Welcome to Family Week at St Theresa’s

This week we’re celebrating Family Week with a Family Mass on Friday at 11.30 followed by a shared lunch back at school. We'd love all our families to join us. (Lunch will be provided for the parents, grandparents etc but the children need to bring their own lunch as normal). We need a family photo for a special display, so can you lend us a photo for a little while, we promise to return it.

We’d also hope that parents and families spend some time in the classrooms reading with their children this week, especially as it is also Reading Month. We have dedicated the first 15 minutes of each day to some quiet individual reading in all the classrooms so please feel free to read along with us. Also there will be some really lovely homework family activities for you to do together.

And finally to celebrate Family Week we are opening our game lending library. Please make good use of this service and borrow a game that you can play together at home.

People Who Help Us Keep Safe & Well

As part of our inquiry unit about personal health and safety, grades prep, one and four were visited by the police and ambulance services this week. We have a few useful connections at St Theresa’s because the policewoman just happened to be a past pupil and Rory and Ava’s aunty, Abbey Justin.

Grade 2/3s Get Healthy!

The Grade 2/3s had a ‘Healthy Lunch Day’ last Tuesday. We all walked to Sunshine Plaza and bought our healthy food. When we got back to school some great mums prepared all the ingredients and we helped ourselves. We had a fantastic day and some of us tasted food that we had never had before! Thanks to our helpers.
**Family Week**

*6th – 13th May*

“The purpose of a school is to help a family educate a child.”

Don Edgar

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**It takes a village to raise a child.**

This year the theme for Family Week is ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’

In today’s world your child’s village becomes increasingly larger. They have access to the Internet, T.V and they can belong to a wide range of groups. Each person in your child’s village can have a significant effect on their development. The more diverse and rich their experiences are the greater their learning.

During Family Week as part of your child’s village we have organised a number of activities to involve families. As the most important people in their village we invite you to join us this week.

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*If parents are involved, students from all backgrounds tend to:*

- Earn higher-level test scores
- Enrol in higher-level programs
- Be promoted and earn credits
- Adapt well to school and attend regularly
- Have better social skills and behaviour
- Graduate and go onto higher education.

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*Once we made the golden words and coloured them in. Mummy and Daddy listen to me read.*

Emily P/1K

*My grandpa taught me how to read and do maths. Mummy helps me sound out the words and helps me write.*

Layne P/1 A

*Mummy helps me do writing. Daddy reads me stories at bedtime.*

Kate P/1 L J

*Mummy helps me write words and she reads me stories.*

Kaleb P/1 A

*Mum helps me do my Greek homework. My dad taught me how to do a PowerPoint on the computer.*

George P/1 K

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*What is a Family?*

“A group of people held together by bonds of love and affection. What is important is not the actual family structure, but the quality of the relationships.”

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*When families are involved at home and at school – Children do better and schools get better.*
SCHOOL BOARD

On Tuesday night the members of our School Board are joining the Board from another Catholic Primary School to visit the MacKillop Heritage Centre in the city. The Heritage Centre is run by the Sisters of St Joseph who were responsible for establishing our school, St Theresa’s. We will use this visit to help gain a better understanding of the history and traditions of the Sisters of St Joseph and St. Mary MacKillop who was their founder. We hope it will be an informative and enjoyable evening.

Market Fresh Comes To St. Theresa’s On Tuesday...YUM!

This program introduces children to fruit and vegetables that many have not previously experienced. It aims to increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables. It makes learning about fruit and vegetables fun and creates new opportunities for learning about nutrition at school and home. It also gives children the confidence to try different products. Please join us. Gr. P-3 at 11.30 Gr 4-6 at 12.30.

Mother’s Day Stall

Mother’s Day is next Sunday and we are holding our Mother’s Day stall on THURSDAY. The gifts are beautiful and Mums will love them, they are priced from $2 to $10. If anyone would still like to donate a gift or two for the stall, that would be fantastic. Our teachers have a special request that children bring their money in an envelope or purse with the AMOUNT AND THEIR NAME on it.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 OPEN

Parents considering enrolling their children at St Theresa’s Primary School for Prep 2014 or grades one to six should contact the school now or visit the school website for further information and an enrolment form. 

www.stalbion.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments should be received by Friday 7th June 2013.

A school information evening is being held on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 in the multipurpose room. This is for new families who would like to find out more about our school and facilities.

DON’T FORGET TO GIVE US A FAMILY PHOTO THIS WEEK
AN EVENING WITH MARIA FORDE

Keep Thursday Night, May 16th (6.45) free. After a magnificent performance last year, you are once again invited to attend an evening of reflection and entertainment with Maria Forde. The evening will begin with a shared meal and then Maria will present her beautiful music to us. Please consider coming to this night, child minding will be available to those who need it.

Don’t forget MAY IS READING MONTH and we’re encouraging families to read together at home. A couple of special things we’re doing at school are...
- Rob reading stories to each class.
- Dedicated daily reading time when the whole school stops and reads.
- Special reading homework activities.

Parent Reading Workshop

How To Encourage A Love Of Reading:
Preparing your child for school.
When: This Tuesday 7th May
Time: 9am to 10am
Where: Multipurpose Room
Facilitators: Greg and Michele
Handouts will be provided on the day

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The largest ever St Theresa’s Cross Country team competed at More Park last Friday. Twenty-eight students from grades 2 to 6 ran a very challenging 2km or 3km course against 15 other schools in the Sunshine District. The Cross Country is definitely the most demanding event in the Phys Ed program, so completing the course was a great achievement for each child. Several children did particularly well. Casey Smart won the 10 year old girls event and Alexis Bleszcz was runner up in the 12 year old girls. Both will compete in the Western Region Cross Country at Brimbank Park on the May 23rd. Angus Reinberger came 9th in the 10 year old boys event and Sofia Andreula was 8th in the 10 year old girls. Both will be emergencies for Brimbank Park. Sofia was probably the only grade 2 from any school there.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS

It’s on again and we need your help! This program enables St Theresa’s to earn educational resources simply by shopping at Woolworths. When you do your shopping just ask for your earn and learn stickers and fill up one of the sticker sheets available outside the office. Last year our school received some fantastic resources through this scheme and hopefully we’ll be able to get a lot a free stuff again this year.

We’d like to wish all our Greek Orthodox families a Happy Easter.

This term we’re collecting Toys & Books for St. Vinnies. If you would like to make a donation just look for the labelled baskets around the school.

ASSEMBLY this week will be run by 5/6T.
Friday 2.30 in the MPR

NAPLAN TESTS
2013 tests for Grades 3 & 5 students will be held from Tuesday 14th May to Thursday 16th May

NO ENGLISH CLASSES THIS WEEK