Learning & Teaching @ St. Theresa’s:
Helping Your Children With Mathematics

There are a number of things you can do at home to help your child with maths. Here are a few suggestions for you to try.

**Building on success is important.** Create the impression that being successful in maths is desirable. Reward effort and try not to criticise errors.

**Let your child work things out for themselves** and make links between what they know to new ideas. You can help by asking your child questions and then discussing their answers with them.

**Children need time to think and time to answer.** Don’t answer for them and don’t let big brothers & sisters answer for them either.

**Encourage children to talk.** Talking about mathematics is the best way of learning and the family is one of the best places to talk, especially when a mathematical situation arises.

**Use mathematical words** when you describe things. Instead of saying ‘the big red bucket’ you might say ‘the 10 litre bucket’.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday**
**7pm**

*We congratulate the children who are making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday night.*

Kadee Axiak, Alex Di Quattro, Nicholas Dolbel, Laura & William Flanagan, Majier Adut, Jorros Marayag, Luca Mezzavilla, Tyla Nguyen and Jet Loi Quach

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**Do Small Things Well**

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**BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN**

As the time draws close for our Grade 3 children to take their next step in faith and receive the Sacrament of the Reconciliation we pray..

Forgiving Father,
You are with these children as they begin their journey to your forgiveness.
Open their ears, minds, and hearts to the teaching of your Son.
Fill them with the Spirit of love, peace, joy, and kindness.
Amen

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Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Pereira family on the sad loss of Paula’s mother last week.
Prep/1s

Matthew Azzopardi for his amazing endeavor. He never gives up and he keeps on trying all the time. Well Done!
Madeleine Beckhurst for using her ‘writing seed' to create a terrific piece of writing.
Kayla Lu for being very brave and speaking in front of the whole school.

Khanh Huynh-Vu for being a happy and helpful student in P/1LJ.
Ivy Nguyen for trying hard to learn all her sounds.
Monica Robinson for being more focused on her work.

Grade 2/3s

Daniel Restall for being a great little worker in class. He always listens carefully, completes work well and asks lots of questions. Well Done!
Alex Di Quattro for excellent answers and questions about the human life span in our inquiry unit.

Maya Fittipaldi for terrific use of strategies in maths. Excellent work with number busting.
Harry Lau for a fantastic effort in mathematics. Excellent work when naming 2D and 3D shapes.

Grade 4s

Harvey Browne for his joint music report on his favourite band.
Angus Reinberger for his joint music report on his favourite band.

Grade 5/6s

Kira Axiak for doing a wonderful job on her picture story book and story board and creating a story that little children will love.
Gabby Azzopardi for enthusiasm and dedication to her work in all areas.
Anthony Pham for a fantastic picture story book for little children called ‘The Sad Blob”.
Harshil Patel for settling into life at St Theresa’s so well.
Erinn Dixon for trying her best at Interschool sport. Good job Erinn!
Extra Students Of The Week

This week we’ve got two extra special awards from Venetia. Congratulations to Angelina Perez and Nicholas Kain for always using their manners and being very friendly when they drop off or pick up the red tub from the office. Their big smiles brighten up Venetia’s day!

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE LANDSCAPE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Great news! We’re about to start our playground renovation. The Garden Committee met last Wednesday night to organize Stage 1, which will see our Adelaide St entrance improved with re-concreting and paving and some beautiful seating, planting and garden decoration along the walkway.

We intend to begin work on the first weekend of the school holidays 29th & 30th June and then for the next few weekends after that. We will definitely need some parents and friends to help so check your calendars and leave a weekend free to help with a working bee at St Theresa’s. A separate flyer will go home soon with specific dates and jobs to be done.

LIFE AS A TEENAGER

My name is Majier. I’m 19 years old and I’m still in school learning Physics, Algebra, Biology, Science, P.E. and English. All that boring stuff adds to the life I have at my house. Playing video games 24/7, not focusing on studies...AWESOME! My life is pretty much like an average teenager. Anyway I’m thinking about travelling to England (Manchester) and playing soccer there. Three months later...

Wish me luck, me and my team mates have a match against Barcelona. Ninety minutes later...We won 4 nil! I scored the whole 4 goals. It was the highlight of my life. (by Majier 2/3MS)

Work From The Classrooms

Grade 5/6’s Kitchen Rules

As an action for their Healthy Living Inquiry, the students must plan and cook a healthy meal and present it to a judging panel using the TV show as a model.

Today my group cooked a delicious meal for the judges. We cooked chicken, rice and salad for main and passionfruit yoghurt with berries for dessert. I was very happy with our feedback because everything went well. Our ‘cool’ feedback was about teamwork and connecting. To be honest it was true. When our judges asked us to leave the room we took our food to wash the plates and had a chance to try the chicken that we cooked...it was delicious! An interesting thing is that we get to judge another team...maybe time for payback.  (Amelia’s reflection)
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I.T. NEWS
This week’s app of the week is ‘Writing Letters Lite’

another one that’s free from the Apple App store.

And this week’s I.T. handy hint is

‘Always know who you’re talking to on the Internet’

FUNDRAISING NEWS...DISCO
Please complete the forms sent home last week as you will need to pre book if your child is coming to the disco. Fill out the form and send it in with your child / Children’s name/s and money ($5 each to attend). We will need the slips to help us with our food and drink orders and recording the children’s attendance on the night. There will be lollies, snacks, and things for the children to buy on the night. Drop off and collection of children will be through the church doors and into the school. It will start at 6pm and end at 8pm and will be supervised at all times. It should be a great night so please send those slips back through the red tubs in the classrooms or at the office.

Next Fundraising Meeting
The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. We had some new faces last time and it was great to see so many turn up. If you have been thinking about attending, please come along.

We wish Alexis and Casey good luck as they compete in the Divisional Cross Country Finals at Brimbank Park on Thursday and congratulate them for being good enough to qualify for them.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART MASS
Once again we are collecting non-perishable food for the needy families in our parish. Every classroom will have its own collection box and we would hope for as many donations as possible for this worthy cause. The Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass is on Friday 7th June so donations can begin this week. Thank you.

ENROLMENTS for 2014 are open. Parents considering enrolling their children at St Theresa’s Primary School for Prep 2014 or grades one to six should contact the school now on 93119070.

Grade 2/3 is still collecting blankets as part of their religion unit. They can be handed in to the teachers.

THANKS TO ASPIRE / VILLAWOOD
We have been lucky enough to receive $1000 from Villawood Properties. This organization supports schools and charities across the country. The money will be used in stage 1 of our playground refurbishment and will be put towards the plants.

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