Learning & Teaching @ St Theresa’s : Reading

**Prayer**

Father of all,

Be with us to see one another with new eyes.

To hear one another with new hearts.

To treat one another in new ways. Amen

**Family Mottos**

Recently we asked our families to provide us with a motto that they live by. You might have noticed them on the display board outside Rob's office. We were so pleased with the response that we thought we’d share some of them with you.

- Kindness To Self, Kindness To Others
- Cuddles & Love Are Just Like Chocolate In Our Family
  - Give It A Go & Have Fun
- Laugh Often, Love Lots & Be Thankful and Kind
- Set The Table : Family Time, Time To Talk, Listen To Each Other, Eat As One.
- A Family Is Life’s Greatest Blessing

**When reading with your children keep in mind that these strategies are what good readers use:**

Good readers make predictions and add to and change these predictions as they read.

Good readers use prior knowledge to add to their thinking. What do I already know about this topic?

Good readers know when they get stuck and meaning is affected.

Good readers visualise and get a picture in their head as they read.

Good readers find out more if required to help develop their understandings.

Good readers know that reading has to make sense. Good readers read for a purpose.

Good readers make a plan for their reading depending on their purpose and the text.

Good readers listen to the voice inside their head as they read.

Good readers question and wonder before, during and after reading.
Check out these photos (clockwise) –>
Prep/1 Disco Divas, Margaret, Meara, Denna & Shalina.
Funky Grade 5 girls, Kira, Erin and Chloe.
The 4 Musketeers, Son, Anthony, Sam, Jai.
Our wonderful helpers...
Dancing Queens, Laura and Abbey.
Check out the moves with Jay and Mayen.
Sharneece & friends, belting out a tune.

St Theresa’s Disco!
Last Friday night more than 140 of our children (and one principal) had a wonderful time dancing the night away. Many thanks to our hard working fundraising group who organized and ran such a successful night. Thanks also to the dads who were such great Bouncers. What a fantastic night!

I.T. NEWS
This week’s Ap is “Time”, another one of the free Apple Aps.
And this week’s I.T. handy hint is...
“Is your child using age appropriate computer programs and aps?”

Don’t forget Assembly on Friday at 2.30 with P/1K
BUILDERS AT WORK!

On Thursday the Prep and Grade ones participated in a fun “Brickworks” Incursion. Olivia’s uncle from “Supreme Incursions” came and the children were able to build anything to do with the theme of “People Who Keep Us Safe In The Community”. As you can see in the photos the children had a great time working together to build things like hospitals and police cars.

Parent Tip: Legos are not only fun to play with, but they also help to develop the child’s fine motor skills, problem solving skills and spatial awareness.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL INCURSION TOMORROW (Tuesday).... You Are Invited!
St Theresa’s has received a community arts grant that we are using to build a community sculpture in our new playground. As a way of finding out more information about the sculpture possibilities, Bill Nicholson, an elder of the Wurundjeri Tribe, will be talking to the students about the indigenous culture and ceremonies of his tribe. He will be talking to Grades P-3 at 9.30am and Grades 4-6 at around 11.30am. Come and have a listen, it should be fascinating.

Free Footballs For Grades 2 – 6
The culmination of the SEDA football program this Thursday will involve presentation of a football to each child, courtesy of the AFL and SEDA (Sport Education Development Australia). To receive a football children must return the form from the AFL that was distributed during Phys. Ed. Spare forms are available from classroom teachers. As with all forms sent home relating to the Phys. Ed. program, parents only need to send one form back – just list each of your children on the form.

Please note that this form is NOT to register your child in Auskick, despite the title of the form. If you would like to join Auskick, the closest program is at Albion Football Club in Sunshine Rd. You can get further details from Sharon, one of our 2/3 teachers.

EARN & LEARN STICKERS
Last call for any Earn & Learn stickers that you have been collecting from Woolworths. Can they be sent back to school this week please? More sticker sheets are available at the office. Thanks for the support, I’ll let you know next week what classroom resources we’ll be able to ‘buy’ with our stickers.

