Term 4 Week 8, Monday November 25th

Do Small Things Well

December 1st marks the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation, waiting and hope. It is a time to reflect on our lives and begin to prepare as a family for the birth of Jesus.

First Week of Advent

O God,  
As light comes from this candle,  
May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
Warming our hearts and brightening our way.  
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming.

Fundraising

Please keep in mind our Christmas Raffle. This is our last fundraising activity for the year. If you have any suitable items that could be donated for this raffle, please drop them into Venetia at the office. The raffle will be drawn at our last assembly on the last day of school.

When returning raffle tickets, please ensure that you have your name and phone number on the part you return. More tickets are available from the office.

Assembly this week.

There is no assembly this week as the school is closed on Thursday and Friday. Our next assembly will be next week at 2.30pm and this will be organised by P/1 A.

Oops.. Last week we left Daniel’s photo out of the newsletter for his award at assembly.. His award was for fantastic work in all areas at school. Well done!

There is no school this Thursday and Friday

Thursday November 28th  
School closed for staff conference.

Friday November 29th  
School closed for staff conference.

Prep 2014 Orientation Program

Please note the orientation program dates for 2014 preps.

Wednesday November 27th from 9-11.00 for children and parents (if they wish to stay.)

Thursday December 5th from 9-11.00 for children and parents (if they wish to stay.)
**Special thanks...**

On Friday afternoon we had a short assembly to say thank you to two businesses that donated some new school uniforms to our school to be used at interschool sports in the future. The uniforms look fantastic and we are really grateful to the following two companies.......

We would also like to thank Bud Flanagan who organised the sponsorship for us..

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**Important dates**

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**Reminders.**

**After School Sport** continues this week on Monday and Tuesday for those children involved.

**Nits.** Please note that we have had a few cases of Nits in the school. Please check you children’s hair regularly so that this does not become an issue.

**School Fees etc**

Please try to have all school accounts settled by this Wednesday November 27th. It is now time for us to close off family school accounts as soon as we can.

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**Year 7 Enrolments...** Just a reminder that enrolments for year 7, 2015 close on 28th February 2014 for all Catholic Colleges for 2015. Grade 5 students need to pay particular attention to this.

Our normal feeder schools for year 7 are Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Marian College and St Aloysius College in North Melbourne.
Please come and join us for mass and afternoon tea this Tuesday afternoon at the school. All families are invited and encouraged to join us for a special farewell mass and celebration for Anna Jakob who recently retired from St. Theresa’s. Anna worked at our school for just on 25 years and was a great servant to all of us behind the scenes on all of the activities that we ran.

This is a great opportunity to say thankyou.

**Date:** This Tuesday November 26th

**Time:** Mass in the church at 2.15pm. Afternoon tea in the Multipurpose room after mass at 3.00pm

Please join us as the whole school comes together at mass. If you cannot make mass you might like to join us for afternoon tea around 3.00pm in the multipurpose room.

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**Fundraising group dinner.**

Our fundraising group went out to dinner last week and it looks like they had a great time. We thank every member of the fundraising group for their great work this year.

Thanks especially to those who worked so hard but were not able to make the dinner...maybe next time!

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**Contributing to the appeal to support the victims of the Philippines disaster....** At the Art show we auctioned some children’s art work. The money raised will go to the Philippines victims. Thanks to your generous bids we raised $1080. On this Wednesday we will have a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation to support this appeal. The grade 5/6 children have organised this as part of their social justice action in their studies. Please support this cause on **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY** this Wednesday.
Last Wednesday was a fantastic night at St Theresa's. Our whole school community came together and showed how creative we are. It was wonderful to see our families making our Bunjil’s Nest using sticks decorated with family details and colours. Then it was onto our Art Show where we were privileged to see the beautiful artwork that Judy has been doing with the children. From the beauty of Monet’s Garden to the striking Indigenous artwork, every piece of the children’s art was something they were very proud of. Congratulations and thanks to Judy and Michele for their hard work in making the night successful and so enjoyable, to Lyn who was responsible for the catering and to the rest of the staff for helping wherever they were needed.

Lost property... Please check the sick bay.. we have lots of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, swimming goggles etc