Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

SWIMMING REQUEST

The school swimming program began smoothly today and will run for 8 sessions ending on Friday 15th November. As it is a whole school program, all teachers are committed to attending the lessons with their class; therefore we ask that if your child is unwell could you keep them at home please, as there will be minimal staff at school able to supervise them. Thanks for your support.

PREP 2014 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

A reminder that the meeting for our prep families for 2014 is this Thursday beginning at 6.30. It’s a different format this year and we will be starting the meeting by sharing some food together and then breaking into groups lead by our teachers.

We welcome Mary back to school this week, we’ve missed her a lot, but I think she might still be dreaming about beautiful Manarola… I know Marie is!

SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...Wed 13th November 7pm

An invitation is extended to all our parents to attend St Theresa’s School Board Annual General Meeting next Wednesday Night the 13th November at 7pm. At this meeting we will be finalizing the members of the Board for 2014 but more importantly we have asked Greg Woolford (our Family School Convenor) who finishes his contract with St Theresa’s at the end of 2013, to attend so that we can give him an official farewell from the school community. Please consider coming along and sharing some supper together and having a chat.
JUNIOR DESIGNERS AT WORK

TERM 4 INQUIRY : DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Grade 2/3: “We went to the park to look at the playgrounds. We are investigating moving parts, tools and machines and how they work. We need to use the ideas from the playgrounds we have visited to design our own mini playground. Then we’re going to make it, test it out and see if it works and finally make changes if we need to.” (Cherry Lou, Nicholas and Bettina show their labeled diagrams of the playgrounds.)

Grade P/1: “We’ve been doing floating and sinking experiments to help us design a boat. It was hard to draw and we had to label it too. We collected the things we needed to make our boats and then we tested them to see if they would work. Our boat had to give Teddy a ride and keep him dry. If the boat sank we had to make changes.” Piyush’s boat floated and he used plastic bottles to help. Claudia said “Mine floated because I used a bottle because I know bottles float.” Cooper’s boat floated but he still wants to make changes.

Playground Landscaping Committee Update
The group met last Wednesday to discuss Stage 2 of our plans...the Reflection Garden is situated between the library and the 2/3 learning area. To get started we need to quote on its construction, so if anyone is interested in quoting or knows a landscape gardener/builder who might be interested, could you let Marie know please. We’re also happy to tell you that we’re planning to build more seating around the playground.

BUNJIL’S NEST REMINDER
In last week’s newsletter we explained our plans to build a Community Bunjil’s Nest as a lead in to our Art Show on Wednesday 20th November at 5.30. We will be providing a BBQ dinner for everyone as well. It is important that EVERY family be involved. To make your part of the Bunjil’s Nest, every family will need to collect one stick about 80cm long with the bumpy bits sanded off. This is just a reminder to keep your eye out for one.

Important news.. As you know, Erin is off to have her baby soon. Erin will finish work on Wednesday November 27th. We wish her every happiness at this exciting time.

Dates for your diary...

- Wednesday 20th November : Community Arts Project / Art Show
- Wednesday 20th November : Kanga Cricket Gr 5/6
- Thursday 28th & Friday 29th November : School Closure Days
- Friday 13th December : Adventure Park Gr 6
- Tuesday 17th December : Graduation & End of Year Mass at 7pm
- Wednesday 18th December : Students last day of school for 2013

ASSEMBLY
There will be NO assembly this week. Our next assembly will be on Fri 15th Nov. run by 5/6 TM