Do Small Things Well

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Sometimes the simplest things protect me:
- a friend’s care, a visored cap,
- the truth shared, a lotion’s balm,
- a watchful eye, a promise kept
- an umbrella’s dome, a wise word
- a hand to hold, a pause for prayer
reminding me that God is near,
All the time........

We owe you a great deal of thanks......

We are so grateful to all of the helpers who came along and completed the planting of the new garden on Saturday. Over the past month we have been so well supported by parents at all of our working bees and the finished product is a magnificent garden built by parents for the school community to enjoy.

What an amazing amount of expertise and knowledge you have shared from the decisions and discussions at the Landscaping Group meetings to the quote gathering, building, planting and feeding of workers. Thank you all so much! We now need to watch as the tiny seedlings take root and become an established garden....... Many thanks!
Many parents have said that they would like the opportunity to have a named paver in our path at school. An opportunity to order a paver is now possible. **Pave The Way**...... we are sending home a flyer tomorrow with information about the pavers that are available to order/purchase. Please read the information carefully as you will have to fill in the details and return your order to school by August 23rd. There are 2 options..... a Family name brick for $25 or a unique drawing option for $35. See the flyer for further details.

**Fathers’ Day stall.**

A flyer was sent home today with ideas for donations for our Father's day stall. The stall will be held on Thursday 29th August. Some ideas are chocolates, hankies, stubby holders, lollies, key rings, mugs, socks, drink bottles etc. Please note that we are not able to sell dangerous items like pocket knives etc

**Fathers’ Night.**

We will be having a very different focus for our Father's night this year so if you have been before and are thinking maybe, maybe not, then think again as we have lots of fun in store! Details will be sent home soon. Meanwhile, please put the date Friday 30th August in your diary/calendar.

**Landscaping Committee meeting.**

There will be a meeting of the Landscaping Committee on this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm

**Parent meeting with visitors from Santa Fe**

Thank you to the great group of parents who found the time to come along to our parent conversation with some visitors from schools in Santa Fe, U.S.A.

The conversation was very positive and we hope that those parents found it a valuable use of time. We have gathered some great information that will help us to continue to improve the way we work at St. Theresa’s. This was part of our National Partnerships program.
As part of our Water Cycle Inquiry unit, the grade 2/3s invited Vanessa Axiak to one of our Wednesday sessions to conduct a science experiment.

We learnt about solids, liquids and gases and how water can be all of these. We learnt about Condensation, Evaporation, Precipitation and Collection.

We conducted an experiment to demonstrate these concepts and then set up our own experiment and predicted the outcome.

We had a great time and loved hearing all the scientific language.

Thanks Vanessa.

Assembly

Assembly will be in the Multipurpose room at 2.30 pm on Friday.
Assembly will be organized by 2/3 Mary / Sharon

School Fees and Levies

Thank you to all who have made the effort to catch up with school fees and levies, we appreciate your efforts as we know that these accounts are sometimes difficult to manage.

St Aloysius College in North Melbourne.. Open Day

St. Aloysius is a secondary college for girls. All are welcome to visit St. Al’s for their open day on Sunday August 18th if you would like to learn more about what they can offer. The college will be open from 1-4pm.

31 Curran St, North Melbourne
Sometimes it isn’t just what we talk about that shows how we work together as a community to help our children have the best opportunities. Last week I took a few minutes to reflect on just a few of the things that we all did together as a community to make this place great. In every instance parents were working alongside teachers and children and the feeling was one of achievement and purpose.

Let me remind you of just some of the things I saw in just 5 days last week.

I saw an enthusiastic group of mums and dads heading off to the prep/1 excursion to ScienceWorks with anticipation, excitement and apprehension in their eyes!

I saw so many faces at the Kinda Kinder session on Tuesday. Many of our parents welcoming parents and children from other places… how fantastic!

I saw parents sitting with a leader and learning English to be better able to help their children… they were so committed to learning.

I saw a dedicated group meet at school at the School Board meeting to discuss important items on the agenda that will improve the way we work.

I saw a parent teaching children in grade 2/3 and sharing her expertise with us.

I saw an army of parents in and out of our classrooms working alongside teachers and teacher aides to help children.

I had a parent offer to work with a company to supply sports uniforms for free to our children.

I saw about 12 parents sharing their wisdom and thoughts with our international visitors on Friday in a spirit of learning and equality. I heard our guests say to the group that we are so lucky that our community thinks so highly of us and that they are so enthusiastic to be a part of the place… I can only agree!

I saw so many parents talking and laughing in the yard as they waited for their children at the end of every day. I noticed every teacher out there to meet and greet parents with enthusiasm and a smile……. How good is that!

I saw mums generously giving their time serving Zooper Doopers to excited children in the tuckshop.

I saw parents drinking coffee and sharing stories in the staffroom in the morning after dropping off their children…and I saw them invite others to join them.

On Saturday I saw lots of parents and children working together with teachers to complete a garden that is a tribute to so many skilled and generous people.

And then on Sunday, when no one was around….. I got a phone call from a couple of over enthusiastic dads working at school again who informed me that I had a burst water pipe… that one I didn’t really need !!!!

That was only a part of one week in our school…….working in partnership to achieve great things for your children!!!!!!!!…….. Thank you to all.

Rob…. Principal