COMMUNICATION
We now have the ability send group SMS messages to your mobile phone; so don’t be surprised if you receive reminder messages via your mobile phone in the future. It’s just another way of improving our communication between school and families. As a way of making sure that we have correct phone numbers recorded, a trial message will be sent home on Tuesday. Could you let the office know if you don’t receive the message?

TUCKSHOP NEWS
GREAT NEWS....... Soup is Back!!! (Well for this Friday anyway.) Lyn has been talked into coming back to make her delicious homemade chicken soup on Friday and we are really looking forward to it. If you would like to order soup on Friday could you fill in the form that will be sent home later in the week?
On this same form we’ll also be asking for some volunteers to help in the tuck-shop in term 3 to sell zooper doopers at lunchtime from 1.30 to 2.00pm. It’s not difficult and the kids will love you!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE FROM 1.30PM TO 7.30PM. An appointment form will be sent home this week. Also a reminder that Rob will hold 2 information sessions on how to read and understand the reports on next Tuesday 25th June at 9.00am and 3.30pm.

Next Fundraising Meeting will be held on Thursday July 18th at 7pm. Please consider coming along to one of these meetings. This group does great work for the school and can always do with extra helpers.
Some interesting reading in the Herald Sun on Friday. …

Class wake-up call

Sleep experts called in to help parents of tired pupils

SCHOOLS desperate to combat chronically tired students are calling in sleep experts to counsel parents.

One primary principal said lax mums and dads needed to start being parents rather than let their children rule the bedtime roost.

Late-night television sessions and midweek outings mean some youngsters aren’t getting to sleep until midnight.

Ashley Ryan, principal of Birchleigh Primary School in Doncaster, who raised the issue in a recent newsletter, said youngsters were too tired to concentrate, were disorganised, irritable and couldn’t deal with social situations.

“There are some children that are up until 11pm or even later, and they are chronically tired at school,” he said.

He said while most parents did the right thing, others needed to set routines and stick to them.

Phillippa Adamson, assistant principal of Manchester Primary School in Mooroolbark, said some children were out to dinner with their parents until midnight on school nights.

“If kids aren’t getting the right deep sleep, then they are not going to be learning,” she said.

Sleep health educator Sue Cramage, who runs educational workshops at schools across Melbourne,

said parents often didn’t understand how much sleep children needed and the impacts on learning and wellbeing.

“We all know what we feel like when we’ve not slept well and we are trying to struggle through our day.”

ASHLEY RYAN

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Monash Children’s Sleep Centre director Dr Margot Davey said children aged between six and 12 needed 10-11 hours of sleep a night.

Bad habits often became worse as children got older and lack of sleep had been linked to childhood obesity, she said.

Coburg mother Lucy Leahy has three children, including six-year-old Olivia, tucked into bed by 7.30pm every night.

The television is off at 5pm and they wind down with milk, a bath and a story. “I just find because the kids know exactly what is going to happen I very rarely get resistance. “We have just stuck to it since they were little and it just works,” Mrs Leahy said.

PLAYGROUND LANDSCAPING NEWS… We need your help!

Great news! We’re about to start our playground renovation. Stage 1 is ready to go and 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 and then for the next few weekends after that WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP, so please consider giving some of your time on one of the following weekends. Fill in the form below & return it to school this week if you can.

Weekend 1 - 29th June: Demolition Week. This involves demolishing the path and restacking the pavers ready to reuse.

Weekend 2 - 6th & 7th July: Garden Construction Week. This weekend we will need lots of helpers who own or know how to use power tools eg; power saws and drills. The heavy work involved will be carrying sleepers, digging holes, building garden boxes etc.

Weekend 3 – 13th & 14th July: Garden Construction Week. Finishing off any unfinished work if needed.

PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

Name & Phone Number ____________________________

I can help out for part or all of weekend 1 (Saturday only)

I can help for part or all of weekend 2 ____________________________

I can help for part or all of weekend 3 (If required) ____________________________

I can provide the following equipment ____________________________

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