We pray for those children receiving their First Eucharist this weekend. Our prayer for you is one of love.

May God give you the strength and love to follow in His way and continue to guide you in your faith as you journey through life. May the peace and joy of His love be with you all of your days. Amen

An evening with George Otero.

George is returning to St Theresa’s on Tuesday 20th.
A shared multi-cultural meal at 6.30pm and a learning session from 7.00pm – 8.30pm (See flier)
George has worked with us before and parents have really enjoyed his discussions. He is visiting from Santa Fe in New Mexico and we are lucky to have him coming to our school. At our meeting George will help us explore how we can work together to improve learning at home. This was the most important area identified by parents at our recent sessions at school.
Please consider joining us. A separate invitation is attached. We are sure you will enjoy the evening.

Learning & Teaching
@ St Theresa’s

Why do we have 2 Religious Education Leaders at St. Theresa’s?

Kathryn and Dot work together and share the role of Religious Education Leaders at St. Theresa’s. Together we assist staff with their planning and implementation of teaching Religious Education in the classroom. Our planning takes into consideration the multicultural aspect that makes St. Theresa’s such a very unique and welcoming school. To understand more about the children we teach and their families we try to learn more about them. Last year we used two days of professional development for the staff to look at improving our knowledge of our families. On those two days we took the staff to look at the MacKillop Centre to revisit our own identity, as our school was opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph. We were able to attend Mass at St. Francis, the place where Mary MacKillop had been baptized. Our day continued with guest speakers who challenged us about Social Justice in our world. On day two we spent the day travelling to different places of worship, so that we are better equipped to understand the different religions of the children we teach. We began with a visit to the Hindu Temple in Rockbank then onto the Greek Orthodox Church in St. Albans. Later in the year we were able to visit the Buddhist Temple in Braybrook and hope to visit a Mosque later this year. These experiences have given us an enormous insight and will help us with our understandings and teaching. Our learning continues to challenge us and help us keep Religious Education relevant and real.

Kat and Dot
This is a second concept design with some more ideas for the reflective area in stage two of our landscaping project. This space is outside the grade 2/3 rooms between the library and the classrooms. It is great that we have so many clever parents willing to contribute their ideas. We will continue to work on the final design over the coming weeks. If you have a suggestion to make about this or the one from last week, please see Marie or leave a note at the office.

If you would like to join the Playground Landscaping Committee then just come with your ideas to our next meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 7pm in the staffroom. We’d love to see you there!

Mass and Parent / Parish Morning Tea.

On Friday the grade prep / one children went to mass with the grade 2/3 children who are preparing for First Communion. After mass the children invited parents and any interested parishioners to come back to school for some activities in the classroom and some morning tea. Thank you to all who came along. It was a great morning.
**Fundraising Group News**

**Next fundraising group meeting.**

The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be on the **14th August at 7pm** (Please note the change of date).

We need as many helpers as possible as we are wrapping Father’s day gifts. Please come along as everyone is welcome.

**Father’s Day stall**

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on **Thursday August 29th**. We still need donations so please help if you can. You can leave any items at the office or send them with your child. Some ideas might include... car sponges, cleaning items, pens, writing pads, socks, handkerchiefs etc.

**Father’s Night**

A flyer is coming home today with information about our fantastic Father and child night on Friday August 30th. Please read the flyer as it explains what is in store on the night. You can check out the web site listed on the flyer with your child / children as it is quite inspiring. Please complete the slip on the note and return it with your money to the office. If your dad is away you can bring another important male adult along.

**Brick Pavers**

**BRICK PAVERS.** If you would like to order brick pavers with your child’s / family’s name on it for our new path then orders will need to be in by **Friday August 23rd**. Order forms are still available from the office.

**First Communion Meeting for parents and children**

**A EUCHARIST MEETING** for all our families with children making their First Holy Communion will be held on this **Thursday 15th August at 7pm.**

Maria Forde will join us for this meeting as well as the children from Mother of God

Book Week is just around the corner and as part of our celebrations we will be holding our annual Book Fair on Tuesday 20th August from 8.45am until 4pm. There are always great books to buy so start saving your pocket money kids. A flyer went home today with more information.

**Mary MacKillop Feast Day**

Last Thursday we celebrated St. Mary MacKillop’s feast day. The children participated in a prayer reflection and shared a sausage sizzle lunch.

Thanks to the following helpers who fed the children at the BBQ:

Nghia (Ty) Huynh, Samantha Balshaw, Mary Brekalo, Roni Javelona, Minh Huynh, Irene Georgoulas, Diem Huynh

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY**

This week Rob, Dot and Kathryn are at an Australian Catholic University Leadership Conference in Sydney. We are sure that this will continue to help us as we strive to ensure that we are providing the most current educational experiences for your children.

**Important**

- School Fees are now due for this month.
- There is now a form to complete if your child needs medication at school. You can get this from the office or it will be on the web page to download and bring in.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Kirsten Marayag: for some fabulous sentences she wrote on the seasons we were exploring.

Sofia O’Neill: For her great improvement at having a go and writing some terrific sentences.

Darus Flomo: For his fantastic work in maths.

Shalina Nguyen: For working so hard on learning her new words.

Baili Quach: For a great improvement with his work habits.

Quyen Ngo: For doing some great writing all by himself.

Yuan Yuan Lu: For showing some fantastic maths thinking.

Laura Flanagan: For being a consistent worker and taking on extra tasks.

Patsy Quan: For being the most focused student we have ever taught.

Ella Luu: For making great decisions in working independently.

Cherrylou Rico: For trying really hard to complete all her tasks.

Kimberley 2/3 ML: For trying really hard to improve her writing.

Harvey Browne: Working consistently with another child on his Italian inquiry study.

Angelique Pereira: For working hard to improve her handwriting as well as having a great positive attitude.

Dallas Baltrame: for showing a wonderful attitude and effort this term.

Aidan Wright: For his best ever reading journal.

Kinga Wytrwal: For always presenting her work to a beautiful standard.

Hollie Toms: For her infectious smile and bright attitude in class.

Sam Rodda: For being a considerate and helpful class member.