Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you all had a restful time. We certainly have had our share of wet weather!

On the first of October we celebrated the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. St Therese of Lisieux, in northern France, was a young Carmelite Sister who died at the age of 24. She said: “I will spend my time in heaven doing good on earth.” Therese was aware that most of us will never achieve anything great or be well-known. Her “little way” (as she called it) was to choose to live in a loving way her ordinary daily life, no matter how monotonous it might be. When somebody was annoying her, Teresa set out to think of that person’s qualities and good intentions. “You’ve always got a smile for me,” remarked someone who, in fact, always irritated her! “My vocation, my calling,” Therese said “is to love.” Whatever was frustrating and annoying in daily life she offered to God to be transformed into something good for other people. Teresa said: “Love can do all things. Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions - or even at their difficulty - as at the love with which we do them.”

She was often ill - and she would die of tuberculosis when she was only 24. She realised that, as quiet and hidden suffering and sacrifice is offered to God, it is transformed into being of help to other people. “My little way,” she wrote “is the way of childhood - the way of trust and absolute self-surrender. In my little way, everything is most ordinary. Jesus will transform us.”

Let us pray:
Lord Jesus,
You told your friends not to worry about the future. Mt 634
You showed them how to have the attitude of simple trust that young children have, so that they could place themselves into the caring hands of our Father.
Amen.
Staff/student organisation for 2017:
We are in the initial stages of planning for 2017. We are aware that for various reasons some families will be relocating next year. To assist us with this planning, we will be sending out a CareMonkey note early next week. Please respond to this ASAP.

Maternity leave replacement teachers 2017:
As you are aware, a number of our staff will be on maternity leave in 2017. We will advertise and interview for replacement teachers in the next few weeks.

Reminder - Hats on @ St. Therese!
St. Therese Sunsmart Policy notes that all children will be required to wear school hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside. Children without hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas – ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ Policy to be enforced.

Be sunsmart 5 things to remember:
Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. More than 1,700 people die from skin cancer every year - that's more than the national road toll. In Victoria, from September through to the end of April, average UV levels are 3 and above, which is when UV radiation can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer.
So, when the UV Index is 3 and above:
1. Slip on sun-protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen - put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards
3. Slap on a hat - that protects your face, head, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

School Board AGM:
Thursday November 10 at 7.00pm: All Welcome
The Annual General Meeting for the school Board will be held on Thursday November 10. Nominations are called for 2 vacant positions. Could you please complete the attached nomination form if you would like to nominate for a position on the school Board. The terms of Board appointments are for 2 years. The following is an extract from our School Board constitution in relation to the nomination process.
1.1 Nominations of candidates for election as members of the Board:
· Shall be in writing, signed by at least one parent and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed in the form of the nomination); and
· Shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Board not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for holding of the annual general meeting.
1.2 If insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies of the Board, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting. If still not enough nominations are received the School Principal and the Parish Priest can fill the positions by cooption.
1.3 If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
1.4 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
The ballot for the election of members of the Board shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Board may direct. It is important that the board comprises of persons with a diverse range of skills and experience. Please send nominations to the secretary of the School Board via the office.

2016 School Board Nomination:
There are two positions available on the School Board. If you are interested in nominating, please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

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Signature: ...................................................................

Date: .................................................................

Nominated by .............................................................

Signature: ...................................................................

Date: .................................................................

Skill set of nominee .............................................................

Please note: Current Board Members and Nominees vote on vacant positions. Nomination forms are also available from the office.

**Summer Uniform:**
The first 2 weeks of this term allowed for a changeover to summer uniform which includes all children wearing their hats. As of the beginning of week three (Next week) full summer uniform should be worn. It is important that all children are in the correct summer uniform.
Please visit our website for full uniform details. www.sttorquay.catholic.edu.au

**School Closure Days Term 4:**
Monday October 31 (Day before Melbourne Cup) - Staff will be involved in report writing on this day.
Tuesday November 1 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Monday December 5 - Planning day for 2017.

**RE News:**
**Important dates.**

**Sacrament catch-up date:** **Sunday November 13.** This date has been set aside for students in Year 4 or 6 who prepared for the Sacrament of Eucharist or Confirmation but were unable to attend the Sacrament with the school group. If this applies to your child please email Mr Dando or Mr Caddy to arrange further details.

