



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 4, Week 2 13th October 2023

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## Reflection

This week we pray for our Year Six student who are confirming their faith and commitment to the Church on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Keep these children, the future of the Church, in your prayers.



*Please bless these children,  
Jesus, guide and direct their steps.  
Help them to be strong when they are weak,  
To feel peace when they are afraid,  
And to feel your love ...  
Always.  
Amen*

Abok Bol	Adam Dreaver	Ah-Keni Ah-Kee	Akot Kuel	Alicia Cauchi	Anica Klasic
Annabelle Pearmine	Ante Klasic	Aotearoa Leota-Seiuli Seufatu	Apai Dhal	Arek Giir	Ava Wolfe
Ayol Anyar	Bella Boyd	Bernard Kakinda	Blake Williamson	Boniface Makuei	Bronte O'Connor
Ceara Goundar	Cecilya Zanniat	Charlie Howell	Deng Makuac	Dengich Keer	Ebony Barrow
Frans Hoodi	Georgia Sorensen	Harish Katuwal-Chhetri	Harper Osborne	Harrison Sliwa	Jaymee Cutajar
Jessica Cardamone	Jessie Sare	John Abraham	Joshua Morris	Liv Thorneycroft	Loretta Sant
Luke Palmer	Madison Griffith	Madison McGrath	Maja Vukcevic	Margaret Michael	Marissa Sant
Max Thompson	Melissa Ishak	Mia Wolfe	Nadine D'Silva	Nicholas Bigeni	Nikita Kotongo
Paige Farrugia	Paige Orr	Ruby Cunningham	Sarah Buehler	Saxyn Lomani	Shemaya Rodrigo
Tobongy Bien Yenuc					

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

While I enjoyed my time away and managed to get quite a few things done, it was wonderful to walk back into the school and catch up with staff, children and parents again. The power of relationships and connections was always known to me but illustrated in a very real way over the last few weeks, so thank you all for both supporting Angela in my absence and welcoming me back for Term 4.

Last week our Year 6 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation – a very special time when they take the responsibility for recommitting to the Baptismal vows made for them as a baby; and have the gifts of the Holy Spirit conferred on them. Congratulations to all of the Year 6 students and thank you to the Year 6 staff, Mel Anderson and Angela Giordimaina for preparing them so well.

Mr Des Noack, the new school principal, visited us on Wednesday and was able to meet with staff, visit classes and speak to the children and staff. While for many Des was just a name prior to this; it was good for everyone to be able to meet him and begin to get a sense of who he is. I congratulate Des on his appointment and look forward to continuing to work with him to make this transition to a new principal smooth and positive for the children, staff and families and for Des himself.

School staff will shortly be preparing 2024 class lists so it is at this time that I ask parents for any insight which might assist in this process. If you have requests regarding the make-up of these groupings, please have them to me via email to [principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that all requests received will be duly considered however, there is no promise that they will all be carried out.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Genevieve Drew will be leaving St Catherine's on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Genevieve is a much loved and respected member of our school community and will be sorely missed after 13 years here at St Catherine's, a school that she actually attended herself. However, Genevieve has been offered a position that she has wanted for a number of years so she does go with my, and I'm sure your, very best wishes as she takes up this new and exciting work opportunity.

Carmel Marantelli



PRINCIPAL

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, 23rd October - Wednesday, 25th October - Yr 5 Camp

Wednesday, 25th October - Friday, 27th October - Yr 6 Camp

Tuesday, 31st October - Prep/Yr 6 Buddy Excursion to Scienceworks

Wednesday, 1st November - Opening of Art Show @ 4:30pm

# Sacrament of Confirmation

On **Saturday, 14th October**, children in Year 6 who are baptised Catholics will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. On this most holy occasion students will become more closely united with Christ and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be strengthened as they confirm their faith. The mass times are as follows:

**11:00am**      **6O & students in 6N whose surname begins with the letter K - Z**

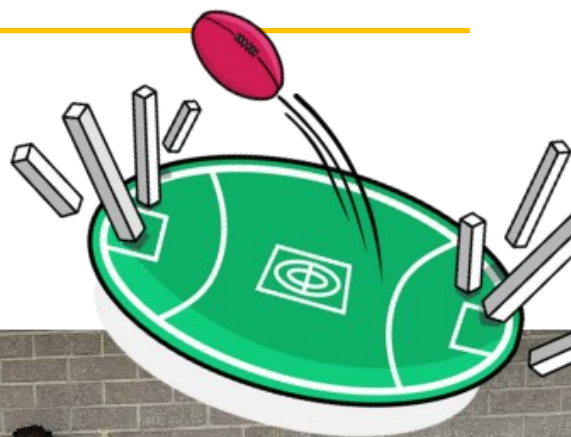
**2:00pm**      **6P & students in 6N whose surname begins with the letter A - J**



Here are some important reminders for this day.

