Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends,

St Therese would like to thank Deb Adams and the outgoing P&F committee members for their amazing work this year. Deb has brought boundless energy and enthusiasm to this role over the last 3 years as President. The P & F play a vital role in forging a strong community bond with our families as well as raising an amazing amount of money to support our children. We would also like to welcome Kenlyn, Sally and Laura to the role of President, Vice President and Secretary and offer our full support to them the rest of the P & F Committee.

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

Entertainment and Formalities from 6:30pm
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 on the 3rd regardless of the weather.

CHRISTMAS EVE’S FAMILY MASSES: Thursday December 24
- St. Therese Church, Torquay
  Children’s Mass @ 5.00pm
  Family Mass @ 7:30pm
- Nazareth Church, Grovedale @ 7:30pm
(Christmas carols commence 15 mins prior to all Christmas Eve Masses)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: Friday December 25
St. Therese Church, Torquay @ 8.45am
St. Christopher’s Church, Anglesea @10.30am
Bring your own (BYOD) Year 5/6 2016:
The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for Students in years 5/6 and will again be implemented in 2016. This program allows students to use an iPad, mini iPad or other tablet devices that they have purchased and are wholly responsible for. We have worked with our IT management provider, Centorrino, to ensure that all students can access their device through our school network and security system.
We will continue to provide school – owned laptops and iPad for all students to use and no student will be disadvantaged if they do not have their own devise.
A careful consideration for Year 6 students is that most secondary schools will require students to purchase or lease a completely new devise in Year 7. There are no expectations that your students will purchase an iPad or mini iPad for next year. We are aware that many students have an iPad and with Christmas coming up we wanted to inform you of our plans.

- Students may provide their own personal iPad, mini iPad or other tablet devise and this will be to be linked to the school network
- We will continue to offer the availability of school-owned netbook/laptops and iPads in all classes
- If Students bring their own device they are fully responsible if it is lost, stolen or damaged.
- A detailed BYOD policy will be presented to all families that intend to take this offer up

Any questions please direct to Ron on rdando@sttorquay.catholic.edu.au

November Birthday Prep Party:
Archer, Stella, Meliah, Oliver, Gemma, Hamish, Piper and Ava all had a lovely time with Mr Gibbons at the Prep November Birthday’s Morning Tea this week.

Parish Christmas Get together:
Dear families,
You are warmly invited to come along to Mass at Grovedale this Sunday the 29th November at 10.30AM and stay afterwards for lunch in the multipurpose room. If you are already attending St Therese Mass then you are welcome to come along just for lunch. The parish will be supplying sausages in bread and we ask that you please bring a small plate to share if possible. All families are most welcome and we would love to see you and begin the Christmas festive season together.
Ange De Grandi
Community Engagement

Yr 1/2 Mass:
We wish to extend to you an invitation to join us at the 1/2 Family Mass on Sunday, November 29 at St. Therese Church at 8:45am. It is a special celebration which the students will be helping with on the morning.
1/2 Team
**Prep News:**
On Tuesday Prep and Year 1/2 had a visit from the Market Fresh ladies from Melbourne Market.

They talked to us all about healthy eating before sharing some delicious fresh fruit and veggie snacks with us.

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**Prep Transition Session 2:**
**Library News:**
As we are currently undertaking a stock take of all our books, library borrowing has stopped and all library books are now due back at school. Please return to Return Boxes in your Learning Community Area.
A big "Thank You" to all who supported our Book Fair last week. We love your enthusiasm for books.
From the Year 6 Book Fair Team.

**Asian Garden:**
As you may have noticed, the tape around the Asian garden has been removed, so the path is open for walking - yes, for walking, not running! And yes, on the path!
A group of enthusiastic students and teachers have worked extremely hard to regenerate the Asian Garden this term and I'm sure you'll appreciate we are very proud of the results. An added bonus is we noticed today there are plants sprouting up from the first planting some years ago. Amazing what can be achieved with a bit of TLC! So PLEASE share our pride in OUR school by caring for the garden.
Please enjoy the garden for quietly sitting, drawing, relaxing, appreciating nature, experiencing gratitude, feeling pride, listening......

**Healing Mass and Luncheon:**
A big thankyou to Ron and the Yr 6 students who did a wonderful job waitressing and singing to the guests at the luncheon yesterday after Mass. The elderly parishioners enjoyed seeing them there, and joining in some Christmas carols!
Ange De Grandi
Community Engagement
2015 has been another busy and successful year for the P&F. All the hard work has paid off and we have raised $33,000 for the school.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who have given up some of your time this year, it is greatly appreciated.

