



**St Therese**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TORQUAY

**Mass Times in Parish**

Anglesea: Sat 6.00pm  
Torquay: Sun 8.45am  
Grovedale: Sun 10.30 am  
Parish No: 9412 8444  
Presbytery No: 9412 8443

**2019**

**Term 1:**

**Nazareth Parish  
Combined School Fun  
Run:** Thurs March 21  
(see info below)

**St Therese School  
Twilight Fair:** Sat  
March 23, 3pm - 8pm

**School Board AGM:**  
Wed April 3 @ 7.30pm  
School Staffroom

**Last Day of Term 1:** Fri  
April 5 @ 1.30pm

An up to date Calendar can be  
found on our school website.



# Newsletter

**March 21 – Term 1, Week 8 2019**

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As we make the first steps into the “Bright Sadness” of Lent, we see far, far away the destination. It is the joy of Easter. It is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent’s sadness bright and our Lenten effort a “spiritual Spring.” The night may be dark and long, but all along the way, a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon. Alexander Schmemmann

*“I have told you often and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross...so then my brothers and sisters and dear friends, do not give way, but remain faithful in the Lord”*

A reading from St. Paul to the Philippians 3: 17-41

## Religious Education News

Last Saturday as our students were presented at mass to commit to preparation for Reconciliation it was difficult to think of forgiveness when there is so much hatred around us. And yet as the Year 3 students are learning in depth, through the parable of the “Forgiving Father” this is a perfect time to be forgiving, to be filled with Hope and to be like the Father, who forgives his son of all his unfaithful deeds. As the second reading, quoted on Page 1, implores us, ‘Remain faithful in the Lord.’



*“It’s the little things that matter”*  
Jan Fagan (Religious Education Leader)

## Wellbeing

Compassion again, seems a fitting value to act upon this week. Many people have been upset and angry over the Christchurch tragedy. When something like this happens it does shake us all and we will be feeling compassion for the many people affected. It is often in this tragedy that we see the true compassion of Christ: in the brave actions of strangers, in the comfort offered, in the support and thoughts and prayers of people who, as human beings, are linked to us as family. *This is compassion.*

*We act with: Respect...Gratitude...Compassion*  
Jan Fagan (Wellbeing)



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**We acknowledge gratitude and thank the following people and groups in our school community:**

- Leigh for all of his work organising Athletics Sports. What a great day.
- The Parents that assisted at various events at the Athletics Day
- The Clonard staff and students that assisted with our athletics day
- St Therese Students for the way they participated and supported each other at the athletics Sports
- St Therese staff for their support at last weekend's Reconciliation presentation mass
- The Fair committee for all their work organising the upcoming fair and the parents who have offered to assist at the various stalls
- Anne Jordan and staff organising committee for tonight's Reach Vietnam Fun Run

**School Advisory Committee:**

Our next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting**. This is an open meeting for all parents in the school community. The meeting will be held in the staff room **from 7.30pm on Wednesday April 3**, followed by an opportunity to meet with school leadership and Advisory Committee members in a social atmosphere. **Drinks and nibble will be available on the night.** As all member are new for the 2019 school year, there are no positions available for new members. The format of the night will include annual reports from the Principal, School Board Chairperson and Parents and Friends, as well as a Guest Speaker, Matthew Smith (Parent of Braxton) will talk with us about the work he is doing as CEO of WANTA Aboriginal Academies: "Through the provision of sport, recreation and cultural leadership opportunities, we endeavor to support stronger engagement in the education system for indigenous youth living in remote areas." Come along and have a listen the Matthew and the work they are doing in Aboriginal communities.

We will also elect the positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary.

Current Committee members are:

**Ex-officio Members**

Fr Linh Tran Parish Priest

Noel Dillon School Principal

Louise Hill Teacher Representative – Elected by the school teaching staff.

Jan Fagan Deputy Principal

Other staff members as part of staff presentation to the Committee

**Representative members**

Jamie Wheelahan and Samantha Arklay Parents' auxiliary – elected by members of the Parents and Friends

Rosemary Malone - Parish Representative

**Elected members** Cameron Healy Chairperson, Ben Smith, Samantha Arklay, Brigid Papaix, Daphne Henderson, Jacqui Fenwick, Juliet McDonald, Laura Gordon (Minutes Secretary) Jamie Wheelahan

**"At the very heart of each Catholic school is a desire for the full flourishing of each student across religious, physical, cognitive, emotional and social domains." *Horizons of Hope Religious Education Guidelines***

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### **NAPLAN 2019:**

This year, between 14th and 24th May, NAPLAN will be Online at St Therese. The transition to NAPLAN online commenced in 2018 with Federal, state and territory education ministers agreeing that all schools will be online by 2020. NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. NAPLAN Online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

Feedback from schools that have undertaken the NAPLAN assessment online was that students generally find the online assessment engaging.

For more information on Understanding NAPLAN Online you can watch a short video [here](#).

