“God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen”

In our Prayers

We ask you to keep the family of Christopher Lane in your prayers this week. Christopher was tragically killed in America a week ago. He is the nephew of a Principal in our zone.

Some grade 1. Reading responses.
George Otero Visit

Last Tuesday 20th August we had another great day with George Otero. George started his visit with a conversation with a group of grade 5 & 6 students. He put two questions to the group – How do you know when you learn? & How do you know if you have learnt it well? After a very robust discussion the children really impressed George with their understanding of how they learnt best; setting goals, practice, fun activities and feedback from peers, teachers and parents.

George then spent an hour and a half with the staff discussing which data (information we gather about the child’s learning) we give families and how effective the data is. It was a great opportunity to get George’s perspective on what we are doing at ST. Theresa’s.

The evening with the parents began with a delicious meal provided by the families attending. It was a multicultural feast. Once everyone had had their fill we began our ‘conversation’ about data.

Parents came up with a list of the information they receive that really informs them about their child’s progress. Reports, parent teacher interviews, teachers being available to answer questions, assembly and the newsletter were among the many they listed. They were then presented with this data puzzle. This puzzle represents the type of information we collect on our students.

They were asked to select the ones they would like to know more about. There was great discussion around this puzzle and some fabulous questions. Parents listed all of the types of data they would like to learn more about. We have collected this information and our next step is to have more conversations about how to share the information with the wider community. A letter will be coming home inviting you to join in the conversation. We would love to see as many people as possible working together.

We finished off the evening looking at what we have done in the ‘Family School Partnership Project’ over the last four years. Everyone was quite surprised at the long list of activities. We then talked about the activities parents wanted us to continue and build on.

The night was a great success!! Thank you to all who attended.
Grade 3/4 Camp

The grade 3/4 Camp to Doxa is fast approaching. If you are interested in helping out on this camp and you have a current Working with Children’s card, could you please send a note to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 28th, August. Please note that unfortunately we can only take 2 parents along to this camp. We hope you will understand if we are unable to take everyone on this occasion.

Doriana, Aaron, Sharon and Mary

School Board

There will be a School Board Meeting for all members on this Wednesday evening at 7.0pm in the staffroom.

Assembly

There is NO assembly this week.

Footsteps Dance Clinic

This Thursday afternoon the Footsteps Dance Company will be providing a free dance clinic for all of the children in the school. This should be a fun experience for the children.

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School Fees etc

Please do your best to keep up to date with your school Fees throughout the year.

Grade 3/4 camp and grade 2 Sleepover fees can be paid at the office as soon as you are able to.
Prep / 1 A
Noah Andreula – for doing a great job at recognising facts and working really hard on his weather project on lightning.

Suzanna Malek – for her terrific written responses to the Book Week books we have read every day! Well done.

Prep / 1 K
Ivy Nguyen – for doing a fantastic job with writing facts about snow.
Angelina Perez – for her enthusiasm and awesome dance moves when practising for Concert!

Prep / 1 LJ
Olivia Spiteri – for producing some very good work this week and for showing a keen interest in her learning.

Meara Oppy – for being a maths wiz and for being such a good listener.

2/3 D
Peter Alatsas – for the positive manner he has been approaching and completing his work! Great job!!

Ashli Quach – for amazing leadership when assisting with the Yoga Presentation! Well done!

2/3 MS
Antonia Rossi – for always trying her best in all curriculum areas and for being such a helpful class member.

Maya Fittipaldi – for using great maths strategies in class and making a genuine effort with her friendship groups.

4A
Ava McLeod – for acting on and offering warm and cool feedback.

Angus Reinberger – for his excellent “Put Yourself in the Picture” text response.

Rosselle Valdez – for her outstanding effort in maths.

5/6 E
Jasmin Andres – for setting great goals and achieving them with outstanding effort and enthusiasm.

Chelsea Barnes – for demonstrating lots of responsibility and maturity over the last few weeks.

5/6 T
Olivia Pereira – for a beautifully presented and well thought out reading journal entry.

Chloe Markovski – for being a fabulous leader and helping teach other people the School Concert song.

Principal’s Award
Chelsea Brasher P/1 A – for the best reading I have heard for a long time!

Student of the week from assembly.