**Yr 1/2 Year level Mass:** On **Sunday November 27** the students and families in the 1/2 Learning Community are encouraged to attend St Therese Church at 8:45 Mass. This date marks the beginning of the new church year at Advent. The students will be actively involved in preparing for, and celebrating the Eucharist. Please mark this date in your calendars.
Sport News:

Geelong North Division Athletics

On September the 15th, 2016, students from St Therese went to the Geelong North Division Athletics. Everyone who went did extremely well as they represented our school. There were some students who did extra well and qualified for the Western Metropolitan Regional Athletics at Keilor Park on the 11th of October. Most students got to do their event(s) but it started raining at about lunch time therefore the other events got washed out because the Barwon River was rising towards the track. For all of the 800 meters events, students qualified if they had the top two times from the District Athletics Championships. And as for the 100 meters finals, it depended on the student’s time on the heats. Congratulations and great job to all those went.

Lila Burns.

Regional Athletics Championships

On Tuesday, 11th October, Reef Page, Lila Burns and Cooper Patton represented St Therese at the Regional Athletics Championships at Keilor Athletics Track in Melbourne.
The students should again be congratulated on their fantastic performances.
Lila Burns -5th 10yr Girls 100m Sprints
Cooper Patton- 4th 10yr Boys Long Jump
Reef Page- 6th 11yr Boys Shot Put

Learning & Teaching:

3/4 children helping the Prep children to make their own St Therese good deed beads.
Mission Day:

MISSION DAY Georgia McCardel
It’s one of the most fantastic days of the year that everyone can enjoy! In early fourth term, you get to have MISSION DAY! 5/6s get to run heaps of different stalls such as food stalls, pie face, games and even sports. No one likes it more than the people that run it. 5/6s get to decide what stalls they get to do, how to run it, posters, roles and so much more. The best part is being able to sell what you have made and seeing all the younger kids enjoying it.
I was at the ZIGG ZAGG Milkshakery and I sold cupcakes. We also sold spiders, watermelon, lemonade, milkshakes and smoothies. We made about $300. Altogether the 5/6’s made about $5300. When we got breaks, we went to other stalls and got lunch…….sugary lunch. Everyone’s stalls were amazing.
The reason we do this is to raise money for the girls in Kontum. They don’t have nearly as much as we have so all the money we raise goes to them.

Mission Day. By Paris Hayes
Every year in October, early term 4 at St Therese, 5/6s each make a stall for all the other grades. Everyone is invited and we have lots of fun activities. These activities include slide ‘n’ slide, jumping castle, cold rock ice cream, Zig Zag cafe, nerf gun wars, carnival craziness, sausage sizzle, nails and hair, hot chips, pie in the face and HEAPS more.
But the activities at these stalls aren't for free. That’s because the money we raise goes all the way over to a girls’ convent in Kon Tum, Vietnam. These girls have to walk all the way to the convent which is four kilometres or more from their villages. The reason their families send them to walk that distance is for their education. If you had a guess how much money we raised you would probably guess around $3,000. Well, then you would probably be incredibly wrong because it was $2,000 more because we made $5,300.
We were all incredibly happy to raise all this money. I was in a stall with Tullulah, Rio and Suraya. We did a stall on shoot down the plastic cups and if you knock them all down you would get a prize. We all had amazing fun. Seeing all my friends and fellow students having all so much fun, we all can't wait for next year.
Mission day By Lux Kolarik- Doherty and Grace O’Kane.
On Wednesday the 12th of October it was Mission Day. Even though it rained for a little bit, it was still enjoyable. The 5/6 students put lots of effort into their great stalls and the other students, parents and teachers loved the stalls. It was a day that everyone enjoyed. The 5/6 students raised about $5300 for the girls in Vietnam. They enjoyed running the stalls for everyone. There was a variety of different stalls such as slushies, hot chips, madhatter tea party, smoothies, popcorn, sausage sizzle, cold rock and more. There was even some activities such as a slip and slide, pie in the face, mini games and more. Nazareth School also attended because they are part of the Reach Vietnam Project. Even though there was no haunted house, it was still a great mission day. All of the stalls were an amazing success!

