Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends,

I have included some information below about some of the major events we have coming up. It is important that you take careful note of our School Calendar and the ‘Dates to Remember.’

**St Therese Primary School Christmas Picnic and Carols Night Thursday December 3**

Students and Teachers are currently preparing for the St Therese Christmas Picnic/Carols which will take place on the school oval on Thursday December 3. We have arranged a few local caterers to provide a variety of options for you to purchase for dinner, or alternatively BYO picnic. Food will be available from 5.30pm with carols and formalities from 6:30pm.

**Dinner from 5:30 pm**
- Pizza Oven & Fresh Salads
- Flying Calamari Bros
- Korean BBQ
- Paellamigos
- Taco Van
- Yoghurt /Slushy
- Coffee Van

**Entertainment and Formalities from 6:30 pm**
- BYO
  - Drinks - no glass please
  - Chairs and rugs

**This is a rubbish free event. Please take all rubbish home.**

Monday December 7 is a backup day for the entertainment only in case of rain, which will be held in the hall at 1.30pm; however the picnic will still go ahead regardless of the weather.

**REMINDER: Friday December 4 – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

**Graduation /End of year Mass – Awards Presentation:**

A reminder: The Year 6 Graduation is marked by two events at the end of each year. This is our opportunity to wish our Senior Year 6 Students farewell and to offer them our best wishes as they enter the next phase of their education at Secondary School.

The End of Year Mass at St Therese Church commences at 9.30am on Wednesday December 9. At this Mass, awards will be presented to those students who have shown leadership and community spirit, from the Lions Club, Lodge of the Great Ocean Road and the Knights of the Southern Cross. The two Principal and Staff awards will also be presented at the end of this Mass. All awards will be re-presented at the Graduation evening on Monday December 14. This will give the whole school community, including children from other year levels, the opportunity to congratulate the students at the Mass. The Graduation evening will afford the parents another opportunity to formally farewell our Year 6 students.

**Parents with children from all year levels are warmly invited to join us at this Mass.**

Regards
Darren Gibbons
Acting Principal
October Birthday Prep Morning Tea:

Marlie, Achillies, Archer, Luke, Angus, Hudson, Lachlan, Mitchell and Romi all enjoyed morning tea with Mr Gibbons for their October Birthdays.

Music Thank You
Thank you to Daniel Martin for making us our new 'Thong-a-Phone'.
Thank you to the Lewis Family for donating a guitar to the school music program.
Both have enhanced our music experiences and put smiles on student faces every play time.

Miss Budd

Transition - Session 1:
It was terrific to see our students in their new grade levels on Tuesday as we began the first of 3 transition sessions. The morning ran very smoothly and the students were highly engaged.
We look forward to the second transition session on Wednesday of Week 8.
“Around the World in 40 Days”
3/4 Production
3/4 Production: Around the World in 40 Days!
The children in the 3/4 Learning Community performed for the school, two Kinder Groups plus their parents and families, on Friday the October 30. They excelled themselves and are to be congratulated on their efforts leading up to the performance, as well as on the big day! Every single child made a difference in whatever capacity they chose. It was wonderful to see the mounting enthusiasm and excitement as they engaged in lunchtime practices, and made last minute changes. They had the opportunity to face uncertainty, boredom, confusion, mastery and success and met each challenge with a growing confidence and resilience. Well done to you all!
We also have several mums who deserve special thanks for supporting us in the sewing and making department Sara Doble-Appleton for the rainbow, Jacqui Abbott for the Bert and Ernie costumes, Tania Huxtable for the Irish sashes, Kate Marshall for the Tutankhamun costumes and the red sashes for the flag bearers, Lydia Hill for the cow costume, Kellie Papworth for trimming the Egyptian wigs, Mia Barnard’s grandmother, for the blackboard surrounds on back drop, Angie Clifford for dyeing sashes, Rhonda Copeland [previously a Mum here] for the Big Bird and Oscar costumes Nicole Hayes for the nun's costume, and Anne Jordan for attaching the Irish hat bands.
We would also like to thank the 3/4 Staff who generously supported our Specialist Team, and the children in allowing extra practices along the way. Thanks too, to the parents who packed up the chairs, and those who helped move all the props, scenery and backdrops back to the Art Room
A reminder that all costumes or pieces of costumes need to be returned – thanks to those who have already done so. Thanks to Carol Stott for sharing her photos of the performance – it is lovely to view them! And thanks to the parents who have written, emailed, called or popped in to speak of their experience. Your feedback is valuable, encouraging and much appreciated.
Thanks from the 3/4 Specialist Team

