



# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

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On November 11th, Remembrance Day, nations around the globe fall silent for one minute at 11am to remember those who have served their country during war. All those men and women who risked their lives to fight for what is right, giving us the freedom we have today. So many of these men and women were injured, physically and mentally, and thousands never returned. Today we remember them.

*God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. We pray that the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



This year Remembrance Day will fall on Saturday 11th November so today, Friday 10th November the school held a ceremony at 10:45 followed by a minute's silence at 11:00am.

A member of staff and students will attend the ceremony tomorrow morning at the Cenotaph to lay a wreath for the school.



# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that there are only 25 school days left of 2023 -the end of the year is fast approaching!! As we head towards the ending of another school year and prepare for Advent and Christmas it is also the time of year when we say goodbye to staff who are leaving and welcome new members. Each year, for a variety of reasons - family considerations, travel commitments or the opportunity of new challenges, several staff make the decision to move on to new settings and this year is no different. The following staff will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Alicia Hambleton has been at St Catherine's for a number of years and in that time has held leadership positions within the school and taught several year levels. For the last few years Alicia has been an important member of our Prep team and her calm and fair, yet firm manner is just what is needed to calm heightened or anxious behaviours in those early days of Prep. She is able to understand each child's strengths and motivations and work from this to assist them to settle in, ensuring that our youngest students flourished in their first year at school and were set up for the success in the years that follow. Alicia has been a valued staff member whom we will miss but we wish her all the very best as she heads to a new school setting to continue her teaching career.

Angela Auricchio has worked as part of our specialist team teaching Italian for the past two years and has shown a real passion and energy for this. She is always looking for interesting ways to engage the children and works well with other staff in the specialist team. Angela has made the decision to take up a position much closer to home and we wish her all the very best for 2024 at her new school.

Christine Kean Ong has been a long-standing member of St Catherine of Siena, first beginning here in 2010. After all of these years Christine has enjoyed some well-earned long service leave this year and will be retiring from St Catherine's on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. Many of you may have older children who have been taught by Christine and will know of her passion for teaching and leading children in learning rather than telling. For several years Christine was our Mathematics then our Learning and Teaching Leader. We wish Christine all the very best for a retirement filled with all of the things she has put off during her working days.

Jenny Del Prete came to us as nearly 3 years ago as Learning and Teaching Leader and has lead staff in furthering their knowledge and skills across all areas of the curriculum. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience and was always ready to model this for others; especially our newest members of staff just beginning their teaching career. Jenny has been a valued member of leadership and this year was instrumental in organising the camp programs for Year 3, 4, 5, & 6. We wish Jenny all the very best as she moves on to another leadership position at her new school.

Seona Payne has been at St Catherine's for many years and first began as a Student Support Officer in 2010 while completing her teaching degree. She has been a valuable staff member and friend to many in her time with us. Seona has a gentle yet firm nature and is able to use this to get to know each child extremely well and thus is best placed to assist them in giving their best at all times. She is always supportive of school events, even when her year level is not directly involved, and is a regular attendee at camps, buddy picnics and other extracurricular events. Seona is leaving us to further her teaching at a new school setting and we wish her every continued success.

These staff will all be missed; however, we know that things cannot stay the same forever. We thank them all very much for the care that they have shown to the children and families of St Catherine's in their time with us and we wish each and every one of them all the very best for all the wonderful things the future holds for them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone



Carmel Marantelli

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Tuesday 14th November - 2024 Prep Orientation 9am - 11am

Tuesday 21st November - 2024 Prep Orientation 9am - 11am

Tuesday 28th November - 2024 Prep Orientation 9am - 11am

# 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** - Xavier Musso

**Prep B** - Ebony Borg

**Prep C** - Achucha Agear

**1E** - Thomas Williams

**1F** - Aishia Savage

**1H** - Chase Hutchison-Richter

**2G** - Hailey Cini

**2I** - Morgan Gillespie

**2K** - Lual Makuac

**3J** - Nathaniel Ah-Kee Tagaloa

**3L** - Whole Class

**3M** - Johnny Scaringi

**4R** - Sabina Balebanga

**4T** - Luchelle Silva

**4V** - Ava Vukcevic & Yara Babawy

**5Q** - Sienna Lewis

**5S** - Dieudonne Kalutha

**5U** - Diyar Matti

**6N** - Boniface Makeui and Talia Juresic

**6O** - Charlie Howell

**6P** - Denni Keer and Ebony Barrow

## Scholastic Books

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book club has been sent home with all students. This will be the final book club for 2022. All orders must be submitted online at [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) by

**Friday 1st**

**December**

\*\* No late orders can be accepted.



**Congratulations to Ayen in 5S for coming first in the Regional Competition for hurdles. She will now soon be competing in the State competition. Well done**





# 2024 Prep Orientation Days

**Tuesday 14th November 9.15am -  
10.45am**

Please bring a recent photo of your child for our display

**Tuesday 21st November 9.15am -  
10.45am**

**Tuesday 28th November 9.15am -  
10.45am**

Please bring a healthy snack on the 28th November



# Parish News

## Parish of Melton

20 - 22 Unitt Street, Melton

Tel: 9743 6515, Fax: 9747



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

## November: The Month of Remembrance

This month is dedicated to the Holy Souls where we remember and pray for all the 'great cloud of witnesses around us' (Hebrews 12:1), who are also praying for us on this journey.



Parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year on their death anniversary in the parish Bereavement Book located on the stand near the baptismal font.



# THE BRIGHTEST DAY AT SCHOOL!

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

Colour Explosion Fun Run Fun 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.

St Catherine of Siena  
Parents & Friends



# COLOUR EXPLOSION

## School Run 4 Fun!

Thursday, 7th  
December



Fundraising closes on  
Friday 17th November

*ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WELCOMES YOU TO*



# OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

*Come and enjoy a night of Christmas carols and a showcase of performances from students across the school. A great event to celebrate the Christmas season!*



**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Time: 7pm – 8pm**

**Doors open: 6.30pm**



**Where: St. Francis Catholic College Stadium**

**109 – 141 Bulmans Road Melton West**