

St Theresa's



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BEST BEE AWARD

“Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Caring and be Ready To Learn”.

Our St Theresa's student mantra was introduced last year and the children are reminded to always strive for these behaviours. We have decided to recognize students who consistently live and work by the mantra by introducing **The Best Bee Award**. The recipient will be decided by the teachers and it will be awarded twice a term. The winner of the inaugural Best Bee Award is

Denna Tang.



LENT

Lent is a time when we think about ourselves and how we can become more like Jesus in the way we live our lives. Lent is also a time for **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. So why not light your family candle and share this prayer together...

God we were marked with ashes

Symbols of repentant hearts.

*We want to be transformed
To be made new, to learn
the freedom of serving no
other master but you.*

*Let us listen to your
call and walk with Christ
into the wilderness.*

*Help us to see beneath
the surface and be
transformed into a
new life in Christ.*

*Let us look to be changed
by your power and glory
That we become worthy
citizens of your new
world of peace and
justice. Amen*

BEGINNING OF YEAR REMINDERS : SCHOOL ABSENCE

Parents should notify teacher and/or office of child's absence either in writing, phone call or email to the office or to your child's teacher or by using the skoolbag app before 9am. The office then contacts each class at 9.30am to check on unexplained absences and will follow up with parents where necessary.

Early departures and late arrivals need to sign the book at the office and give the white slip to the teacher.

Attendances will be reported to parents twice per year via the school reports.

Regular absences will be addressed with the Principal and appropriate action will be taken with parents and/or guardians.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

“Gong hei fat choy”, ‘xin nian hao’ and ‘chuc mung nam moi’ or Happy New Year to our Chinese and Vietnamese families and friends at St Theresa's. This year celebrates the year of the dog. Dogs are known to be honest and loyal, the truest friends and the most reliable partners. Very noble traits that we can all hope to aspire to in 2018.



Very special thanks goes to Diem Huynh who set up the beautiful Chinese New Year display in the main corridor.



We have assembly next Friday 2nd March 2.30 in the multi purpose room. 2/3D are our hosts. Please join us.



Presenting...What our Preps think about school!



3 weeks of school we are pleased to report that the Preps have settled into school really well and are enjoying all their new learning experiences and making new friends. Here's what they wrote.

'I like to play chess at school' (Noah) 'I like friends at school.' (Anu) 'I like playing on the playground.' (Sebastian) 'I read books at school' (Annabella).

The children have also been talking and writing about ways they can stay safe at school and that many people help us to be safe, happy, caring and ready to learn. 'Tell the teacher if you need help.'

(Isobel), 'Slide down the slide carefully.' (Scarlett), 'Use an appropriate voice.' (Anthony), 'Always be friendly.' (Indiana), 'Help people who are hurt.' (Zoe), 'Put all the rubbish in the bin.' (Rafaella)

FIRST FUNDRAISING MEETING FOR 2018 will be held

NEXT WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY at 7PM in the STAFFROOM

This group does tremendous work for our school. Their efforts last year raised money for our wonderful new playground. Please consider joining them, their meetings are always great fun and they would love some new members to 'share the load'.



We Have the Best Crossing Man EVER!!

Yesterday Leon saw that it was going to be another hot day so he generously bought an icy pole for every child so that they could have a cool treat at lunchtime. The children really enjoyed the surprise (as the photo shows!) and all said a big thankyou to Leon. You spoil us Leon, thanks so much!

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP SHOPPING AT COLES

TO COLLECT THE DOCKETS

For every \$10 you spend at Coles you will receive a Sports for School voucher. Post the vouchers into the box outside Rob's office or the one in the Prep area. The program runs until May and then we are able to place an order for new and free sports equipment, depending on the number of vouchers we have collected.

Get all your relatives to collect as well...the more we collect, the better for our kids!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The plants have been purchased and hopefully will be delivered today ready for planting all along the fence line and into our new play area. We are setting up a sensory playground so the plants we have chosen will have different scents and different coloured foliage and texture. It is designed so that something will be flowering all year round. The planter boxes are to be used to compliment and resource our STEM / Science Inquiry units and will be planted and managed by the students. Our thanks once again go to Patricia and Tolly Browne whose expertise has made this wonderful experience for our children possible.

CSEF PAYMENTS

Families holding a current Centrelink Health Care Card may be eligible to receive a payment from the Government called CSEF to help pay for camps, sports and excursions for your children. If you received this payment last year you do not need to apply again, the office will do this on your behalf. If your child is in grade prep, is new to the school or you have recently been issued a Health Care Card you will need to fill out a form to apply for the CSEF payment. Forms can be collected from Sally in the office if you haven't already received one.

Please return the completed application form to the office by Friday 2nd March 2018.

LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE?

Family Day Care is available in Sunshine. I am a qualified educator with first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis training, a wwcc and police check. I can provide full time care, casual care or before and after school care. CCR and CCB available to eligible parents. Pick up and drop off available. For more information, please contact Rajdeep Vasudeva (Gauri in 1/2K's Mum) on 0451 025 786

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED.....If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

THE DENTAL VAN IS COMING (in April)

Once again we will be offering a free dental clinic to students who qualify. W & L Mobile Healthcare Services will be visiting St Theresa's and scheduling a bulk billed dental clinic for eligible children under the *CDBS. To be eligible for free dental treatment you or your child needs to either be receiving one of the following:

Family Tax Benefit Part A / Parenting Payment / Double Orphan Pension / Carer Payment / Disability Support Pension / Special Benefit / Youth Allowance / Abstudy

W&L Mobile Healthcare Services will check eligibility and advise parents who are unsure if they are able to have their child's treatment bulk billed through Medicare. Students, who do not qualify for treatment under this dental scheme, can be seen as private patients and will be billed at the equivalent Medicare dental rates. (Check with your private health fund, as you may be eligible to claim back this cost).

For additional information about W&L's Mobile Dentistry service visit their website www.wellnesslifestyles.com.au

If you want your child to receive this service, the necessary forms are available from Sally in the office.

FIRST STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR 2018



Prep S : **Scarlett** for excellent sounding out and word recognition skills. Well done! **Beau** for being a kind, caring and helpful class member. He has settled into school extremely well.

P/1CE : **Ethan** for finishing all of his work and demonstrating focus and persistence. **Annabella** for participating so well during class discussions and giving everything a go.

1/2L : **Alex** for following directions. **Willow** for settling into 1/2L so well. **Xavier** for doing his best in maths. **Ethan** for keeping our school clean and safe (Awarded by Rob).

1/2K : **Malek** for putting his best effort into his work . Well done for working hard. **Prabal** for being a great friend and leading by example. He has a great positive attitude.

2/3D : **Kirthik** for writing an excellent Valentine's Day poem for his family. **Maria** for making a great start in Grade 2 at her new school. Well done! **Ethan** for making a wonderful start to his Grade 3 year. Top job!

3/4F : **Finnley** for working hard to improve his handwriting. Well done! **Zandy** for making a fantastic transition to St Theresa's and settling in quickly.

3/4B : **Philip** for making good choices about his learning. **Ruby** for writing her excellent story about 34 Freaks.

5/6TM : **Maliano** for settling in to his new classroom so well. **Matthew** for also settling in to his new classroom so well.

5/6P : **Simon** for showing concern for a peer's wellbeing. **Adelaide** for showing great resilience during interschool sports.