Next Thursday 28th March, the Years 3 and 5 students will be completing a practice NAPLAN Online test to familiarise them with the online experience. It will be a 45 minute test that covers Reading, Numeracy and Language Conventions. Writing will not be included.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online please have a look at the FAQs [here](#).

**TODAY'S LESSON:**

**KEEPING NAPLAN IN PERSPECTIVE**

- 1) **NAPLAN is about making sure your child is on track in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.**  
Good literacy and numeracy levels are fundamental to a child's learning and development. If children are not going as well as they should in these areas, then parents and teachers need to be aware of this as soon as possible.
- 2) **NAPLAN helps you see your child's growth and achievements**  
Not only does NAPLAN provide data on your child's achievements in literacy and numeracy, but if they continue with NAPLAN at each opportunity, you can see their growth across a seven-year schooling period.
- 3) **NAPLAN isn't high stakes testing and it amounts to less than 16 hours over 7 years of schooling.**  
Parents and teachers should place NAPLAN into context and reassure children about its purpose – to identify, as early as possible, a child's strengths and areas for development to make sure they are progressing in literacy and numeracy.

**acara** AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY **NAPLAN** NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

### **Nazareth Parish Combined Schools Fun Run/Walk on TONIGHT:**

We encourage families to get behind this new event. Families can come along, enjoy the 3km walk or run and stay for a BYO picnic tea. This will be an great social event as well as an opportunity to get your daily steps up.



### **Nazareth Parish Combined Schools Fun Run / Walk**

**Date:** Thursday 21st March, 2019

**Venue :** Armstrong District Park, Sovereign Drive, Armstrong Creek

**Time :** 5.30 (for 6pm start) -7.30pm

**Fun run/ walk distance:** just over 3km (runners will go first/ followed by walkers)

**BYO Picnic Rug/Chairs and Picnic**

**REACH Vietnam**



## HOLY WEEK/EASTER 2019

### PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

Saturday 13 April

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

Sunday 14 April

8:45 am Mass - St Therese Church, Torquay

10:30 am Mass - Nazareth Church, Grovedale



### LENTEN RECONCILIATION – WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

7:30 pm – St Therese Church, Torquay

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY – 18 APRIL

7:30 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - St Therese Church, Torquay

#### GOOD FRIDAY – 19 APRIL

3:00 pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion* - St Therese Church, Torquay

#### HOLY SATURDAY – 20 APRIL

8:00 pm *The Easter Vigil Mass* - St Therese Church, Torquay

*NO VIGIL MASS AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH, ANGLESEA*

Please note that there will be *Stations of the Cross* held at Nazareth Church, Grovedale at 10:00 am on Friday 19 April.

### EASTER SUNDAY - 21 APRIL

8:45 am *Mass* - St Therese Church, Torquay

10:30 am *Mass* - St Christopher's Church, Anglesea

10:30 am *Mass* - Nazareth Church, Grovedale



## Parents & Friends News Corner

Respect....Gratitude....Compassion

In keeping in line with the school's vision, virtues and philosophy on wellbeing, we as the Parents & Friends Association want to remind all parents that it is important we similarly uphold these as representatives of St Therese Catholic Primary School. We are expected to be models to our children and exhibit respect, gratitude and compassion to those in our community and to one another. Thank you for your continued support of the school and our children's educational journey.



## Twilight Fair Update

Not long now before the Twilight Fair!!! We still need donations to make the stalls a success. Please bring all baked goods with date made and list of ingredients to the school hall kitchen on the day of the fair. You can drop off plants, flowers, lucky dips, chocolates and hair spray into the school office. Have you got your unlimited rides wristband? Quickly, before it's too late and save nearly \$10 per ticket as the price goes up to \$40 on the day. You can get your tickets at [Eventbrite](#). Wondering what's in store for your family fun-day? Click [here](#) for a sneak peek as to what to expect and to see the local businesses and organisations within our community that have supported the Twilight Fair.



### Upcoming Events

If you expressed an interest to help, you will be receiving an email from us regarding the upcoming events. Otherwise, please email us at [sttheresepandf@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresepandf@gmail.com) if you're available to help in our next upcoming events or have any great ideas to help support the school.



### Saturday March 23rd *Twilight Fair*

Calling out for continued donations to make it a bigger and better fair! Early bird unlimited rides tickets are available until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm at [Eventbrite](#). It'll be an autumn fun-filled family affair, see you there!



### Tuesday April 2nd *P&F General Committee Meeting, 7:30pm RACV*

Come join us at our monthly committee meeting, all are welcome! We will be planning for the next big community event, the Mother's Day Luncheon as well as the Mother's Day Stall. Hope to see you there!

*More Hands Make Less Work!*



### Friday April 5th *Easter Raffle*

We are seeking parent helpers to sell tickets in the classrooms from 9am on the day. We are looking for donations of chocolates as well. The raffle will be drawn on the day in the school hall at approximately 1:00pm. All helpers to contact [Paula.muir@gmail.com](mailto:Paula.muir@gmail.com).



### Friday May 3rd *Mother's Day Luncheon*

Save the date reminder! Our second community event is just around the corner. Watch this space for more news and information on the event that honours the mothers in our community.



