A Prayer To St Patrick

As I arise today,
May the strength of God pilot me.
The power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

This week Victoria is holding Cultural Diversity Week, which is an opportunity for all Victorians to celebrate our wonderful multicultural society. It is a time to promote social harmony and mutual respect and acknowledge the benefits that social, religious and linguistic diversity bring to our state. St Theresa’s is getting involved by exploring themes around cultural diversity and displaying them on the boards in our multipurpose room. Please take the time to have a look at the students’ work and the message it conveys. There is also a ‘multicultural extravaganza’ being held in Fed Square in the City on Sunday 24th March. Details about it will be on the office noticeboard and there are pamphlets available from the office.

Last Thursday as part of Catholic Education Week, we were invited to celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. St Theresa’s sent along our Grade 6’s who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Rob, Tenielle-Marie and the students were lucky enough to meet Bishop Long.
EASTER REFLECTIONS

This year, as we prepare for Easter, each class will be taking one of the special Easter days and representing it in some way at a special assembly each day. We invite all families to be part of these special events. We begin on Friday when 2/3 D will depict Palm Sunday at normal assembly time 2.30pm. Next week on Monday from 9.00am to 9.15am, the P/1’s will be representing Holy Thursday, on Tuesday, from 9 until 9.15, our grade 5/6s will focus on Good Friday and finally on Thursday from 9 until 9.15 our Grade 4 students will present an Easter Sunday celebration. Please feel free to join us for all or any of these prayer services.

Fundraising Committee

The committee would like to invite any new (or old) parents to join the fundraising group. We will be having our next meeting in Term 2, week 3 on the 1st May at 7pm in the staffroom. Please put this date in your diaries.

St. Theresa’s Celebrates Catholic Education Week

We were so happy that many of our parents and grandparents made some time to join us at school on Friday to be part of the children’s learning. We are doing great things with education here at St Theresa’s but it is so important and very powerful when teachers and families work together to improve learning outcomes for every one of our students. Thanks for being part of our special day!

KINDA KINDER IS COMING BACK!

We have once again been lucky enough to secure the services of Vic Uni students to run the Kinda Kinder program starting in Term 2. This is a free session for preschoolers and their parents and is run in our multi-purpose room for an hour on Tuesdays. Kinda Kinder is not restricted to just St Theresa’s families so if you know someone with a toddler who would enjoy this activity session then let them know. More details next week.
Lots of news from our Fundraising Group...

Community Market

**THIS FRIDAY** we are holding our Community Twilight Market here at school from **5-8pm**. It's going to be a fun night filled with activities for all the family, things to buy both old and new, entertainment and lots of delicious food. Please come along to support the event and help us to raise money for our landscaping project.

If anyone has any **DONATIONS** for the class stalls, spinning wheel or raffle please see your classroom teachers, or leave them at the office with the donators clearly marked so that we can thank any businesses that help out. Boy’s lucky dip prizes, glass jars filled with surprises and flat chocolate bars are still needed. Please see Sharon, Mary or Alison if you can help.

**WE NEED CAKES & SLICES & BISCUITS for the COMMUNITY MARKET. Can you help?**

We hope you can help...A "CAKE PLATE" is being sent home with your child/children today. In the bag is a plate for your cakes or slices, a list of instructions and a label for you to write down the ingredients that you used. Every ingredient MUST be listed in order for us to sell your cake or slice. Each grade level has a different type of cake to ensure a variety, so in the case of more than one grade level in your family you choose which ever you like to bake.

Please drop them off on **FRIDAY** to the **TUCKSHOP** before 4pm so that Dot and her team of helpers can price them ready to sell. (Any volunteers?)

**Just do your best and don’t worry if you are not able to help this time.**

**Easter Raffle**

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March and we will be having a raffle prize wrapping session on the Monday and Tuesday (if needed) after the morning bell in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come and help as many hands make light work. It will be a great chance for any new parents to meet other parents who have been around for a while!!! Donations of eggs or chocolates are still needed as the children love the chance to win a prize. More raffle tickets are available at office. 

*A huge thankyou for all the help and donations so far.*
A Message From Greg...Family School Partnerships

Dear parents,

In term two we want to regularly start lending games to children to take home to play with family members and friends. To make this happen we need your help. Volunteers will be required weekly for between 1-1.5hrs (9-10.30am). Come once a term or as often as you can.

The more volunteers around, the faster we can do the lending. Its also a great way to meet other parents, share a coffee etc.

On the day we do the games we will collect the returned games from children’s classrooms, check the pieces are all there, then lend out the games to 3-4 classrooms.

If available please keep an eye on the newsletter/notice boards as we will inform you of the day and date we will start on.

Twilight
The Twilight Sports are on Wed 27th March from 3pm -6pm. followed by a free family BBQ tea. Any parents who are brave enough to compete in a race against the students need to see Laurie. Don’t worry, it’ll be fun. All the students know their sports colour now so they can start organising their uniforms. Please note that school will start at 1pm for the students on this day. If you have a problem with the timing, please see Rob.

A WARM ST THERESESA’S WELCOME
The Perez family has a brand new son and brother...little Daniel. Congratulations Anabella and Daniel, the proud parents and Angelina (P/1 K) and Anastasia, the big sisters.

More dates for your calendar

Wednesday 20th March – Landscape Meeting 7pm
Friday 22nd March – Twilight Market 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 27th March – Twilight Sports & BBQ 3pm-6pm (School starts for children at 1pm)

Thursday 28th March – Term 1 finishes at 1pm
**PLEASE NOTE 1.00PM FINISH AS NORMAL**

Monday 15th April – Term 2 begins

FOOTY’S BACK
If you would like to join in our footy tipping comp just email Mary this week and she will give you the details.
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