Dear Parents,

This year has been a particularly hectic time as staff have been involved in focus groups and prepared documents for our external review which will take place next week with a visit from our reviewer and then beginning the week of May 28th. All Catholic schools are involved in external reviews every four years.

The purpose of the external review is to:

- Satisfy expectations of government and sector authorities about accountability for the outcomes of schooling
- Assist schools and teachers to improve student learning outcomes

The staff has been involved in reflecting upon the goals, intended outcomes and targets that were previously identified 4 years ago and evaluating the progress since that time. Our reflection draws on evidence and analysis which has taken place consistently over the past 4 years via the ongoing monitoring of student assessment, staff, parent and student surveys, our School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plans. The review provides the basis of an evaluation of the achievement of the goals, how our Catholic School Vision has been lived out in practice and our school’s performance across the 5 spheres (Education in Faith, Learning and Teaching, School Community, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Management). This process enables identification of areas requiring improvement and clearly demonstrated our achievements at St Therese.

After considerable water damage in the Prep area last week it was decided to replace the old roof. The building company which just completed the schools new extensions were in a position to work on the roof immediately, with little disruption to the students. Parents may have noticed workers on the roof today and hopefully this will be completed on Friday during the Prep specialist program.

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**Dates to Remember – Term 2, 2012**

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The 2011 Annual Report to the Community is now available on our [school website](#) and hard copies are available from the office.

**Darren Gibbons**

**St Therese School Open Day:** Parents & children are invited to visit the school at **50 Grossmans Rd Torquay.** Tuesday 15th May 2012 from 9.30am – 11.30am

**School Fees:** Statements were sent home with your child last week. Fees can be paid at the office by EFTPOS, Cash or Credit Card. Fees can also be paid online (account details are printed on the statement) or you can arrange a direct debit payment via the school office. It would be appreciated if part or all fee payments be made as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties and would like to discuss a payment plan please contact Tess at the school office.

**Uniforms News:** Second-hand Uniforms are available from Surfcoast School Stuff Shop 12 Surfcoast Plaza (our school supplier). Girls bootleg pants are also available and can be worn during Term 2 & 3. Please be sure when purchasing the girls winter kilts that you purchase the correct St Therese School kilt as there is another local school with a very similar style of kilt.

With best wishes,
Pauline Audley and Staff.

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**Victorian Catholic Schools Sustainability Project**

**LANDFILL WASTE REPORT**

Cubic metres (m³) of waste generated by St Therese Primary.

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Waste produced per student at St Therese in cubic metres (m³).

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**WELL DONE ST THERESE STAFF AND STUDENTS**

- We have reduced the waste each student produces at St Therese by 82%.
- Individual students at St Therese produce 0.17m³, well below the state average of 0.45m³
- From 2008-2011 we reduced the amount of rubbish sent to landfill by 255m³, which is a 79% reduction.
- From 2008-2011 we saved our school $2599 and cut our bills by 76%.
- Student numbers have risen by 25% in this period which indicates how hard we have worked to become a more sustainable school.
ST THERESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

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to visit our school at

50 GROSSMANS ROAD
TORQUAY

Tuesday 15th May 2012
From 9.30am – 11.30am
St Therese

P & F NEWS LETTER

Dates to remember:
- Mothers Day Stall 10th May
- Bell St Fiesta 12th May
- P&F Meeting 25th May
- Mothers Day Lunch 11th May
- Whole school Morning Tea 22nd May

Everyone Rocked Until They Dropped!

Thanks to all the families that attended this great night and really embraced the theme. You all looked so amazing in your 50’s costumes and we are thrilled you enjoyed yourselves so much. Of course the night would not have been the success it was without the support of our wonderful parent helpers, thank you, and a big thank-you also to:

- Tobias – our fabulous band
- David Golightly – for his dynamic Elvis set
- Torquay College – for the yummy lucky tubs
- Gazelle Photobooth Hire – for a huge discount on the very popular booth (hope we didn’t wear it out!)
- Call Lauren on 0417301405 to book a booth.
- Jetset Belmont – for sponsoring the booth and hence bringing lots of laughs to the night. Contact them for all your Travel needs on 5244 3666.
- Surf Coast Party Hire – for the funky bar stools and table. Call 5261 6522 for a complete party hire service.
- Ron Tangey – for his terrific hot rod.

Please support our supporters!

School fees Raffle – The schools fees raffle will be drawn at the Mothers day lunch. If you have not already purchased a ticket one was sent home last week so make sure you return it to the P&F box before Friday 11th May. Be in it to win it.

Mothers Day Stall - Don’t Forget
The Mother Days stall will be held on Thursday 10th May.
Gifts will be available from $1 to $5. Children will be able to purchase a gift for their mother, stepmother, carer or someone special. If you are able to help out on the day please contact Anne Africa on 0407615151 E: africans@iprimus.com.au

Entertainment Books – Entertainment books are now for sale, they will be available from the front office, mother day lunch, at the morning tea on Tuesday 22nd or you can fill out the attached form in the news letter and return it to the P&F Box along with your child’s name/class and arrangements will then be made for you to receive your book. If you wish to pay by cash please leave your money in an envelope in the P&F box along with the order form. Once you have purchased a book why not go thru the pages and do a trade of the vouchers that you don’t want - as some people might not use some things but others would. This is a great way to create more value out of your purchase.

