

St Theresa's

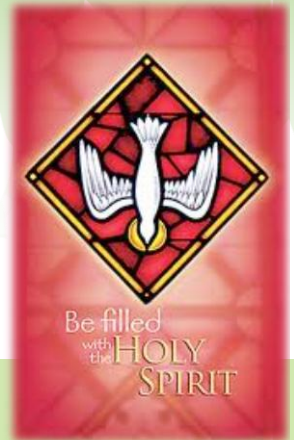
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Sunday the 19th of May is Pentecost.

On the first Pentecost the disciples had an experience of the action of the Holy Spirit-but it wasn't only for that day. It would continue all the days of their lives, just as it does for us. The experience of Pentecost was a community experience for the early disciples and so too it is for us.

May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, bring fire to the earth so that the presence of God may be seen in a new light, in new places, in new ways.



We hope that all the mums in the school had a great Mother's Day yesterday and that the children were great at pampering you. We are sure that you would have been well looked after for the day!

Family Week

What a great week we shared last week with Family Week. It was fantastic to see so many families able to join us for so many different things throughout the week and we are sure that the children really appreciated your presence at the school.

We have a great wall display of all of your family photos that you sent in for Family Week. This display is in the corridor near the office and you should make the time to have a look at the faces that make up our fantastic school community.

It is not too late to send your photo in if you haven't already Just drop it into to your child's teacher and we will add you to the wall!!

Thanks to all the parents who found the time to join us for mass on Friday and then the shared lunch... we hope you enjoyed your time with us.



What's happening this week?

The fire brigade visited grade prep/1 again today to continue their safety program.
Grade 5/6 were visited by Anne James, an illustrator, who worked with them to support their writing program.
Grade 4 are going to the Ian Potter children's garden on Wednesday
Grade 2 are visiting the National Gallery and Monet exhibition on Wednesday.

Certainly some great experiences coming up to support the children's learning.

LEARNING & TEACHING @ ST. THERESA'S

Our School Board

The work of our School Board is very important in our school. The Board works to advise Fr. Barry and Rob on important educational issues as well as other organisational things that come up from time to time. An important part of the Board's job is to maintain the Catholic Ethos of the school and keep the history of the school alive. On Tuesday night last week members of the Board visited the MacKillop Heritage Centre in the city to gain a better insight into the history of the Josephite Sisters who started our school.

The Sisters of St. Joseph were started by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the sisters were instrumental in starting many of the catholic schools in the western suburbs. It is important that we keep alive the charism and character that the sisters brought to our school and we can support this through our ongoing knowledge of our own history. This was a very informative and enjoyable evening and we thank the Board members who made the time to come long.



School Nurse

The school nurse will visit our school later in the term. All prep children usually see the nurse and this is very valuable. The nurse will check eyesight, hearing and any other issue requested by parents. It is very important that the forms that were sent home last week are returned as soon as possible so they can be processed by the nurse. Please note that these forms are confidential and only the nurse reads them.

Any other child in the school other than prep children can be seen by the nurse if a parent requests it. You just need to get a form from the office and complete it as soon as possible.

Fundraising

A huge, big THANKYOU to all the helpers including the buyers, wrappers and sellers that helped with the Mother's Day Stall. We raised \$990.40. A fantastic result. Mothers, we hope you all loved your presents that were chosen so carefully by your children.

Our next event coming up on Friday June 14th is a disco for the children. Please put the date in your diary and a flyer will be coming home soon to let you know all about the night.

It was lovely to see some new faces at our last meeting. Our next one will be on Wednesday June 5th at 7pm in the staffroom so if you'd like to, come along.

Change to English classes.

There will not be any English classes this week for adults. These classes resume on Wednesday May 22nd.

NAPLAN....We wish all of the grade 3 & 5 children well as they participate in the NAPLAN testing this week. NAPLAN tests will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. The children will be tested in Reading, Writing, Numeracy and spelling / punctuation etc. Results will be available later in the year.

An evening with Maria Forde

Last week we sent home a flier advertising the parish evening with Maria Forde on this Thursday May 16th. Please consider coming along to this evening as last time Maria performed for us we really enjoyed the evening. Thursday evening will consist of a little input as we lead up to Pentecost Sunday next week and a lot of beautiful music. Those of you who have heard Maria sing will know that her music is wonderful and it would be worth the night out. Please take the time to have another look at the flier and consider joining us in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday at 6.45pm. We will be sharing a meal during the night. This is an adult evening but we will provide some babysitting to help any family that needs it. It would help us if you could let us know if you need babysitting for the evening so we can ensure we cater for the children that need it.



