

St Theresa's



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We would like to wish our families a Happy Chinese New Year and a happy and successful year ahead!

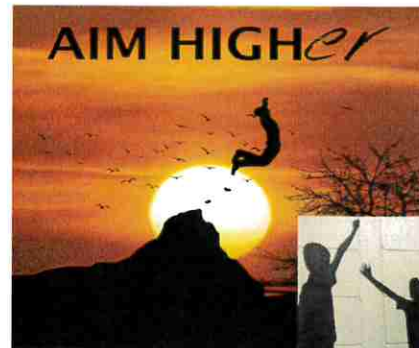


Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Caring, Be Ready To Learn



PRESENTING OUR 2019 PREP STUDENTS!

The beginning of a new school year is always a fantastic time. After a long break away everyone comes back fit and healthy and enthusiastic for what the new year holds. This year is no different at St Theresa's. We have really enjoyed meeting our new preps and their families and watching them settle in to school life. We hope that they feel very happy and safe here and that their parents feel welcomed.



2019 is the year that we are aiming higher than ever before to

achieve the best outcomes for our students both academically and socially. 'Aim Higher' reflects our school vision; "St Theresa's Albion, a school that welcomes families into an inspiring Catholic community dedicated to excellence in education and social justice."

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEARS MASS 2019 : TOMORROW at 11.30

Tomorrow the whole school will be celebrating the beginning of a new year at St. Theresa's. Please join us for this Mass.

ASSEMBLY : FRIDAY 15th Feb at 2.30

We have our first school assembly for 2019 next week at 2.30 in the Multi Purpose Room. Our senior students, Yr 6s will be the hosts and it will be a great opportunity to meet them as well as a chance to congratulate the students of the week. **Please join us!**

Welcome to our new staff



It's great to be able to introduce Sylvia, Bernie and Avita who join the St Theresa's team this year. Sylvia and Bernie will be working from Monday to Friday in the 5/6 and 1/2 levels and Avita is working full-time helping with the 3/4s. All 3 ladies have lots of experience, having worked in schools for many years. We're thrilled to have them on staff and we hope they feel part of our community quickly. We also have some new students joining us this year who are not in prep families. We welcome the Ho family who have Ethan in 3/4CE and the Tomar family who have Aditya in 1/2K and look forward to working together to educate your children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



All uniform items are available for purchase from PSW Uniform Shop in Deer Park



Just to clear up any misunderstandings about the school uniform, we are including these photos of the correct summer school uniform.

Girls : Summer dress, white socks and black leather shoes, school jumper and/or jacket for colder days. (Gemma)

Boys : Blue polo shirt with school emblem, grey shorts, white socks and black leather shoes, school jumper and/or jacket for colder days. (Heath)

Boys and Girls Sports Uniform : Blue polo shirt with school emblem, navy blue microfibre shorts, white socks and runners. (Ruby & James) Girls also have the option of a blue 'skort' if they prefer (Lupita)

SPORTS UNIFORM ONLY TO BE WORN ON THE DAYS THAT YOUR CHILD HAS PHYS ED and / or INTERSCHOOL SPORTS. Runners can be worn if your child is participating in BluEarth activities (Ask your child's teacher what day this happens). White shorts can still be worn for Term 1 and 2 if necessary.

Important Information

Reminders : School Hours

School hours are from 8.45am until 3.15pm. Please try to get your child to school on time so they can be well settled for the beginning of the day.

The school yard is supervised from 8.30am. If you need to drop your child off earlier than this, then they must be enrolled in our OSH Before School Program. No child is to be left in the yard without adult supervision.

Park safely and legally at pick up and drop off times. No child will be allowed to get into a car that is double parked.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

The fundraising committee consists of enthusiastic and dedicated parents who meet once or twice a term and plan various ways of raising extra funds for our school. Money raised from fundraising in past years has been put towards computers, helped with school landscaping and the building of our beautiful new play area. So you can see this group does important work for our school.

They are already planning to hold a BBQ outside Bunnings on the 3rd March and will need some volunteer helpers for thatkeep the date free!

Information about the Bunnings BBQ and the date for the first fundraising meeting will be sent home soon.

The group needs some extra members and would love to see new faces on the team especially some of our new families.

A message from Helen, our Literacy Leader :

Resources for Prep parents and parents of babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers

The *Australian Literacy Educators Association* has compiled wonderful online resources for parents of young children. Parents often ask 'How can I help my child with their learning?' Literacy experts help to answer this question, by providing 27 modules of activities and advice, designed with an emphasis on play, discovery and the importance of adults in education. View the modules at

<https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning#>

If you'd like to chat about any of these aspects, as they relate to your child, please contact me (Helen - Literacy Leader), or one of our teachers involved in special literacy roles (Dot - Reading Recovery; Jennifer - English as an additional language; Rosy - Good start for Preps), and of course, our classroom teachers.

Sunsmart Policy

A reminder that we are a Sunsmart school and children need to be wearing a hat whenever they are outside. No hat means that they have to stay under shade. Please write your child's name on the hat.

SEL SKILL OF THE MONTH....'Work hard to improve. Stay Focused'

This skill is a good one to start the year off because the children are setting academic and wellbeing goals for themselves. You can help by talking to your child about their goal setting and ways that they can achieve their goals

LEON

You may have noticed that Leon hasn't been doing the school crossing duties this term. Unfortunately his wife is ill and he is looking after her but has promised that he will be back soon

TUCKSHOP

On hot days we sell Zooper Dooper icy poles at lunchtimes. They cost 50c. We usually need some volunteers to sell them. It involves working in the tuck-shop from 1.30 to 2.00ish on the day of your choice. Just give the office a call if you can help any time. Lunch Order days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A menu pricelist went home last week.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS...from Jessica

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad, you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Tuesday March 19 at St Albans Leisure Centre. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event. Please see Jessica for more information or email her at jessicam@stalbion.catholic.edu.au



SPORT TRYOUTS

Registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit.

Australian Football, Netball, Boys Football (Soccer), Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball differ due to the large number of students that register for this trial process. These sports start with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at Division trials as the first step. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials, except for basketball, and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic team. To be eligible children registering to trial must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2019.

These trials form part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' opportunities. Each child is trialling for a state team and SSV must attest to each child's athleticism, skill level and school behaviour.

*On the SSV website it has been made clear that students need to consult with their Principal and Phys Ed teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a state level. This discussion with the school Principal is necessary, as all students **MUST** get the Principal signature and School Stamp on their registration form prior to attending a trial. Registration is a **NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee**. For more information please visit the School Sport Victoria Website <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/> or see Jessica [P.E. teacher] or email her at jessicam@stalbion.catholic.edu.au.*

Registrations close on the 1st March, 2019



CONGRATULATIONS NATHALIA NGUYEN & DANIEL TANG : 'ARTISTS EXTRAORDINAIRE'

Last year Judy entered some of our students' artwork into the "World Maritime Day" exhibition, where the children were asked to be imaginative in their use of colour and composition to create a maritime scene. Both Nathalia and Daniel won a prize and the the school received \$100 for art supplies. I'm sure you'll agree that their winning paintings are beautiful.