The P&F have also played the important role of organising meals for some of our families going through tough times. I would like to thank all of you who donated a meal for these families. Every little bit helps.

What a great community we have!

Our AGM was held on Tuesday and I am pleased to announce the new P&F members to the executive committee:

**President** - Kenlyn Heaney  
**Vice President** - Sally Hart  
**Secretary** - Laura Gordon  
**Treasurer** - position still available  
**Newsletter Co-ordinator** - Kate Walsh

**General Committee** – Paula Muir, Marisa Joseph, Ange DeGrandi, Clea Turner, Mel Boswell, Carolyn Calthorpe, Debbie Adams, Barb Ruzicka – Powell, Megan McGay, Tania Huxtable, Steve Akers and Susie Byast

Thanks to all these parents for taking on these roles.

Signing off, Deb Adams.

**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 2 December**. 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 9 December**. 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.
Extend Before and After School Care at
St Therese Primary School

Our recap

Before School Care
The kids at Before School Care have been busy finishing placemats for Meals on Wheels, played karaoke, cooked penguin waffles and made penguin masks. We have also enjoyed watching Ice Age.
- Michelle

After School Care
Over the past two weeks at After School Care, we have busy learning about different parts of the world such as China and Japan. The children got to draw their own version of The Great Wall of China and make origami. We have also been very active outside playing cricket, footy and GAGA. The children expressed their love for the game Family Feud which we embraced and have been playing when the children first come in in the afternoon.
- Tayla

Next fortnight we are going around the world in 10 days! Here are our planned activities for After School Care:

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<td>We can play marbles and volleyball, just like they do in Vietnam and Armenia!</td>
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<td>Thursday 3rd December</td>
<td>Vikings are from Denmark, Norway and Sweden! Let’s make our own Viking costumes!</td>
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<td>A trip to Japan to learn how to make paper origami boats! Can yours float?</td>
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<td>Heading back to France, let’s build them a brand new Eiffel Tower!</td>
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<td>Stopping by Egypt, can you turn your friend into a mummy?!</td>
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<td>Tuesday 1st December</td>
<td>Gilbert the Gecko is coming to visit!   We’re also going to enjoy some Vietnamese rice paper rolls!</td>
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<td>Monday 30th November</td>
<td>Inquiry Day – What activities do you want to do for Christmas at Extend?</td>
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Have you ‘liked’ Extend After School Care?
Did you know we have a Facebook page filled with fantastic pictures and information from our services? Find out what your After School Care has been up to or get some great ideas of activities to do at home with the kids. You never know what you might find if you don’t look and like!
Visit: [http://www.facebook.com/ExtendAfterCare](http://www.facebook.com/ExtendAfterCare) and make sure to LIKE us!

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

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HOLIDAY MOVIES

JANUARY 2016

ST. MARY’S PLAZA THEATRE – (Parish Centre, Lt. Myers Street)

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Tuesday, January 5th:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
“LUCKY DOG” Lucky’s owner, Travis, is a father of two, dedicated to his children, his job and his dog. All is going well until Travis begins going out with a new girlfriend, Amber. Lucky usually chases away anyone new, but this time he falls in love with Amber’s dog, Amy. When the adults have problems the dogs must make things right. 1 hr. 30 mins. (Rated PG)

Thursday, January 7th:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 a.m.
“HOME” An alien called “Oh” who is on the run from his own people makes friends with a girl named Tip. After a series of adventures they find that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human. While he changes her planet, she changes his world. 1 hr. 30 mins. (Rated PG)

Tuesday, January 12th:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
“INSIDE OUT” After young Riley is uprooted from her life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - joy, fear, anger, disgust and sadness - conflict on how best to navigate her new home and school. 1 hr. 35 mins. (Rated PG)

Thursday, January 14th:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
“MINIONS” Minions, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett, a super villain who alongside her inventor husband, Herb, dreams up a plot to take over the world, but Minions have other ideas! 1 hr. 30 mins. (Rated PG)

Tuesday, January 19th:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
“SHAUN THE SHEEP” When Shaun decides to take the day off and have some fun, he gets a little more action than he bargained for with a farmer and a caravan that lead them to the big city. 1 hr. 30 mins. (Rated G)

Thursday, January 21st:
10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
“FINDING NEMO” After his son is captured in the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to bring them safely home. 1 hr. 40 mins. (Rated G)

A SUGGESTED DONATION OF $5 PER HEAD WOULD BE APPRECIATED
for both children and adults

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