The Seed In Rich Soil

While on our conference we were reminded how Jesus used the image of ‘rich soil’ when he spoke of the seed of God’s word growing within us. God is always dropping seeds into our hearts.

Jesus, the Planter...

Help me embrace the seeds of love in my heart.
Help me nurture these seeds with my faith.
Remind me to water them often with my prayer.
Amen

Each staff member received a sunflower seed to plant and grow as a symbol of our commitment to the nurturing and growth of our students at St Theresa’s.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the entire St Theresa’s staff attended our staff conference for 2013. We were lucky enough to be able to work off site at beautiful Bellinzona Conference Centre in Hepburn Springs. We spent time reviewing our School Improvement Plan to see what had changed at St Theresa’s over the past 4 years and the progress that has been made in the following areas; Education in Faith, Learning & Teaching, Leadership & Management, School Community and Student Wellbeing. We also took the opportunity to look at our E-Smart policy that underpins all that we do with IT at St Theresa’s, as well as investigate Blogs and Google apps, which will enhance future student learning. Workwise it was a very productive time and the input will set directions for the school for 2014 and beyond. Luckily enough there was a little downtime as well, as you can see!!!

As you know Erin began her Maternity Leave last week and we wish her all the best as she prepares for her baby. Angie and Pauline have kindly stepped in to finish the year off with grade 5/6E
ROB’S FAREWELL…Thursday 12th December (keep it free)

As most of you would know by now, Rob Costin, our wonderful Principal is finishing up at St Theresa’s at the end of 2013 to take on another principal position at Holy Spirit Primary School in Thornbury for next year. Rob has been with us for a long time and has achieved many great things for this school and its community. The night is being planned as a way for the St Theresa’s community to say a big thanks to Rob and to say goodbye. It will be held at the Sunshine City Club, 24 Talmage St, Albion and will begin at 7pm. Finger food will be provided. It would be wonderful if all our families could be there to wish Rob well and if you know any of our past families or friends, please invite them along as well. It’s sure to be a fun night.

5/6 Social Justice Day

On Wednesday the 27th November grade 5/6 E had a fundraiser for the people in the Philippines who are recovering after the Typhoon. We sold cupcakes to the teachers, Zooper doopers to the students and asked everyone to bring a gold coin donation to donate to the charity that helps those in the Philippines. We raised $473.95 and over $1000 from the Art Auction. We are very thankful that the whole school participated and we are proud of our achievement…many thanks! By Casey and Amelia Grade 5/6 E

Bunjil Nest Update

This week the families that weren’t able to make it to our Bunjil Nest night will have the chance to complete their stick. Once everyone has completed their sticks we will begin to assemble the nest. The nest will become a sculpture in the new garden area to be completed next year.

Grade Prep/1……...

This Friday at 100pm grade prep / 1 parents are invited to join us for their children’s book launch followed by a picnic lunch…. If you have the time this will be a very exciting event for the children.

A Special Message From Anna

Last week we said goodbye to Anna with a School Mass followed by a community afternoon tea. It was a wonderful occasion and Anna has asked if this message could be put in the newsletter.

A very big thankyou to Fr Barry, Rob, families, staff and children for the wonderful mass in celebration of my retirement. To the wonderful children of St Theresa's this extra special thank you is for you. Your wonderful drawings and thoughts will hold a very special place in my heart and I know at times when I look back on all your messages it will make me smile and remember the wonderful times we shared at St Theresa’s. Love and Best Wishes, Anna J.

2014 Prep Orientation

This Thursday is the last of three orientation mornings we have held for our 2014 preps. The group of children appears very ready for school and have had a great time exploring the classroom and getting to know each other. This Thursday they will meet their grade 6 buddy who will support them through their first year at school. While the students are in the class, their parents have been getting to know each other also and having conversations about how to support their child as they begin school.

We have some great families joining our St. Theresa's community next year.

IMPORTANT!

Please make sure that you mark Tuesday 17th December in your diaries. This will be our End Of Year Mass and will be the last time that the school community can gather for the year. Mass begins at 7pm.