We are very grateful...

Thank you to all the mums who came along to help out with the Market Fresh incursion last Tuesday. We had an army of parents cutting up fruit and vegies and helping us with the running of the activity. We could not have done this without your help and we want you to know that we really appreciate the time you always give us to help your children in our school. THANKYOU, THANKYOU, THANKYOU.



Kinda Kinder

Kinda Kinder continues this week on Tuesday Morning from 9-10.00am. Why not bring a friend along to this great play group activity each week. Last week we ran a reading clinic during Kinda Kinder which was very successful. We will let you know when the next clinic is on.

Assembly

There is no assembly this week. Our next assembly will be on Friday May 24th at 2.30pm. This will be organized by grade Prep/1 Larissa/Jen



2014 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2014 are now open. Enrolment forms are available from the office and on our web site at www.stalbion.catholic.edu.au

If you have a child who is starting next year please don't forget to enrol them as places may fill quickly.

There is an information meeting for NEW families on this Wednesday evening May 15th to let interested families find out a little more about our school. If you know of any new family interested in enrolling then you could let them know about this meeting.

Student Awards from Assembly

Grade Prep / One Alison

Piyush Negi for trying so hard with his reading and showing he is improving all the time- terrific!
Shion Iwasaki for doing a great job at remembering his sounds of the alphabet – well done!



Grade prep / one Kathryn

Adelaide Nelson for doing a fabulous job with her writing and for listening to the sounds.
Nicholas Kain for trying super hard with his reading and writing.



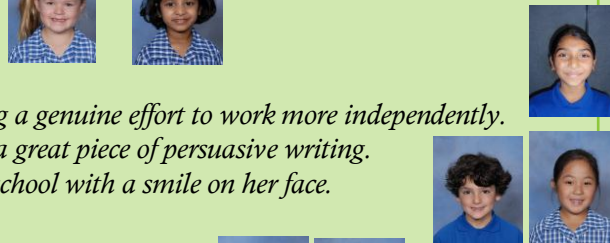
Grade prep /one Larissa / Jen

Meara Oppy for learning the months of the year and days of the week.
Kate Fernandes for being our class buzz champion.



Grade 2/3 Mary / Sharon

Basil Georgoulas for concentrating more during class discussions and making a genuine effort to work more independently.
Tyla Nguyen for thinking much deeper about topics in class and completing a great piece of persuasive writing.
Astha Patel for settling in so well into Grade 2/3MS and always coming to school with a smile on her face.



Grade 2/3 Doriana

Abbey Sidebottom for being such an amazing writer in all areas. Well done Abbey!
Chu Xuan Liu for working so hard to complete your work tasks and doing well in mathematics!



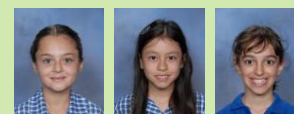
Grade 4 Aaron

Isabella Benson for all of her extra effort during maths lessons – well done! Fantastic!
Alannah Raniolo for a super splendid series of sensational powerpoint presentations.



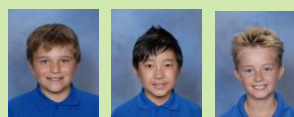
Grade 5/6 Erin

Kira Axiak for being brave enough to learn to ride a mountain bike through the bush.
Jovilyn Rabino for facing her fears, being brave and learning to ride a mountain bike.
Jai Strafonda for wonderful surfing skills at Anglesea Camp. Well done!



Grade 5/6 Tenielle-Marie

Jackson Millar for great enthusiasm and attitude at Camp.
Son Pham for being brave and learning to ride a mountain bike.
Riley Kennedy for general excellence at Camp.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As you are aware we have been working towards establishing after school care again at our school. We are taking the next step in organizing this and it is time to make certain that this program is really needed at our school before we make our final commitment. Please complete the return slip attached and return it to the office by Wednesday so we can move forward with our plans. Thank you for your support.

My family does require after school care.

Family name: _____ Number of children requiring care _____
 Children's grades _____

Please circle the nights you would need care.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday **OR** Only occasional care required