### Friday May 10th *Mother's Day Stall*

The annual Mother's Day Stall is a popular amongst the children. Watch this space for more details for volunteers to help with the school P&F event.



# ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

- A Holiday Program with a difference! Run by local teachers with decades of experience!
- All participants takeaway an item of their choosing **from sports equipment, clothing and plenty more**
- Caters for ALL Primary School aged students and abilities

## Term 1 HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2019

With Mr Josh Brown & Mr Jake Mason (Torquay College teachers)

**Tuesday 9th April**

**Laser Tag**

**Inflatables, bunkers, camouflage**

An action packed day full of as much 'Laser Tag' action as you can handle! Bring your friends and challenge them to team and individual challenges using laser guns that shoot up to 100m. We also have a huge range of initiative and team tactic games- sure to be the highlight of your holidays!



**Wednesday 10th April**

**Battle n' Boots**

**Soccer, AFL 9s & Battleball (like dodgeball but better!)**

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### What we have been doing in Outside School Hours Care?

We have had heaps of fun this week including doing activities such as PLAYING WITH PLAYDOH and MAKING AWESOME DRAWINGS.

But with our new addition of comfortable rugs, the kids have been doing a lot of relaxation and reading.

#### Meet the Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible for your children. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens first hand.

To find out more about our program, view our fees and to register, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and search for your school. It's free to register!

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#### Community News:

##### **POSITIONS VACANT**

Currently we are witnessing major building developments in Torquay North & Armstrong Creek. The Parish has three Church communities as well as three Catholic Primary schools, with a fourth to open in 2020.

As a result an opportunity exists within the Nazareth Parish of Grovedale, Torquay & Anglesea to fill the following positions:

Parish Secretary Approx. 30hours.

Finance Officer Approx. 15hours.

There is a possibility that the time fraction may increase as the Parish demands expand. The positions are situated at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay.

Closing date: Wednesday 3rd April, 2019.

Applications are to be sent to [recruitment@cam.org.au](mailto:recruitment@cam.org.au) by Wednesday 3rd April, 2019. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For further information contact Ashley Thomas HR Officer on (03) 9926 5615  
Email: [recruitment@cam.org.au](mailto:recruitment@cam.org.au)



Families may be interested to learn that a new co-educational secondary college is opening in 2020 and is taking enrolments now. Iona College, Geelong will be headed up by the former principal from Clonard College, Damian McKew, and is located 260 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Charlemont 3217.

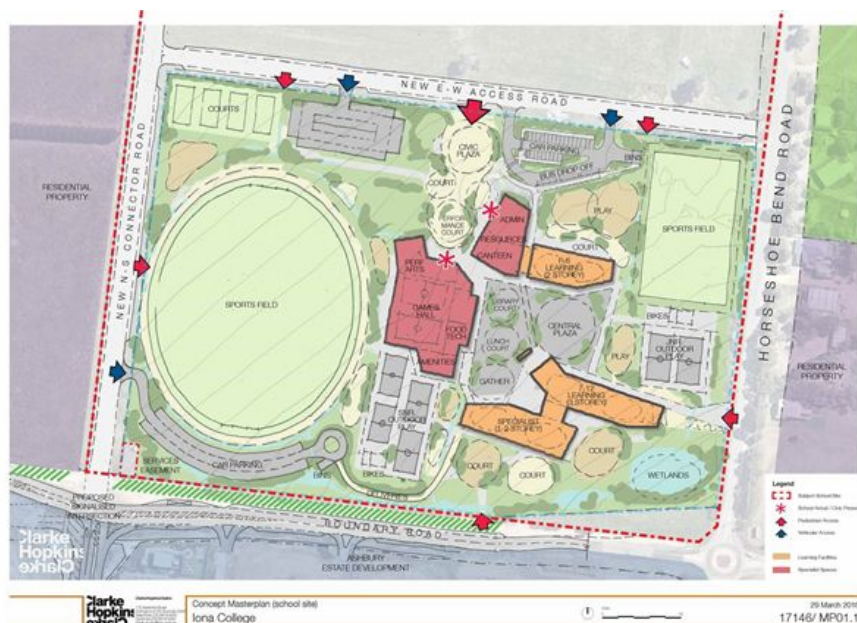
Iona College will be a showcase for educational excellence and adopt learnings from schools world-wide. The intention is to develop relationships with Tertiary institutions that use that latest

research to promote a holistic educational experience – spiritually, academically, physically and emotionally.

Mr McKew is taking small group interviews with interested families who would like to discuss the opportunity with him personally – interviews are available 5-26 March. Additionally, an evening information session is being hosted on Wednesday 27 March for those unable to make one of the other dates.

To book an interview go to 'book interview' at <https://iona.vic.edu.au/> or to register your interest for the evening session email [enquiries@iona.vic.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@iona.vic.edu.au) (please note the number of attendees).

You can make contact with Iona College on 0427189279



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Year 7 applications for 2020 close on Friday 17 May 2019.

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