Mission Day - Lainey and Lily
The 2016 Mission Day was a huge success, with everyone coming together. Even Nazareth joined us for a day of fun for a great cause. During the holidays it was St Therese's feast day. We celebrate with Mission Day every year early Term Four. The morning started off with a Mass run by Father Linh. During this Mass we came together to remember why we have Mission Day and where the money raised is going. Straight after Mass the year 5/6s got to work setting up their stalls, ready for people to come and enjoy. When we started selling, the huge hits were chocolate dipped strawberries, hot chips, pie in the face and the raffles of course. But in the end, it was a team effort. Even though the weather wasn't on our side, we still raised about $5,300!! This will go a long way, giving over 40 girls in Kontum an education and necessary resources each day. Thanks to everyone for supporting this event.

Mission Day Report Darcy Aleksandrowicz
On Wednesday 12th October the annual festival at St Therese (known as Mission Day) was underway. All the children from 5/6 put together stalls to raise money for the girls in Kontum. Some of the stalls had food and entertainment and others were games that provided a challenge for the little ones. All together the children of 5/6 raised a total of around $5300 which will now go towards helping the girls afford food, learning resources and useable technology. The stalls themselves were competing against poor conditions like rain and storms, but they were still able to sell and make money. These stalls became popular amongst kids who like challenges, games and food. Most of the experiences were everything from fun challenge games to warm delicious food and a few messy games things here and there. The festival went for two hours of fun and games and counting money and giving change to customers. When two hours came to an end the students of 5/6 had a long clean up and a date with sleep.
Welcome back to Term Four and the countdown towards the end of the school year.

We would like to thank Laura Gordon for coordinating the Family and Friends Movie Night at the end of Term 3, and congratulate her on a great fund raising effort of over $1000. We had over 200 people attend the movie “Secret Life of Pets” and everyone had a fun night.

The P&F would also like to give a huge “Thank-you!” to Rob Montobello and Stephen Dean, who have coordinated the Father’s Day Golf Day for the last four years. They have grown this day into one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and a very popular event. While Rob and Stephen will remain involved in the day, they are handing over the reins to Shane McGrath and Frank Myers in 2017.

Besides the fundraising aspect of some of the P&F events, I think it is the spirit of such a great school community that make these events wonderful. Seeing so many families and friends gathered and simply enjoying each other’s company is what makes these events so special and we appreciate everyone who helps out and joins in, to create this with us.

On Thursday November 17 we will have Grandparent's Day and I already know of quite a few Grandparents who are excited about it, we are looking forward to welcoming them at the school.

Happy Term Four!

Kenlyn Heaney
President of Parents and Friends Committee
Family Portraits Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October
There are still some times available if you would like to have your family portrait taken with Photographer Ange Rae. Please call Ange on 0425 873 022.

Grandparents’ Day Book Fair Week
When: Thursday 17 November @ 2:00pm
Where: St Therese Hall
Grandparents or Special Persons are welcome to join students for a prayer in the hall followed by a classroom tour of our wonderful learning areas. Parents & Friends will provide an afternoon tea back in the hall so grandparents/special person can enjoy a wander through the *Book Fair* with their grandchild(ren).
Christmas will be just around the corner and this will be a great gift opportunity and support on raising funds for our school library

Hot Dog Day
Don’t forget HOT DOG DAY is held every second Wednesday. Each child is to bring correct money to their respective classroom and fill in the forms located in their class.

The next Hot Dog Day will be held on Wednesday October 26.

Prices:
- Hot dogs $2.50
- Fruit Juice $1
- Wonka Raspberry Twister 50c each

Munch Day Lunch Orders
Tuesday orders must be in by mid-night Sunday prior. Thursday orders must be in by mid-night Tuesday prior.
You can order ahead for the whole week and even a few weeks in advance by putting in the correct dates per order. The link below is how and where to order. Happy Munching! [https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/](https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/)

Second Hand Uniform Shop
We are currently looking for donations of summer items, particularly summer dresses. Donations may be left at the front reception or dropped off to the Uniform Shop.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by a parent every Wednesday if you need assistance, otherwise you are welcome to help yourself. Prices are listed on the shelves and we just ask that you put the money in the envelopes provided there and put the envelope in the P&F mail box at front reception. Also it is much appreciated by the next person coming along, if you could replace clothes back neatly in the correct size boxes. For all enquiries please contact Kristin at kristind71@yahoo.com.
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