Nazareth Primary School Mission Day:
By Jade Walters, Year 4
“Pop! There goes another balloon! I love this game. I can’t wait to tell all my friends back at St Therese about this game and about Nazareth Primary School.”
On Friday November 6, a group of Year 4 students were invited to come and join in the fun at Nazareth Primary School Mission Day. They were also raising money for the convent in Kontum, Vietnam. At Nazareth’s Mission Day, there were balloon games, M&M games, lucky dips, a haunted house, a ball game, and many more exciting games. We had fun trying out all the games, and chatting to the kids at Nazareth Primary School. It was a great opportunity to meet some other kids from our Parish. They were so kind and welcoming to us. We are looking forward to meeting them again another time.
P&F News

Would you like to be more involved with our school and make a difference? Meet some more parents? Have fun while fundraising? …
 … nominate for our P&F!

You are welcome to attend our AGM, Tuesday November 24 @ 2.15 pm, at school, when 2016 P&F positions will be determined.

Nominations are available for general members or specified positions. The meetings are once a month and alternate between a day (at school) and an evening (usually at Torquay pub). There’s no pressure to get to every meeting. Have pre-schoolers? They are welcome at the meetings and there’s normally a few other kids for them to play with.

You can be involved as much or as little as you like. The role of the P &F is to fundraise for the school.

If you can’t make the meeting but would like to join, just email the form back to Deb Adams 72debbielouise@gmail.com or drop it into the P&F box at the office. The committee is full of friendly, welcoming people and it’s a great way to get to know some parents from other year levels.

The form is at the bottom of this newsletter or available at the Office.
Contact Deb Adams 72debbielouise@gmail.com

Mother’s Day Lunch 2016 Table Sponsorships
We would like to extend to the school community an opportunity for your business to sponsor a table at the Mother’s Day lunch 2016. With over 200 mums in attendance, it is great exposure. To secure a table or for more information, please contact Briony Smith, brionypetesmith@bigpond.com

Secondhand Uniform Shop – Thank you to the St Therese community for your donations to the secondhand uniform shop - keep them coming in! We would love any girls summer dresses and boys shorts to bump up the summer stock! The labelled wheelie bin outside the hall is the spot. The shop is open from 3.15 to 3.45 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you also to some new volunteers who have put up their hands to help out on the Wednesdays. It is much appreciated. Contact Kristin Dalton kristind71@yahoo.com.

Hot Dog Days Every 2nd Wednesday - for all students run by parents who volunteer their time. Each child is to bring their money to their respective classroom and fill in the forms located in their class. Correct money is required.

Prices: Hot dogs $2.50 Prima drink $1.00 Icy poles 50c
ORDERS CANNOT BE TAKEN AT THE KITCHEN!

The next Hot dog day will be Wednesday 18 November. If you would like to volunteer on hot dog days, please email Leanne O’Brien leanne_obrien@bigpond.com. All that is required is 1.5 hours on the day, once a term.

Sushi Day Alternative Wednesdays are Sushi days Prices: Snack pack $3.50, Lunch pack $7. The next Sushi Day is Wednesday 25 November. Place your child’s name, classroom, order and correct money on a brown paper bag. Bags are placed in a container in each learning area. Vegetarian, chicken and tuna are available.
Nomination for St Therese Primary School
Parents and Friends Association

Committee Position for 2016

I,………………………………………..…………………………………….., would like to nominate for the position of:

(please circle) President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

Member – Newsletter Coordinator
Member – Class Parent Coordinator
Member – General Committee

To represent the school community as an Office Bearer of the St Therese Primary School Parents and Friends Association.

Signed……………………….. Dated………………

Seconded………………….. Dated………………

Community News:

Bellbrae Disco
Years 5/6

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No tickets at the door!
Limited number of tickets available for St Therese Year 5 & 6 students
from Bellbrae P.S. Office on Tuesday 17th November, 2015.
First come...First Served - Limit 2

Just bring your ticket to the hall and pay $5.00 at the door on the night

Time: 7.00pm -9:30pm

When: Friday, 20th November, 2015
Where: Bellbrae Hall

Free drinks - (No BYO Soft Drinks / Energy Drinks allowed)

Lucky Spot Prizes

When was the last time you felt really alive?

MEN’S WEEKEND

The menALIVE Men’s Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. This experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organized by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

28th and 29th November 2015

Our Lady’s Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School
John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove, VIC

For more information, contact:

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0428 497 489

Matthew Lordrens
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agtmenalive@hotmail.com

560 investment includes:

• Workshops
• Morning and afternoon tea
• Lunch & BBQ dinner on Saturday

(Catering available)

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au