



ST CATHERINE OF SIENA NEWSLETTER

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

Term 4, Week 8 24th November 2023

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Out the front of the church is the 'Homeless Jesus' sculpture by the Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. At first, you just see the statue of a homeless person but when you look closer, you realise it is Jesus when you notice the crucifixion wounds on his feet. It represents that Jesus is with the most marginalised in society.

The sculpture represents the passage from Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46 which will be read on the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on November 26th. In this reading, Jesus teaches his disciples, and us, that we need to care for one another, "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me."

Take the time at some stage to sit at the end of the bench with Jesus and pray.

When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink.

When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.

When I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear.

When I was sick, you took care of me.

When I was in jail, you visited me.

Lord Jesus,

our shepherd and king,

help us to see your reflection

in everyone we meet.

In your name we pray.



Inspired by Matthew 25, this sculpture is a representation that suggests Christ is with the most marginalized in our society.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6s began here in 2017 and will be leaving shortly to head to secondary school - an exciting time for them as they anticipate the new challenges and experiences that secondary school will bring. On behalf of our school community we wish you all the very best and know that you will soon settle into your new schools and use all that you have learnt here to make the very best of these new opportunities.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to the following families as their youngest child leaves St Catherine of Siena heading to secondary school or other school settings. We thank you all for the many ways you have contributed to the school community in your time with us and wish you well for all that the future holds.

A very special thank you to Kaye Bigeni who has single handedly organized the fundraising efforts for us over a number of years. While Kaye has always had assistance from others on the day she has managed all of the organizing, purchasing, flyers, notices and so much more herself with no thought of the time this has taken from her family or downtime so from all of us, Kaye we thank you so very much.



Carmel Marantelli

The Abraham Family

The Babawi Family

The Barrow Family

The Bigeni Family

The Bol Family

The Boyd Family

The Buehler Family

The Cardamone Family

The Cauchi Family

The Cowan Family

The Cunningham Family

The Cutajar Family

The Falcone Family

The Farrugia Family

The Ishak Family

The Khasif Family

The Klasic Family

The Kotongo Family

The Kuel Family

The Leota-Seiuli Seufatu Family

The Makuac Family

The Makuei Family

The Meemaduma Family

The O'Connor Family

The Orr Family

The Osborne Family

The Sant Family

The Sare Family

The Sorensen Family

The Thorneycroft Family

The Timmis Family

The Williamson Family

The Wolfe Family

Upcoming Events

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

Monday 4th December - Year 6 Big Day Out

Tuesday 5th December - Year 6 Step up day (Year 7 transition day)

Thursday 7th December - Colour Run

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

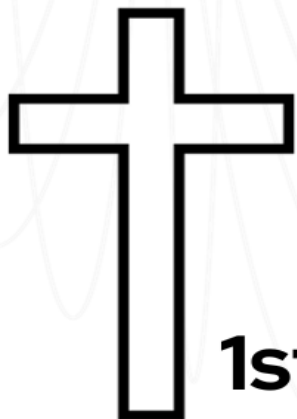
Sunday Evening: 5:00pm

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.



2024 Sacraments

**1st Reconciliation Grade 3 -
March 12th, 13th & 14th**

**First Eucharist Grade 4
- June 15th**

**Confirmation Grade 6 -
August 31st**



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 - Marcus Brkljadic

Prep B - Serah Antony

Prep C - Lucinda Cini

1E - John Hoodi

1F - Peyton-Ivy Fifita

1H - Samiya Sabile

2G - Jax Gauci

2I - Ronida Gbugare

2K - Grace Abraham, Sienna Papazoglou

3J - Caitlyn Sammut

3L - Isabelle Borg

3M - Lucian Rosales

4R - Semira Cabral

4T - Isla Evans & Sean Magro

4V - Summer Langeweg & Jacob Allen

5Q - Madeline Watts

5S - Sienna Hausfield

5U - Deng Akot

6N - Abala Abala & Chol Agear

6O - Georgia Sorensen

6P - Liv Thorneycroft, AJ Leota-Seiuli &

Liko Westerlund

Principals Award - Jahdiel Roberts & AJ Leota - Seiuli




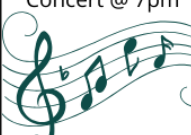



REMINDER

CANTEEN CLOSED

THE LAST CANTEEN DAY
FOR 2023 WILL BE
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Term 4, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 Week 9	28 2024 Prep Orientation Session 3	29	30	1 December	2	3 Advent Week 1 Hope 
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 Last canteen Day	9	10 Advent Week 2 Love 
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 End of Year Mass @ 11:45am Last Day of Term 4 - Students dismissed @ 3:15pm	16	17 Advent Week 3 Peace 

Term 1, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 January Week 1	30	31 Grade 1 - 6 Starts	1 February Preps start	2	3	4
5 Week 2	6	7	8	9	10	11



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



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: 12th December

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Doors open: 6.30pm



Where: St. Francis Catholic College Stadium

109 – 141 Bulmans Road Melton West

See You Soon

WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC

Thursday 14th December 2023

Maddingley Park Recreation Reserve,
Tavernor st Maddingley (Bacchus Marsh)



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