - Olivia Sobol

**5U** - Nathan Mendonca

**6O** - Sami Gegreyesus

**6P** - Arek Giir

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders must be submitted online by  
Thursday, 31st August.

*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>



# *Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday, 7th September*

## *ALL Students MUST be collected at 1pm on this day.*

### *MPSSA 2 Sports Dates 2023*

Sport	Date
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Year 3-6 District Athletics Day	Wednesday, 23rd August
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Year 3/4 AFL 9's	Thursday, 12th October
Year 3/4 Touch Rugby	Wednesday, 25th October
Year 3/4 T-20 Cricket	Friday, 10th November
Year 3/4 Soccer	Thursday, 16th November

### *Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament*

On Thursday, 10th August the following students represented St Catherine of Siena at the MPSSA district Basketball Tournament. The competition against the other district primary schools in the association was held at Cobblebank stadium in Melton. Both teams played very well on the day and showed tremendous team spirit and impressive basketball skills. Mr Galea and myself coached on the day and saw both teams have a number of wins in the draw. St Catherine's were only defeated by the overall boy and girl division winners, Wedge Park PS. Thankyou to parents Amanda Kors and Jodie Thorneycroft who assisted with team umpiring and scoring on the day.

Well Done to the following students!

**GIRLS** Guony Joseph, Julia Tat, Asha Anhiany, Lexi Sanchez, Macie Cowan,  
Liv Thorneycroft, Arek Giir, Sarah Lieba.

**BOYS** Deng Akot, Cleeve Lazaro, Akot Are, Lual Keer, Ayol Anyar, Habakkuk Luri,  
Christian Tuason, Akot Kuel, Dieudonne Kalutha  
Kate Landry





# Book Week Parade

Friday, 25th August  
at 9:15am

Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character or use the theme:

*'Read, Grow, Inspire'* as inspiration for dressing up.

*Parents, friends and guardians are welcome to attend the parade.*

**READ**

**GROW**

*inspire*

# Father's Day Breakfast!

Don't forget your footy colours

All dads, grandfathers & special persons are warmly invited to join us for our Annual Father's Day BBQ Breakfast.

Date: Friday, 1st September 2023

Time: 7:30am

Place: Outside the School Hall

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

*For catering purposes please respond to the Operoo eform as soon as possible!*



## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

### FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

A DAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR TEAM JERSEY OR COLOURS INSTEAD OF THEIR SCHOOL SHIRT.

St Catherine of Siena

Parents & Friends Association



# Father's Day Stall

Friday, 1st September

Gifts priced between \$1 and \$4

Please bring along a plastic bag to put your gifts in.

*\*children will have the opportunity to purchase 1 or 2 gifts.*



St Catherine of Siena  
Parents and Friends Association Presents

# School DISCO



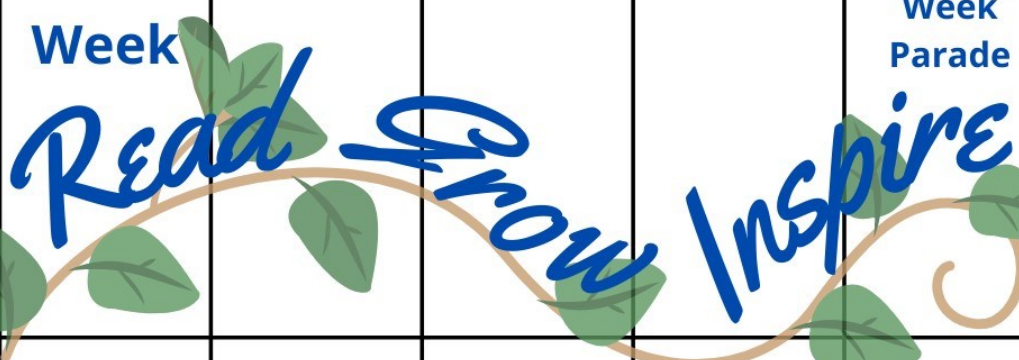


SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, 14th September 2023**

Further details to come!!



# Term 3 & 4, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
21 Week 7 <b>Book Week</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>Book Week Parade</b>	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 8am - 8:30am	5 Parent Teacher Interviews 8am - 8:30am	6 Parent Teacher Interviews 8am - 8:30am	7 Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30pm - 8pm Students finish @ 1pm	8	9	10
11 Week 10	12	13	14 <b>School Disco</b> 	15 Last Day of term 3 - Students Dismissed @ 1:30pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 October
2 Week 1 Term 4 Begins	3	4 Yr 3 Camp	5 Yr 3 Camp Yr 4 Camp	6 Yr 4 Camp	7	8



**YEAR 7 2025**

**ENROLMENTS DUE**

**FRIDAY 18 AUGUST**



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and Cobblebank campuses at  
[www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment](http://www.sfcc.vic.edu.au/join-us/enrolment)**



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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one of our final Melton  
Campus tours for 2023.**

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