- Students must come to the mass they are assigned to.
- Students and their sponsors must be in the hall 30 minutes before the start of the mass. During this time they will receive their Confirmation Medallions and the children will have a group photo.

## Year 3/4 AFL 9's Team





ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRESENTS

# THE ART SHOW



An invitation to our opening of our Annual Art Show!  
*Come and enjoy a night looking at art work from children across the school. This is a great event to showcase and celebrate all of the work that is done in the Arts throughout the year.*

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> of November**

**Time: 4:30 pm -6:00pm**

**Where: Throughout the main building**

*Tea and Coffee provided for parents.*



Art work will also be available to view  
8:30am-9am & 3:15-3:45pm Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> of November  
8:30am-9am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November  
8:30am-9am & 3:15-3:45pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November





## Baby Jesus Required

Do you have or know of a newborn that can play Jesus at Christmas time?

We need YOU! No experience necessary. No Working With Children Check required.

**\*OPEN TO ALL BABIES LESS THAN 4 WEEKS OLD\***

*Please contact the Parish office on 9743 6515 for further information.*



Get your Colour on, St Catherine's PFA is hosting a Colour Explosion Fun Run!

Colour Explosion Fun Run will be on **Thursday, 7th December 2023.**

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Fun Run, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

### Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

**Happy fundraising!**



St Catherine of Siena  
Parents & Friends



# COLOUR EXPLOSION

## School Run 4 Fun!

### Thursday, 7th December

It's time to start fundraising





# Congratulations

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

Keep up the terrific effort!!

**Prep A** - Gloria Mwaka

**Prep B** - Bol Poundak

**Prep C** - Aaron Aschale

**1E** - Alek Bith

**1H** - Mati Kalutha

**2G** - Abigail Vella

**2I** - Jai Matiasik

**2K** - Irah Katuwal Chhetri

**3J** - Chloe Ashamalla

**3L** - Taylah Crabtree

**3M** - Airlie Langeweg

**4R** - Mason Gillespie

**4T** - Dhieu Yel & Benji Eastwood

**4V** - Mireilla Irakoze & Braxton Vella

**5Q** - River Young

**5S** - Antonio Knezevic-Tabakovic

**5U** - Akon Yai

**6N** - Bernard Kakinda & Bella Boyd

**6O** - Mia Wolfe

**6P** - AJ Leota-Seiuli Seufatu & Annabelle Pearmine

**PE** - Liam Dreaver & Mia Maroun

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders must be submitted online by  
Monday, 23rd October

*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>



# Term 4, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 Week 3	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Week 4	24	25	26	27	28	29
						
30 Week 5	31 Yr Prep & 6 Excursion to Scienceworks	1 November <b>Art Show Opening Night 4:30pm - 6pm</b> 	2	3	4	5
6 Week 6 <b>School Closure Day</b>	7 <b>Melbourne Cup</b> 	8 Yr 6 Graduation Photo - Summer Uniform Required 	9	10	11	12
13 Week 7	14 2024 Prep Orientation Session 1	15	16	17	18	19
20 Week 8	21 2024 Prep Orientation Session 2	22	23	24	25	26
27 Week 9	28 2024 Prep Orientation Session 3	29	30	1 December	2	3 Advent Week 1 <b>Hope</b> 
4 Week 10 Yr 6 Big Day Out	5 Yr 6 Step Up Day @ St Francis	6	7 Whole School Colour Run 4 Fun! 	8 Yr Prep Excursion	9	10 Advent Week 2 <b>Love</b> 
11 Week 11 Semester 2 Student Reports available via Portal	12 2024 Yr 1 - 6 Step Up Christmas Concert @ 7pm 	13 Prep Christmas Liturgy @ 9:30am  Yr 6 Graduation Mass @ 7pm 	14 Whole School Picnic 	15 Canteen Closed End of Year Mass @ 11:45am Last Day of Term 4 - Students dismissed @ 3:15pm	16	17 Advent Week 3 <b>Peace</b> 