

Newsletter

Welcome

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to St. Catherine's Early Education Centre Newsletter and a big hello to all our families. We are especially happy to see new families. We are sure that your children will enjoy the time they spend here at the Centre and will have many happy learning experiences to add to their already creative and imaginative minds.

As you can all see our centre has been fairly busy this year due to an increasing number of children and activities, including the establishment of a Parent Committee. Also you may have noticed some changes that have accrued over the last few months in the facility and administratively. For example, we have swapped rooms, making it much easier for children to access play areas outside. In addition, fifth room has been opened and we now have some new stuff working for us.

We are now using Ezidebit as the only method of payment for fees. This will ensure families accounts remain within the centre fee policy guidelines and also maintains the security of your child's booking at our Centre.



**St. Catherine's
Early Education
Centre**

**North
Melbourne**



Welcome on board

- ◇ **Vinri**
kinder teacher
- ◇ **Ferdausi**
diploma
- ◇ **Razia**
certificate III
- ◇ **Prim**
certificate III
- ◇ **Van**
certificate III

From the Eparchy, the owners of St. Catherine's EEC.

As you may be aware, Maria Ho, the Director at St Catherine's is leaving us on the 28th of March, after almost 2 years as Director. As with any new business the first few years can be the most difficult and Maria, having joined us soon after we opened our centre, worked hard through this period, building a lovely community of parents, children and staff, whilst successfully taking us through the tough Government audit late last year.

We thank her for her efforts and wish her well for her future. The Eparchy directors are working to find a suitable replacement.

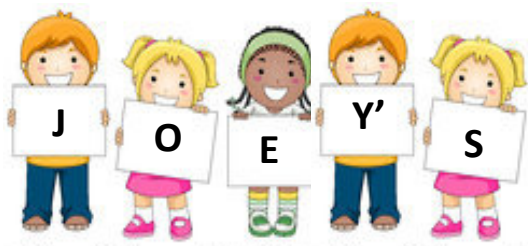
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Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a payment made by the Commonwealth Government to help families with the cost of quality child care. A family's eligibility is subject to an income test, which is administered by the Family Assistance Office (FAO).

It is the responsibility of the parent to register for Child Care Benefit. Information and forms can be accessed from the Family Assistance Office (through Centrelink) or families can call direct on **136150**.



We started off this year well. Monique, Thu and I have been have been working hard with all the children new and old to settle into the new year and our new room.

However, as our numbers grow Thu has been moved up to run the Koala's room with our older babies and we welcome Tham into the Joey room. This year we have a lot of younger babies, so we will be focusing a lot on security and belonging and also developing the physical skills of all chil-

dren.

We aim to provide time every day for the children to spend outdoors along with planned and spontaneous group times.

For some of the older children we have been encourage self help skills within their routines to help them settle better when they move up to the Koala room.

We remind parents to please name their children's belongings. Aso a reminder for hats for the children or beanies as we come into the colder months.

We look forward to spending this year with all your children.

Helen, Monique and Tham

St. Catherine's Early Education Centre aims to offer safe and secure child care at all times. Close personal attention to each child is essential to providing a quality experience for all children

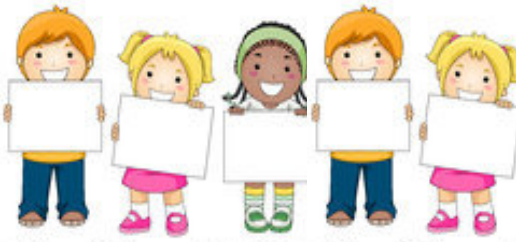
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Parents Committee

As part of the Parents Committee at St Catherine's, we value feedback in relation to the centre so that we can provide a voice for all parents. If you have any comments or queries, please use the Comments Box located outside the office. Alternatively, please feel free to email Anna Tremethick at atremethick@australianunity.com.au

Thanks

Anna
SCEEC Parent's Committee
Chairperson



We encourage and also help the children to learn, to explore as well as to improve their skills

and knowledge not only through activities but also a warm environment.

For our room we set up a goal for each child for a certain period of time. For example: for the next month we may concentrate on their language skills or their self – help skills. Moreover, there is also focus on behaviour management.

All the activities planning is based on the child's needs, abilities and interests.

At the moment we are doing some painting with different objects such as: using balls to paint or painting with crayon / texture. Through the painting, we can extend and teach them about their senses by touch and smell and recognizing colours. Using play dough is a great method for the children to explore as well.

Thu

Upcoming events

- ⇒ **March 27th children and staff dress up day (free theme) and farewell to Maria.**
- ⇒ **Easter Egg hunt - Thursday 17th April 2014 at 5pm.**

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