Bell St Fiesta - St Therese has a stall at the Bell Street Fiesta being held from 11am to 8pm on Saturday 12th May 2012, they have organised great food, entertainment and stalls for the whole family. We will be selling our Eco Bags throughout the day and would like some volunteers to help out, we would only need 1hr of you precious time. If you are able to help please contact Margie Hennessy [margie@truffleduck.com.au] or call 0425 356 221 Make sure you come along and support this great event.
**IGA Customer Tag** - Just a reminder for parents to use their Ryans IGA customer tag as this is a great fundraiser, a percentage of every purchase goes towards our school and if they don’t have one, pop into the supermarket and sign up.

**Morning Tea** - Introducing ‘Morning Teas’ for Mums and Dads after drop off, in the school hall. Our first morning tea will be Tuesday 22nd May. This will be a great opportunity for all parents to come together, share conversation and get to know one another. In addition, we will have the opportunity to have guest speakers, within our school community, to come and talk and educate us on specific areas regarding our children. We look forward to seeing many parents on this day and hope it will continue on a monthly basis.

**P&F email Group** - The P&F would like to offer all school parents the opportunity to be added to an email group that will receive reminders sent to their personal email address of particular things that are coming up at school. Joining the email group would be voluntary and have the option to opt out at any stage if you don’t want to receive these emails anymore. We can use this for things such as: do not forget to give your children some cash for the Mothers Day Stall; Hot dog Day tomorrow etc. Just email Trinette McKoy to be added to the list. mckoy8@bigpond.com

**P&F Committee** – The P&F are always looking for new parents to join our committee, we would love some fresh ideas and opinions on ways to fundraise for the school. If you have been thinking about joining but have not been sure how to go about it, it easy just come along to any of our meeting which are also posted in the news letter or you can contact one of our committee members.

*Our next meeting will be 25th May 2pm at the school, Check with the office as to which room we will meet in.*

- Trinette McKoy 0417 762 777
- Flick Jones  0438 944 447
- Rosheen Green 0449 579 372
- Margie Grima 0419 503 879
- Tania Huxtable 0408 994 372
- Michelle Jones 0417 047 904

**Food Bank** - As a school community we would like to introduce a food bank for those families within our school in need. If anyone is interested in donating a meal or none perishable items, please contact Tania Huxtable on cmhuxtable@yahoo.com and I will gladly answer any questions.
Community News

Surfcoast Secondary College: We have just been informed that the information given to year 6 students about Surfcoast Secondary College Open night is incorrect. It will commence at 6.30pm not 7pm Monday 14th May.

Bell St Fiesta is all about great food, wine, local art:

![Bell St Fiesta Image]

An event not to miss!

*Bell St Fiesta is all about great food, wine, local art, galleries and live music suitable for all ages. The street will be filled with activities. Including; wine tasting, Waiters’ Race, Chef Cook Off, fitness & health demonstrations, shopping, kid’s activities and a lot more.*

*Note: Bell Street will be closed to traffic from Rudd St to Munday St during this event.*

1st Torquay Scout Group: Are you 6 or 7 years old? Come Try Joey Scouts. Wednesday 16th May at 4:45-5:45. Join us for a fun night of activities, including crafts and games, as part of our term 2 theme “Care and share”. Each term Joey scouts focus on a different theme as they work towards a participation badge for their uniform. All Scout sections welcome girls and boys, and all meet weekly. The scout hall is located in Spring Creek Reserve. All enquiries please contact Desley McKnight (Group Leader) on 5261 6076/0411 986779.

Taste of Cambodia: Date: 26 May 2012. Time: 10am - 4pm. Location: TCF Rear of Old Shire Offices, 25 Grossmans Road. Fund raising Garage sale - 10am - 4pm. Information Session - 1pm - 4pm - An opportunity to come and experience a ‘taste of Cambodia’. Enjoy samples of Cambodian food, watch the traditional dancing girls, and learn more about Ptea Teuk Dong (PTD) the crisis centre where Ariella (Prep) came from. Ask questions; understand the culture and people find out if volunteering is for you. Buy local Cambodian products and help support the work being done. If you have any questions contact Meagan Paterson on 0435 086 405 or email mawp22@gmail.com

Extend OSHC at St Therese Primary School: A recap from the Team Leader: “We are now sharing a very spacious room at the far end of the Prep area. To find us we are located next to the classroom to Illawong Drive, so parents might find it easiest to park in Illawong Drive and come in through the gates near the adventure playground. The kids are enjoying this new area and we look forward to rolling out exciting activities in our new location!”- Moya

What’s on next week: Monday 14 May: Painting, Tuesday 15 May: Under the Sea Challenge, Wednesday 16 May: Games, Thursday 17 May: Cooking, Friday 18 May: Children’s choice

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE-JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2012

In June-July 2012 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a volunteer host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

For every exchange student there is a host family somewhere in the world willing to open their home and their hearts to an adventurous young person. Host families are what make the exchange experience possible.

I would like to inform St Therese Primary School students and their families about this exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It’s a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family!
Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

Thousands of volunteer families have enjoyed hosting a visiting teenager from another country. Many of them come back every year and host again. By opening their home and hearts, to an international exchange student, families can also:

- Make a lifelong link to a family in another country
- Learn about another culture
- Share the beauty of Australia and our culture
- Gain a new family member
- Contribute to International goodwill
- Develop a friendship that will last for many years

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. The whole family…and relatives and friends….will grow and learn as they all get to know their new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Becoming a Host family for an international student has been much more than we expected. We thought it would be great for our kids to learn a little about another language and maybe something about another country. Instead, we gained another family member and some great new friends, her parents from Germany. We get to show off our country and learn so much about hers. What a fantastic experience for all of us.” Melissa, Host Mum

"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop..." Grace, Host Sister

Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures.” Sharon, Host Mum

“It’s been a fantastic experience so far...It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.” Victoria, Host Mum

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.au. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to your family. No obligation.